

# Balades sur les Crêtes

*Monts du Porcien*

## Don't miss !

### **Architectural heritage in Saint Jean-aux-Bois**

The hall was built in the 18th century and was classified as historical monument in 1981. It is of an important size and reflects the commercial activity of the region in that time.

### **Famous person in Montmeillant**

General Pierre Du Merbion. He was commanding officer of the Italian army from 1792 to 1794. He died in 1797 and was buried in the small cemetery of Montmeillant, his native village where a monument was edified in his memory.



Rocquigny

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Come and discover the village Rocquigny, along the pathway n° 53, and its Mermoz castle. Immerse yourself in the history of this famous aviator, who lived in Mainbressy in his young lifetime, not far away from Rocquigny. Also enjoy the many points of view throughout this pleasant route.



On the steps  
of Jean Mermoz



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## Parking area :

**Rocquigny**, Place du village Jean Mermoz.

At the starting panel, you can see the castle of Mermoz in the street « Rue de la Bauve de l'Isle » in the direction of **La Romagne**.

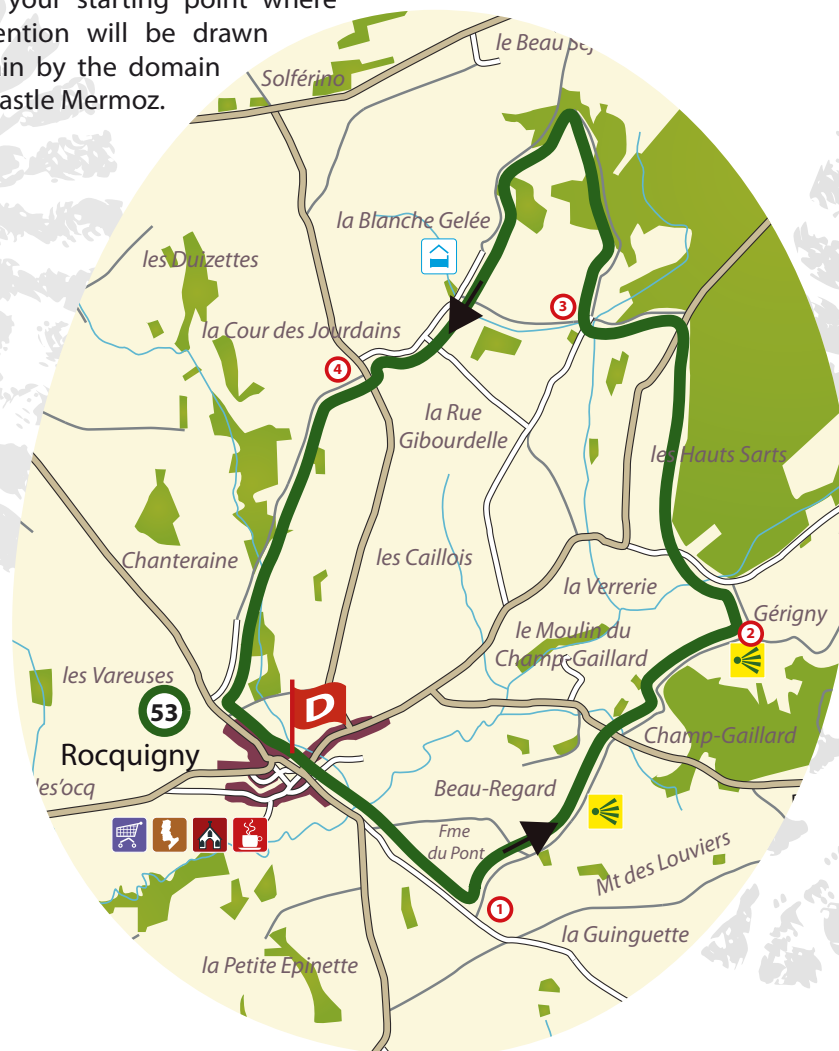
But the journey begins « Rue de la Malacuisse » in the direction of **Chaumont-Porcien**. On the road at the exit of the village, take left in the direction of « la Guinguette » passing the farm « Ferme du Pont ».

At the top of the coast, about 250 m before the hamlet « la Guinguette » (1), turn left and then continue straight on to a road. Cross this road and continue on the trail on the other side.

At the crossroad (2), turn left. Arrived at the road junction of a small road, turn left and pass a bridge. A few meters further, take the trail slightly on the right to walk along the wood. Arrived at a road, continue the opposite side. Be careful by crossing ! At the crossroad (3), turn right, and then enter the woods on your left. At the top of the climb, turn left and go down to the place said « Blanche gelée ».

Turn left into the « Cours des Jourdain ». Arrived at the crossing of roads (4), turn left and then

immediately right to go down to **Rocquigny**. Back on the road, turn left to reach your starting point where your attention will be drawn once again by the domain and the castle Mermoz.



## Jean Mermoz

The existence of Jean Mermoz is closely related to the village of Rocquigny. Born in 1901 in Aubenton, in the Aisne, he spent part of his childhood in the commune of Mainbressy, distant of 3 kms. Despite a life that will lead him to become the Archangel and travelling across the world on his mail plane, the pilot will remain deeply attached to Rocquigny and will finally acquire the castle of the village for his mother (1934).

This great building, renamed "The castle of Madame Mermoz" by the people of the village, will remain in the Mermoz family for about twenty years before it was resold by Madame Mermoz to a cultivator of Rocquigny in 1953.

Key man of the modern air adventure, including the beginnings of "aeropostale", Jean Mermoz disappears at sea in his plane, on December 7, 1936.

Very involved in politics, he will be Vice President of the French Socialist party and will use his engagement in the Nationalist Christian movement "Croix de Feu" to defend his positions in air matters (especially to save the airline South America-France that he helped to develop). His memory is still preserved by the "roots of Jean Mermoz" association that works to preserve the memory of this fantastic adventurer.



Easy



Average



Difficult

Waymarked paths



different way

