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## From Gouvy to Aywaille



## Get ready for a magical ecotourism stay in the heart of the Ardenne

This itinerary will take you from the Luxembourg border to the Liege region, from the Salm Valley to the Amblève valley. Begin your adventure at Gouvy village located at the extreme - northern tip of the Luxembourg region - a beautiful concoction of green landscapes, forests and crystal clear rivers. It's a wonderful area for nature lovers with eleven bird life reserves in the region.

After leaving Gouvy, on foot, taking the GRP 571 you'll quickly arrive at the Val de Salm, a sub-basin of the Amblève. You will then pass by the pretty village of Salmchâteau which takes part of its name to this small stream - the Salm. By bike after Gouvy, you then head further east towards Saint-Vith to then join the Salm valley.

Then, whether you are on foot or by bike, you'll discover Vielsalm, known for its geological riches. With almost every step you will encounter rare rocks - unique in the world. Malachite, ottrelite, ardennite, vantasselite, quartz crystals, turquoise..., even gold! There is also the famous coticule which is used for «razor stones». There's even a museum dedicated to them.

On foot, you'll then reach Trois-Ponts with its magnificent view from the 16,65 metres high Tour Leroux. After crossing Trois-Ponts, the Salm flows into the Amblève. On foot or by bike, you'll be blown away by this exceptional valley and its magnificent river. Its source is found in this exceptional valley on the borders of the Hautes-Fagnes-Eifel Nature Park, digging its deep bed in a valley with steep slopes. The Amblève flows from a height of 15 metres. Don't miss the Coo waterfall, a major site in Wallonia and the highest natural waterfall in Belgium.

This waterway truly is the gift that keeps on giving. It conceals a magical place called the Fonds de Quarreux. A $1,5 \mathrm{~km}$ walk along the river reveals these mysterious rounded rocks and the legends around this fantastic place. Further on, you'll visit yet another natural gem: 'Les Grottes de Remouchamps' (caves), where tourists can enjoy the longest underground navigation in the world. A true spectacle before arriving in Aywaille, your final destination.

## General map \&

## itineraries



Find all our car-free itineraries on visitwallonia.be/carfree


## Stages by train

## What's the concept of this slow tourism route?

It's a combination of train journeys and sections to be taken on foot or by bike. The different stages proposed are in accordance with the accommodation and sights suggested in this route. The sections can of course be combined with the train depending on the desired pace. Stations are available at pretty much every section.

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## Starting from Gouvy on line 42

1 train per hour on weekdays and one train every 2 hours on weekends.
Stops: Gouvy, Vielsalm, Trois-Ponts, Coo and Aywaille

## PRICES \& INFO

On all these lines, it is possible to travel on-board with your bikes:
€4/bike/journey + ticket price.
Find more information, timetables and prices on www.belgiantrain.be



- Buy your tickets via the app, ticket offices or vending machines.

If you travel by bicycle, don't forget that you will need to buy a ticket for each bike ( $4 €$ per trip).
On the vending machine the bike ticket is in 'supplement'. Folding bikes travel free.

- Arrive early to have time to settle with your bike. Small stations are usually relatively well suited for transporting a bicycle from platform to the other. In the largest stations, traveling with a bicycle is more complex and requires a little more time.
-Wheel your bike by hand in the station, on the platforms and on the train.
- Speak to the train conductor before boarding: he will tell you, (often with a smile), if there are still places available and in which part of the train they are. More and more trains are equipped with a pictogram indicating the location of the compartment/space dedicated to bicycles.
- Remove your bags and do not place your bike against a toilet or in front of an access door.
- Bring a lock: you will be able to travel sitting down even if there is no space next to your bike.
- Travel outside peak hours, this will allow you more a more comfortable journey on the go.
- Anticipate getting off in advance this will save you stress and make it easier for other travelers to get off.
- ‘Bruxelles-Central', ‘Bruxelles-Chapelle' and 'Bruxelles-Congrès' (Station) are prohibited for bicycles.
- Choose accommodation that has bed and bath linen and offers you a solution for breakfast (on site, pastry basket delivery, nearby bakery, etc.), so you can travel light.
- Make sure you can eat where you sleep or in the immediate vicinity. After a day of hiking or cycling, you will not necessarily want to get back in road for your evening meal.



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You'll also find different routes and stages for bikes or on foot, as well as itineraries, activities or accommodation.

