



The circuit around the whole community encourages you to visit numerous historical sites and natural features.

To the north, the area is predominantly rural. It is characterised by being between two natural regions the plain of Flanders and the foothills of Artois. The walk thus passes through a rich and diverse agricultural landscape. To the south, the walk follows the valley of the River Lys and cuts through the town of Aire itself. After leaving the public garden of Aire, you will find, successively :

- the old military barracks ; the old mercantile quays along the Lys ; the canal basin with 4 Faces where the Lys passes in a siphon under the Grand Canal.
- a rich agricultural plateau to the north of the village Wittes.
- the Atlantic heath land (or « Landes ») at Racquingham reaching 65 m above sea level.
- after Quiestede and its village centre (mairie - church), the valley of the Laubonne, a region of ancient watercress beds.



- the lanes and tracks of Roquetoire and the valley of the Liauwette.
- the valley of the Lys, the pump-house at Moulin-le-Comte, a return to Aire past the ancient fortifications (the military powder-house and the Beaulieu gate).

Refreshment and accommodation

is available in Aire-sur-la-Lys, Quiestede, Wittes, Roquetoire or Racquingham.

Suggestions for a longer visit

1st day : Racquingham - Aire (25 km).

2nd day : morning tour the centre of Aire, then, the afternoon, Aire - Racquingham (15 km).

or

1st day : Aire - Quiestede (25 km) stay the night in the gîte de la Morande and eat at the Grange de Roquetoire.

2nd day : Roquetoire - Aire (15 km) then visit the town centre Aire.

Information

The town hall at Aire-sur-la-Lys

9 Grand'Place - 62 120 Aire-sur-la-Lys
Tél. 03 21 95 40 40 - Fax 03 21 95 40 41
www.ville-airesurlalys.fr

Tourist Office**

Le Bailliage, Grand'Place - 62 921 Aire-sur-la-Lys
Tél./Fax 03 21 39 65 66
www.ot-aioresurlalys.fr

In the community of communes of Aire

Hôtel de Ville - BP 29 - 62 921 Aire-sur-la-Lys Cedex
Tél. 03 21 95 40 59 - Fax 03 21 39 26 74
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To download the leaflet for each walk go to
www.ot-aioresurlalys.fr



Guided Walks

*in the community of
communes of Aire*

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Circuit around the community of Aire

40 km - 2 days

D AREA cinema
Aire-sur-la-Lys
or parking at
the village hall
Racquingham

Access : D 943



Waymarks

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keep straight on

change direction

marked footpaths

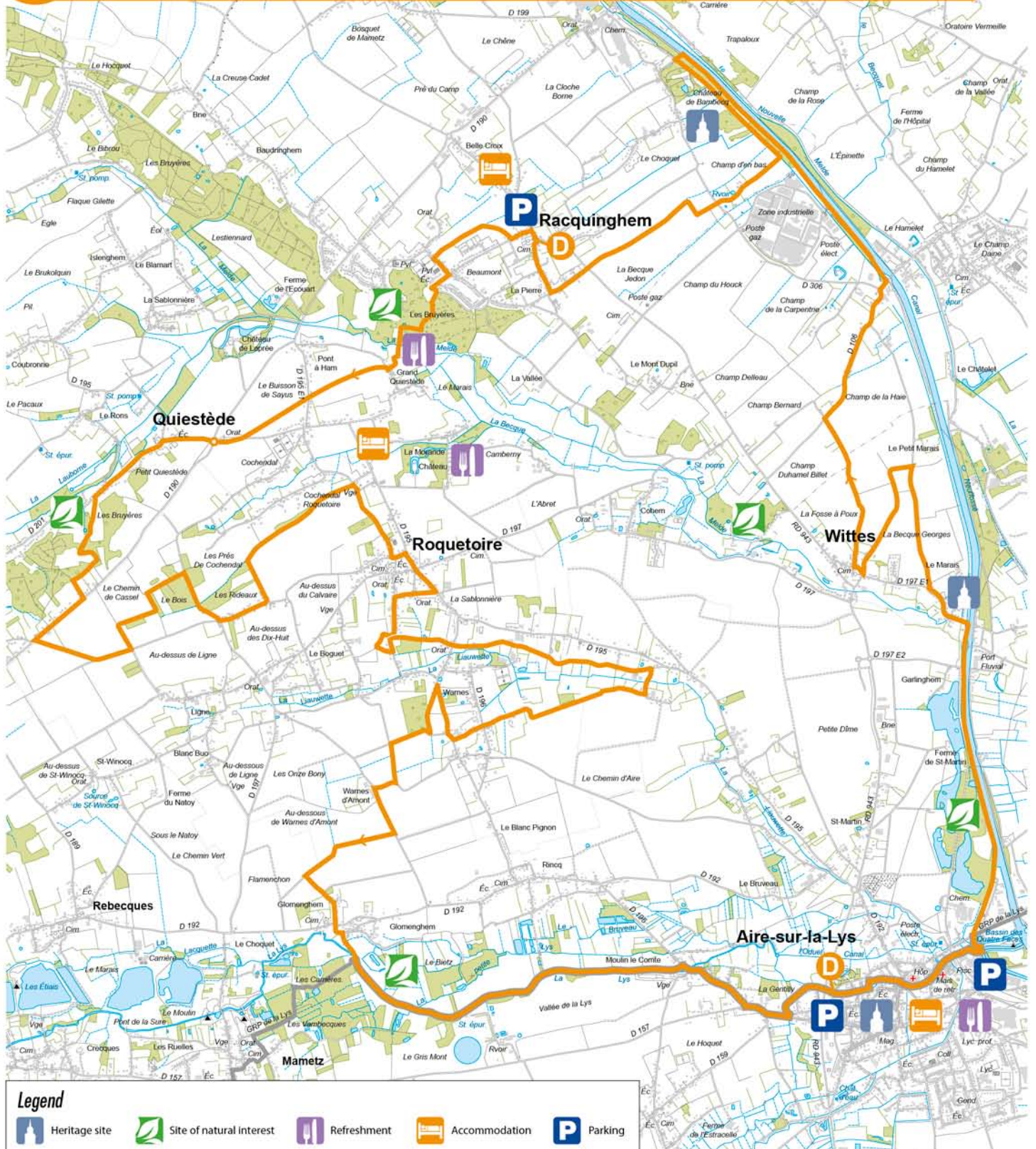


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Walkers' code :

- 1 - Keep to the paths and marked walks.
- 2 - Keep dogs on the leash.

- 3 - Respect crops, farm animals, and machinery.
- 4 - Be polite to other users of the paths and countryside.

- 5 - Do not drop litter, take it home with you.
- 6 - Do not light fires.
- 7 - Study animals and plants without touching them.
- 8 - Be quiet and discreet.

- 9 - Respect signposts and other markers.
- 10 - Inform the Office of Tourism of any unexpected obstacles, errors in the marking of footpaths, etc. as soon as possible.