The Heights of Long PR.

"Long: large church, beautiful chateau, head in the fields, feet in water" or as you would say in the Picardy language: "Long: grind'église, bieu catieu, s'tête dins chés camps, chés pieds dins l'ieu".

Time: 3 hours 20 mins

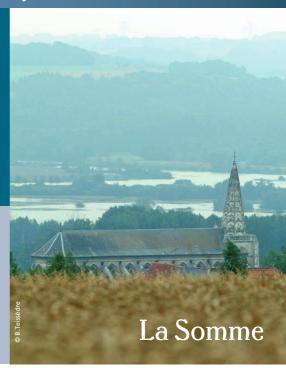
Distance: 10km

Route: moderate

Starting at: Car park at the entrance of the road leading to the hydro-electric plant at Long

Long, 15km south-east of Abbeville, 5km south of Ailly le Haut Clocher.





- ① From the car park follow the road to the right heading towards the centre of Long and continue straight on in the direction of Ailly le Haut Clocher. After the bend, turn left along Rue de l'Eglise and at the boys' school head left and then right and walk up Rue de la Carrière before turning left along the first grassy track.
 - The town hall with its curious bell-tower dates from 1862. It may seem slightly over-stated for this village of just over 600 inhabitants, but in the past the village became very wealthy from peat harvesting and its once-thriving textile industry.
- ② At the information panel, take the little road to the left until you reach the last house. Climb the path to the right and at the fork continue to the left. Walk along the Longuet Valley and head left when the path divides. Ignore the path to the right.

- Panoramic views over the valley.
- 3 Just before you reach the road, head left and follow the path Chemin de la Tombe towards Longuet. When you reach the D112, turn right and continue to the village of Cocquerel.
 - built in stone with a stepped steeple and wooden cross. At the hamlet of Longuet there is a 19th century chapel and 18th century St. Julien Chapel-church with a latticed steeple.
- Take the left turn along Rue Coquette. Cross the bridge over the Somme and head right to pass beneath the bridge.
- ⑤ Follow the tow-path. Cross the metal bridge, and walk alongside the locks. At the road, cross the bridge and turn left to return to the town hall.

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Truthful Words!

The words that describe Long have not been exaggerated! "Large church": the St. Jean-Baptiste Church, whose bell-tower dates from the 16th century, is the size of a Basilica; still chiming the Angélus, it is home to an organ that is listed on the Cavaillé-Coll scale. "Beautiful chateau": of a pure Louis XV style, this is a "folie" as these elegant buildings tucked into the greenery were called in the 18th century. "Head in the fields": an expression referring to the heights of Long that dominate the village. "Feet in the water": another metaphor acknowledging the constant presence of this element in the valley. On top of all this, a bonfire night for Saint Jean is held once a year - no wonder the inhabitants of Long find their village so appealing!