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## On foot

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'Gare de Gouvy' (Station) - Vielsalm (Rencheux)
Signposting
GRP 571 Brussels-Huy

## Start your journey with a visit to the pretty village of Gouvy

(1) At Gouvy station, when the station is behind you, go up 'Rue de la Gare' on your left then at the 'L'Epicure', bakery, cross the bridge on your left.
2) After crossing the bridge, take the first street on your right (gas supplier J'. Jamotton-Premont').
(3) You are on GRP 571, follow the yellow and red signposting to Vielsalm.

Attention, be careful when crossing the intersection of 'Rue des Comtes de Salm' in Salmchâteau.


## Vielsalm (Rencheux) - ‘Gare de Trois-Ponts' (Station)

## Signposting

GRP 571 $\square$ and GR 14From Rencheux in 'Rue des Chasseurs Ardennais' follow GRP 571 to $31,25 \mathrm{~km}$ in the forest. When on the forest path, you'll see the GRP 571 goes on your left on a small path which goes down towards Trois-Ponts. Don't take it Continue the forest path up to the ridge where you will come across the GR 14 which you will take on your left towards the Tour Leroux.
2) At Tour Leroux, follow the GR 14. You'll arrive at Trois-Ponts station.



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## 'Gare de Trois-Ponts' (Station) - 'Gare de Coo' (Station)

## Signposting

GRP 571At Trois-Ponts station, continue towards the centre of Trois-Ponts. When you are at the chip shop, continue straight on the road to Coo following the signs for GRP 571.

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'Gare de Coo' (Station) - Stoumont ('Route de l'Amblève')

## Signposting

GRP 571

Follow the GRP 571 to the 'Route de l'Amblève' in the centre of Stoumont.
2. Follow the GRP 571 signposts to Petit-Coo and 'Rue Pierre Clerdent' where Coo station is located.

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Stoumont ('Route de l'Amblève') - ‘Gare d'Aywaille’ (Station)
Signposting
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Follow GRP 571.

Possibility of doing all or part of this section by train to shorten your journey:

## Line 42

Gouvy- Aywaille

- 1 train per hour on weekdays
- 1 train every 2 hours on weekends
- Gouvy - Vielsalm

9 minutes

- Vielsalm - Trois-Pont

10 minutes

- Trois-Pont - Coo

3 minutes

- Coo - Aywaille

17 minutes
Timetable and prices: www.belgiantrain.be



## How to use it and what information to find?

The Cirkwi site's cartographic platform lays out the many tourist activities on offer (walks, hiking trails, tourist circuits, points of interest, etc.) to cater for various groups.

Cirkwi's site offers more than 25,000 hikes, walks and tourist routes in France and Belgium and 300,000 places of interest offered mainly by tourist offices and other official tourism entities.

For each route you can download a PDF and a GPX file and open it in the Cirkwi application.



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## Cirkwi App

Internet users looking for an on-board application that can guide them in real time, on the actual route, whether you're looking for a family day out or a walk requiring a more specific itinerary will find the solution with Cirkwi.

With or without internet, the Cirkwi mobile application embeds all their content, maps, texts, images, etc. This allows them to be used anywhere and in any weather.

It's the perfect app for discovering the best things to see and do around you.

## Essential features

- Upload (maps, texts, photos...) before going hiking on your smartphone in order to use them without an internet connection
- Let the app guide you with its GPS system and its notifications
- Allow notifications when you approach a place that interests you
- Share your discoveries with your friends.


## Download the app



## By bike

## INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF POINTS-NOEUDS NETWORK

The systems of the 'points noeuds' network is very simple: each intersection is numbered and equipped with a beacon which includes the intersection number (point-noeud) and the arrows in the following numbered intersections. Follow the points-noeuds indicated on the following pages as your itinerary.

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## By bike

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## ‘Gare de Gouvy' (Station) - Saint-Vith

Start your journey by visiting the pretty village of Gouvy

1) At Gouvy station, turn left and follow the connecting route towards St-Vith. Go over the bridge over the tracks and continue to the village of Gouvy. Turn left and follow the connecting path towards St-Vith.
(2) Follow the connection in the direction of St-Vith to the 'VennBahn' in Huldange.
(3) At Huldange, take the 'Vennbahn' and follow the route to Saint-Vith ('point-nœud' 84).

Find accommodation on pages 37-38 and activities on pages 30-35

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## Saint-Vith - ‘Gare de Vielsalm’ (Station)

(1) From junction 84, continue on the 'VennBahn' in the direction of Monschau / Aachen to 'point-nœud' 32.Turn left on the RAVeL L47a towards Vielsalm.
(3) At 'point-noeud' 88 , continue straight ahead in the direction of Vielsalm station or follow the direction of 'point-noeud' 84 to the right to go to the next section.


