

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.



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.



Tourist Office:
Le Crotoy: 03 22 27 05 25



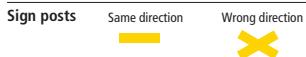
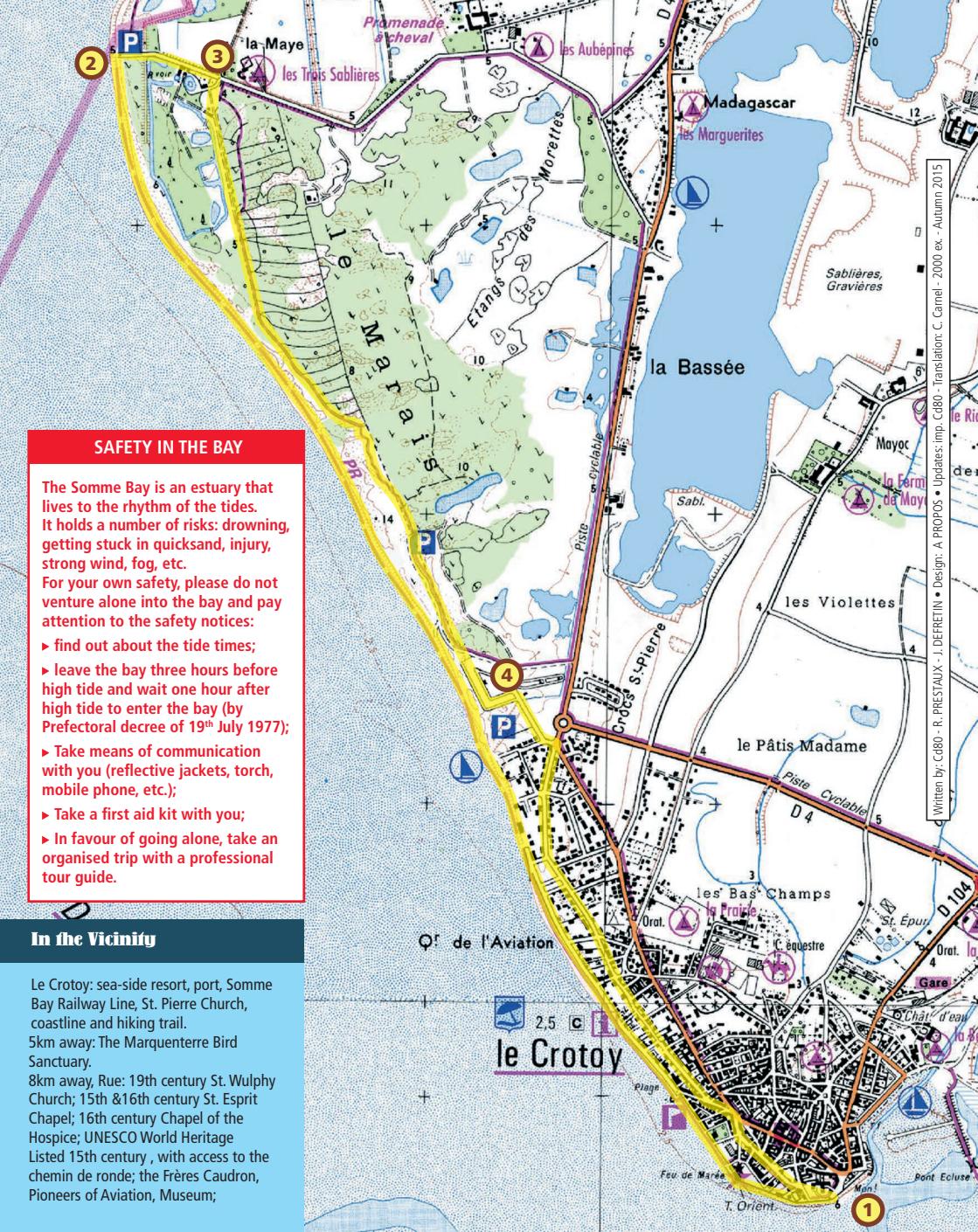
La Somme

Wetlands with a diverse fauna and flora!

Of Interest

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.



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