


The Dovecote PR®

A walk through farmland, across fields and pastures, between bushes and copses and along paths bordered by brooks.

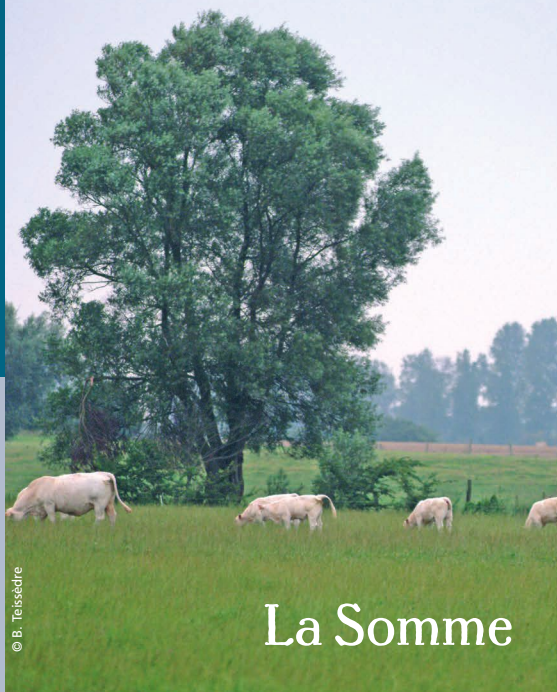
 Time: 3 hours 20 mins

 Distance: 10km

 Route: moderate

Starting at: Car park at Monchiaux, on the road to Quend-Plage (opposite the waste disposal units)

Quend, 32km north-west of Abbeville, 7km west of Rue.



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La Somme

- ① From the car park, follow the D32d towards Quend-Plage. At the junction, turn left along Rue de la Dune-aux-Loups. Continue along Rue des Floralies, which becomes a grassy and then sandy path.
- ② Continue through the copses.
- ③ When you arrive in the pasturelands and fields, follow the path opposite, alongside the woods, to reach the road. Continue straight on along the road, past Margueritelle Farm.
- ④ At the junction, take the path opposite, cross the Canal de Retz and continue to the road. Turn left towards Colombier (Dovecote) Farm.
- ⑤ At the cross opposite the farm, take the path to the right to reach the Haut-Gabet Farm.
- ⑥ Turn left along the path and go past Outurquin Farm. Ignore

the two paths to the right and continue to the junction at Bouverie Farm.

► *From here you can see the St. Vaast of Quend Church built in the 15th century and restored in the 17th. Its original steeple was used in 1767 as a triangulation point for drawing the map of France.*

