

Balades sur les Crêtes

Monts du Porcien

Don't miss !

The Red Turkey of the Ardennes

Former race relaunched in 1985 by a Ardennes farmer ; it is again on our tables thanks to a dozen farmers grouped in an association.

Religious heritage in Fraillicourt

Church of the 13th century, fortified in the 16th century ; classified as historical monument in 1928.

Tourist route of the Porcien

110 km long. On this circuit you can discover the main geographical, cultural, and architectural sights of the sector of Chaumont-Porcien.

The route is fully marked with hexagonal green panels.



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Come and walk on a long course along the frontier of the Aisne department, between the Porcien and the Thiérache, between villages and countryside, between hills and valleys...

On pathway n° 51, observe the fortified churches of Renneville and Fraillicourt. This architecture dating from the 13th century is distinguished by its towers built in the 16th century, to defend the villages without castles. Follow the valley of the Malacquoise and enjoy a panoramic view of the surrounding villages.



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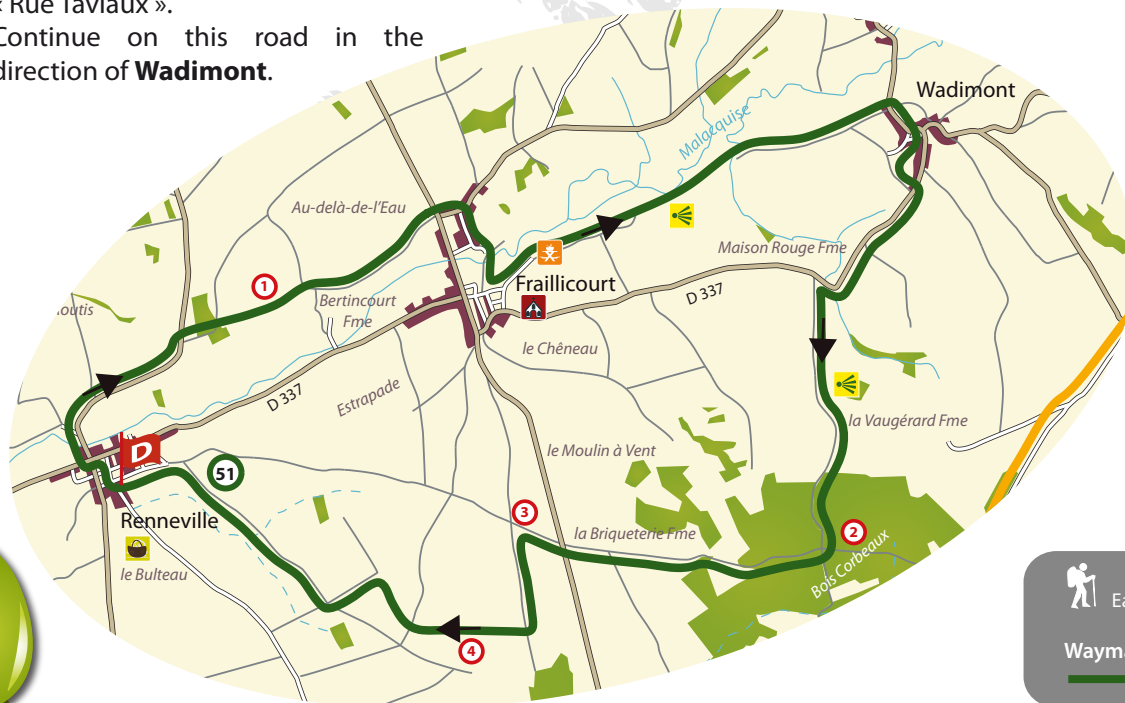


Parking area :

Renneville, Place des Marronniers.
 At the starting panel, take the direction of **Rozoy**. Pass over the « Hurtaut » and go out of the village. After the farm, take on your right.
 At the crossing of the farm « ferme de Bertincourt » (1), continue straight on. Arrived in the village of **Fraillicourt**, cross over the main road and join the street « Rue au-delà de l'eau ». Down of this street, turn right « Rue Plomb Fontaine ». Continue straight on and pass over the Malacquoise. Reach the square of the village. Turn left in the direction of the fortified church in the street « Rue des Juifs ». Pass down the church and turn left to go down the « Rue Taviaux ».
 Continue on this road in the direction of **Wadimont**.

In the village, turn right. Climb the short coast and turn right again in the direction of the cemetery. On the top, go down on the small path to reach the departmental road. Turn right and continue to the site said « la Maison Rouge ». In it, turn left.
 This trail leads to the wood « Bois corbeaux », continue on the main trail. At the bottom of the descent (2), turn right. Go out of the wood and go towards the farm « ferme de la Briquette ». Cross the road and continue straight on. Be careful !
 In the descent, turn left (3). After about 600 m, turn right. Turn right again at the third intersection (4).

Down the coast, turn left at the first crossing. In this new descent, turn right. Join the village of **Renneville** by walking slightly in a zigzag. Pass near the church and the street « Rue Haute de Chaumont ». At the bottom of this street, turn right to reach your starting point.



The fortified church of Renneville
 Renneville, a small village in the west of the Ardennes, is characterized by its St. Nicholas church built in 1205. Being one of the fortified churches of Thiérache, it has an articulated, defensive structure especially a point of observation and a fairly steep slope making the access difficult to potential attackers. Some of these churches were built according to the same principles as the castles. For example, houses built around the building were arranged like a fortification wall. Although the primary function of the Church is to be a place of worship, here, it was also a hideout for villagers in case of aggression. The historical past of this church reflects 8 centuries of stories. The church went through various destructive steps. The church has not been spared from warrior attacks, fire, looting but also from bombings which has caused many damages. The restorations of the building caused some architectural changes but they have not damaged its beauty.

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 Average
 Difficult
 Waymarked paths
 different way