

Aire-sur-la-Lys

Visit the valley of the Lys by the villages of Glomenghem and Moulin le Comte. Return to the point of departure by crossing the D 943 by the old gun-powder house which was a part of the fortifications of Vauban.

Brueveau is one of the fourteen villages in the commune of Aire. It takes its name from a stream which runs into the Liauwette to the north of Aire itself. Other villages on the walk are Rincq, Glomenghem, and Moulin-le-Comte.

Coming from Lisbourg, 29 km from Aire, the Lys is navigable from Aire and eventually runs into the Escaut at Ghent in Belgium, nearly 200 km away. After Glomenghem and its vast communal pastures, the waters of the river are pumped through a purification plant which provides drinking water for the metropolis of Lille. The waters support several water cress beds fed by boreholes (known as artesian wells). They supply water from a depth of 30 m with a consistent temperature of 11 C. Note also the pollarded willows, trees with various uses :



economic (fire wood and fence posts) ; ecological (shelter for animals) ; the control of the flow of water. Aire is a frontier town poised between Artois and Flanders. It has been fortified since 1200 and strengthened in the seventeenth century by the Emperor Charles V and towards 1700 by Vauban. Remnants of the fortifications still remain : gates, powder houses, forts, and barracks. As you return to Aire appreciate one of these remnants, the Beaulieu Gate and, behind it, a powder house.

Refreshment and accommodation

in Aire town centre, and refreshment at Wittes.

2 circuits explore the historic centre of Aire-sur-la-Lys :

- the walk from one « open book » to another (1 1/2 hours)
- the « step-by-step » circuit (2 hours)

Group visits can be made to : the town watch tower (UNESCO site), the collegiale church, Saint-Jacques Chapel, water cress beds, etc.

Information

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In the community of communes of Aire

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Guided Walks

in the community of
communes of Aire

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The Brueveau walk



10 km - 3 hours

D AREA
cinema/
public garden
Aire-sur-la-Lys

Access : D 943



To download the leaflet for each walk go to
www.ot-airesurlalys.fr



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change direction



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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.