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## ‘Gare de Vielsalm’ (Station) - Francorchamps

(1) From Vielsalm station, join line L47a and go up to 'point-noeud' 88.Turn left towards 'Mont-Le-Soie' following 'point-noeuds' 84-80-02.In Stavelot, from 'point-noeud' 02, you go back and forth to the Coo waterfall following 'points noeuds' 85 and 86 and then return by the same path.
Then you follow the RAVeL L44a directly towards Francorchamps following points 03-04.
(You can also avoid the return trip to the waterfall by following point-noeud 03 and 04 directly to Francorchamps from 'point-noeud' O2).



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## Francorchamps - 'Gare d'Aywaille' (Station)

(1) In Francorchamps, from 'point-noeud' 04, follow the signposting to reach 'point-noeud' 91 via 'Route de Neuville'.
2) Arrived at 'point-noeud' 91, get ready to face the formidable climb towards Andrimont and 'point-noeud' 92.
(3) Follow the following 'point-noeuds': 16-15-14-13-12-11-8-7-6-5-46-45.In Aywaille, before 'point-noeud' 45, cross the Amblève river to reach the station on the other bank.

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## Sentier pieds nus de la Ferme de la Planche (Barefoot Path)

From the Ferme de la Planche (farm), in the village of Montleban you'll find an unusual $3,5 \mathrm{~km}$ experience in the form of a sensory barefoot path. It's a multi-sensory experience triggered by contact with stone, earth, water or wood. On your way, you also come across many animals such as cattle, alpacas, horses and donkeys.
You can also embark on an 'Intrigue on the farm' walk: with your smartphone or tablet as your tool, challenging you to solve all the puzzles.

Montleban 75 • 6674 Montleban (Gouvy) Get there by bus or bike ( 9 km from Gouvy) www.fermedelaplanche.be

## Alpagas du Maquis (Alpacas Farm)

Enter a world as soft as a cloud at the Alpacas du Maquis in Montleban, visiting the spinning mill and find out everything about huacaya alpacas breeding. The visit, run by animal lovers Laurence and Eric lasts about 1h15.

Please note: the visit is only possible on reservation.

Montleban 60 • 6674 Montleban (Gouvy) Get there by bus or bike ( 9 km from Gouvy) www.alpagasdumaquis.be

## Musée du coticule (Museum)

Discover the secrets of this very rare stone unique in the world. The coticule or razor stone is a schist containing an infinity of microscopic garnets crystals.

Rue du Coticule 12 • 6690 Vielsalm glainetsalm-hauteardenne.be

## Avenature

Indoors or outdoors, Avenature offers a very wide choice of activities: Tree climbing, e-scooters, disc golf, climbing, escape room...

Bêche 40•6690 Vielsalm
avenature.be

## La balade des « Trésors du Pays de Salm » (Nature Walk)

This walk takes you along a wild and preserved path through one of the most beautiful nature reserves in the region. You will also discover extraordinary sites - archaeological and historical witnesses of the region's rich past. Also the fascination behind the stories of forgotten millstones: the galleries of the slate workers or the traces of the gold diggers before arriving at the famous 'Musée du Coticule' (Coticule Museum).

Begin your walk on the 'Place de Salm-Château' in front of the church, towards Bèche.
www.vielsalm-tourisme.be

## 6 Le lac des Doyards (Lake)

This 2 km walk in the enchanting and idyllic setting of Lac des Doyards is a relaxing way to spend a rejuvenating and fun time with your family. Just a stone's throw from the centre of Vielsalm and the train station, it's a completely flat route which is easily passable with a buggy or a wheelchair. There's also a beautiful pavilion placed on the lake with musical entertainment in summer. Playground accessible all year round.

Rue de la Station 5•6690 Vielsalm
www.vielsalm-tourisme.be



## La Maison Du Pays De Salm (Historical House)

Presents the history of Vielsalm, its geology and its folklore, from the glorious Counts of Salm to the strange Macralles, passing through the cold galleries made from slate and coticule (a type of garnet). Funny name for a stone. These sparkling natural phenomenon come from a country of Macralles, illuminating the trail as you go.

