

The Crotoy Walk PR®

Close to the sea, explore the wetlands with its characteristic flora, brought to life by the birds and horses that live here.

⌚ Time: 3 hours 20 mins

🔄 Distance: 10km

🚶 Route: moderate

Starting at: Place Jeanne d'Arc at Le Crotoy.

Warning: the itinerary is closed to the public on weekends and bank holidays during the hunting period from 15/09 to 28/02 between points 3 and 4. Please contact the Mairie for more information.



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La Somme



Le Crotoy, 22km north-west of Abbeville, 8km west of Rue.

- ① From the Place Jeanne d'Arc, climb the Quai Léonard. At the first bend, close to the Calvary and the "Lost at Sea" commemorative plaques, walk down the steps to the beach. Turn right and walk along the foreshore to the Maye car park.

▶ The Maye flows along 28km from its source at Fontaine-sur-Somme, close to Crécy-en-Ponthieu, to the Somme Bay.

- ② Turn right at the car park, and follow the road for 300 metres.

▶ At Saint-Firmin: 19th century church; Oratory; panoramic view over the Somme Bay, framed by its two farthest points, Le Hourdel and Saint-Quentin.

- ③ Take the sandy track on the right.

▶ From here, aquatic plants and birds can be seen.

- ④ At the road, follow the streets and lanes to return to the port of Le Crotoy.



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Tourist Office:
Le Crotoy: 03 22 27 05 25

Of Interest

Wetlands with a diverse fauna and flora!

Sheltered in the dunes, the freshwater wetlands of Le Crotoy stretch for 350 hectares. The flora comprises over 80 different varieties of plant, including the mysterious wild orchid. The first to be seen are marram grass and wall pepper, which clutch at the sand; next come the reeds, willows and thorny bushes such as seabuckthorn with its orange berries, dog roses and sloes.

The fauna is second to none, with rabbits, deer and of course a great number of song-birds (warblers, linnets, nightingales, robins, thrushes and blackbirds) and water-birds (egrets, storks, cranes, herons and lapwings, which live alongside ducks, swans, moorhens and coots). The frogs croak happily away and the rare, great crested newt has also made his home here. And last but not least, Henson horses can be found in abundance, these rustic, pale-coated, little horses are one of the greatest emblems of the Somme Bay.

SAFETY IN THE BAY

The Somme Bay is an estuary that lives to the rhythm of the tides. It holds a number of risks: drowning, getting stuck in quicksand, injury, strong wind, fog, etc.

For your own safety, please do not venture alone into the bay and pay attention to the safety notices:

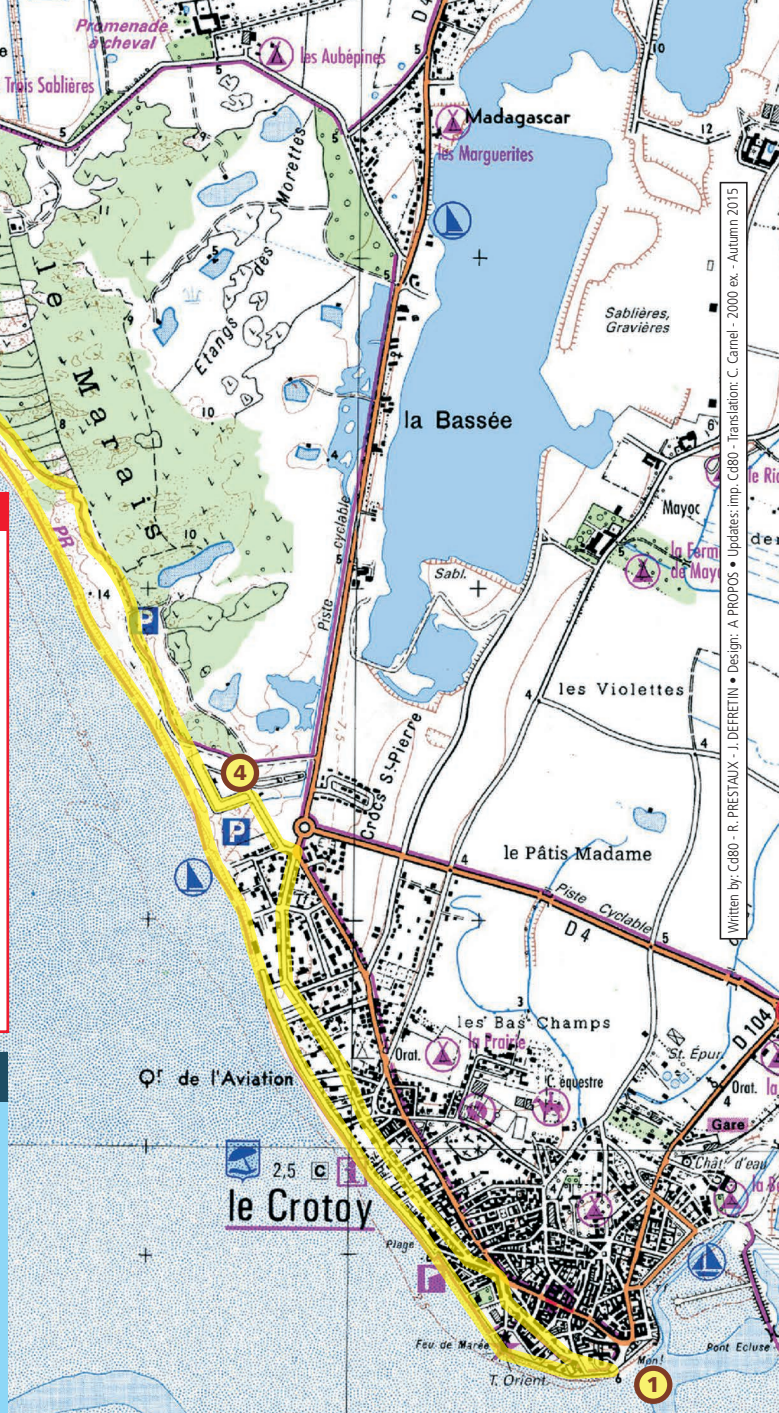
- find out about the tide times;
- leave the bay three hours before high tide and wait one hour after high tide to enter the bay (by Prefectoral decree of 19th July 1977);
- Take means of communication with you (reflective jackets, torch, mobile phone, etc.);
- Take a first aid kit with you;
- In favour of going alone, take an organised trip with a professional tour guide.

In the Vicinity

Le Crottoy: sea-side resort, port, Somme Bay Railway Line, St. Pierre Church, coastline and hiking trail.

5km away: The Marquenterre Bird Sanctuary.

8km away, Rue: 19th century St. Wulphy Church; 15th & 16th century St. Esprit Chapel; 16th century Chapel of the Hospice; UNESCO World Heritage Listed 15th century, with access to the chemin de ronde; the Frères Caudron, Pioneers of Aviation, Museum;



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Circuit closed to the public during the hunting season from 15/09 to the 28/02. For more information, please contact the Mairie. Not suitable for horse-riding or cycling.

This hiking trail is maintained by the Communauté de Communes Authie Maye and SMBS-GLP.