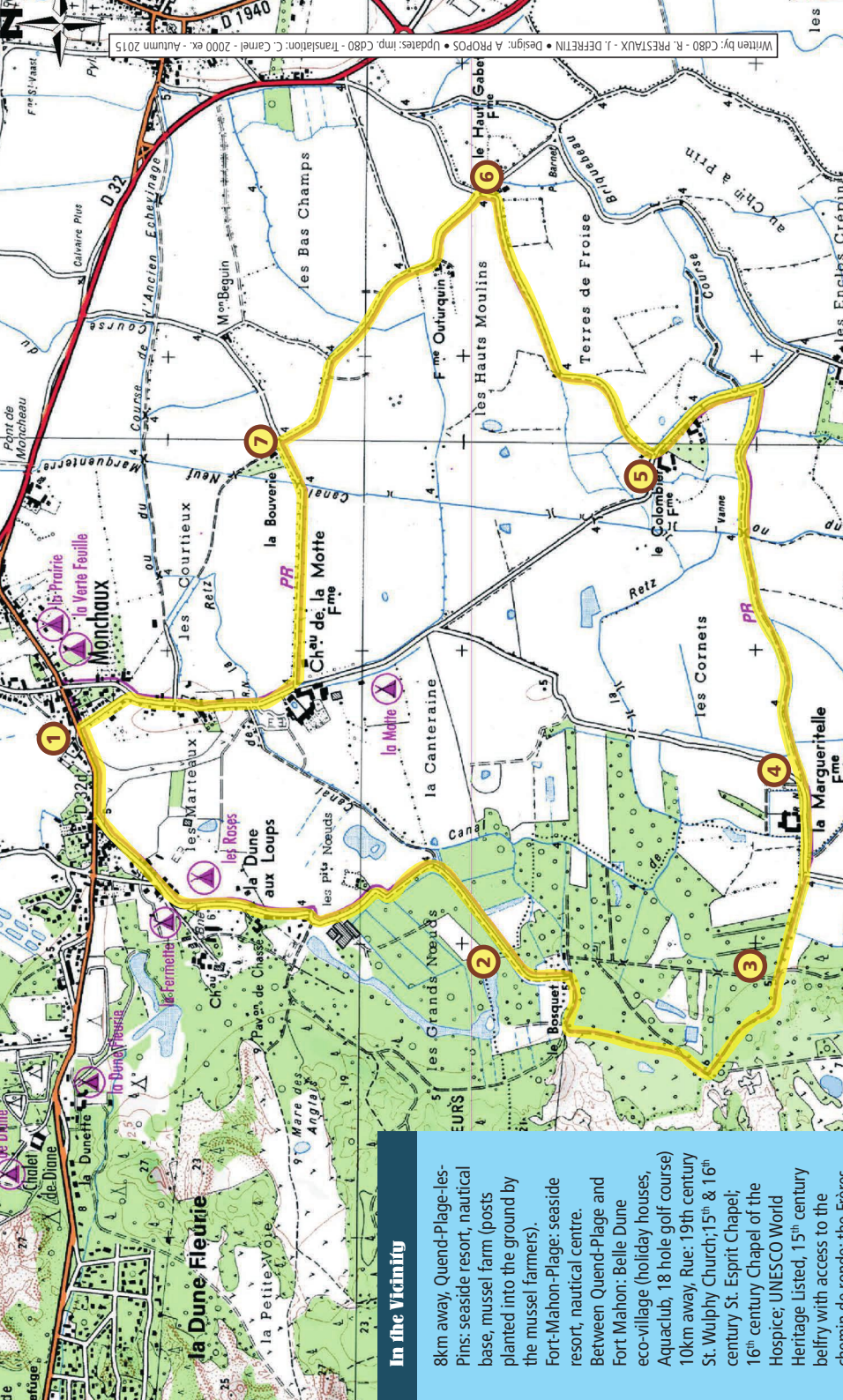
- ⑦ Turn left and cross the Neuf Marquenterre Canal. Continue to Chateau de la Motte Farm. Turn right along the side of the road and cross the Canal de Retz. At the junction in Monchaux turn left along Route de Froise and return to the car park.

► *Notre-Dame du Bon Secours Chapel.*

Of Interest

A Gift from the Revolution

Farmyards in the cornfield-filled countryside often have a dovecote: a tower standing in the yard or an annexe to the stables or chicken house. Pigeons and doves fly from their perches to find food in the surrounding fields. To stop their healthy appetite ruining farmers' crops, they are kept in their dovecotes until the crops are harvested. This wasn't the case before the revolution: the dovecote - often a work of art - was reserved for the privileged, noblemen and lords and was a symbol of their authority. Peasants could only accept, without complaint, the destruction caused by pigeons to their crops ... and they could certainly not offer themselves a tender pigeon breast for their dinner!



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In the Vicinity

8km away, Quend-Plage-les-Pins: seaside resort, nautical base, mussel farm (posts planted into the ground by the mussel farmers).

Fort-Mahon-Plage: seaside resort, nautical centre. Between Quend-Plage and Fort Mahon: Belle Dune eco-village (holiday houses, Aquacub, 18 hole golf course) 10km 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 belfry with access to the chemin de ronde; the Frères Caudron Pioneers of Aviation Museum.

10km away: The Marquenterre Bird Sanctuary.

Sign posts

Route continues

Change of direction

Wrong direction



This hiking trail is maintained by the Communauté de Communes Authie Maye.

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