Avenue de la Salm 50
6690 Vielsalm
www.maisondupaysdesalm.be

## 8 Sentier environnement 'La nature en questions' (Environmental trail)

In Vielsalm, the environmental trail 'La nature en questions' ( 7 km ) raises debate about the environment, flora, fauna and salmian geology. If you want to get absorbed in nature a little better this is the place. So follow this loop path for surprising and instructive family discoveries. An explanatory guide 'La nature en questions' is sold at the Tourist Office.

## Starting from the Syndicat d'initiative

Avenue de la Salm 50
6690 Vielsalm
www.vielsalm-tourisme.be

## (9) Tour Leroux (Tower)

This panorama tower of more than 16 metres offers you a splendid view of the valley.

Manonfat
4980 Trois-Ponts

## Val de Wanne

If the site has several ski slopes for fun in winter, it also offers its visitors lots of other unusual activities to practice during the summer period: Karting track, playground, labyrinth, farm golf, outdoor bowling, scooter rides...

Aisomont 70
4980 Trois-Ponts
www.levaldewanne.com

## (11) Country golf course at the Monville farm (Golf with the cows)

Agrogolf is the rural variant of traditional golf. In the Sources Natural Park, Monville farm in Stoumont offers a 12-hole course among the cows. It's a moooverlous experience. Laughs guaranteed.

## Ferme Monville

Rue du Village 71
4987 Stoumont
www.fermemonville.be

## (12) Le Fagotin

In addition to its educational farm and its accommodation centre, Le Fagotin offers you an original and gourmet concept: the 'Apérandos du Fagotin'. A box-meal to take away to enjoy the magnificent walks of the Stoumont region.

Route de l'Amblève 56
4987 Stoumont
www.fagotin.be

## (13) L'Abbaye de Stavelot

During its 14 centuries of existence, the Abbey has welcomed monks (from the $7^{\text {th }}$ to the $18^{\text {th }}$ centuries), revolutionaries, master tanners, municipal administration, museums and cultural venues. The building is classified as 'Exceptional Heritage of Wallonia'.
You can visit:

- The Historical Museum of the Principality of Stavelot-Malmedy educates the public on the architectural and historical heritage . The Galerie Triangle Bleu installed since 2004 in part of the buildings is well known beyond Belgium • The Guillaume Apollinaire Museum - The Circuit de Francorchamps Museum . But also: temporary exhibitions, the archaeological remains of the $11^{\text {th }}$ century abbey church, a museum shop, a tavern...

Cour de l'Abbaye 1
4970 Stavelot
www.abbayedestavelot.be

## 14 Stavelot Plage (Beach)

A magnificent nature site on the banks of the Amblève a few hundred metres from the historic centre of Stavelot. The ideal place for a walk or a barbecue.
From the Belle Epoque until the 1960s and 1970s, it was a favorite of Stavelotians and tourists... Today, the site has been reborn into a beautiful relaxation and barbecue area.

Route de Challes
4970 Stavelot
tourismestavelot.be

## Coo Waterfalls and the Natural Lake

A major site in Wallonia, the Coo waterfall is the highest natural waterfall in Belgium. A few kilometres from Stavelot, the Amblève flows from a height of 15 metres. A 5 km walk around the lake: in the heart of nature, allows you to discover the lake and its fauna (ducks, water hens...) and the forest with its beautiful vegetation and insects, butterflies, bees, birds...

Petit Coo
4970 Stavelot
tourismestavelot.be

## Heid des Gattes - Nature Reserve

Set along the Amblève River in Aywaille, the Heid des Gattes reserve is a real natural gem where you can contemplate many rare plants and animals. A haven of peace with amazing flora and fauna.

On the right bank of the Amblève River between Remouchamps and Aywaille www.heiddesgattes.be

## 17 Grottes de Remouchamps (Caves)

Meander through the different rooms and galleries for 800 metres to the heart of the cave. You make the return by boat through sometimes narrow and low galleries.
Visited by tourists since 1828, the Wonder of Wonders has the only navigable underground river in Belgium, the Rubicon. Check out the bats or the Sottais, small mysterious creatures living in the rocks of the caves.

Rue de Louveigné 3
4920 Sougné-Remouchamps
www.lesgrottes.be

## Yourout.be

Yourout.be offers a multitude of activities for sports enthusiasts and adventurers, in the heart of the Ourthe-Vesdre-Amblève region, in Remouchamps. Live a fantastic experience in complete safety by choosing one of the activities offered: zip wire, abseiling, caving, kayaking, aquatic activities...

Rue des Peupliers 18
4920 Aywaille
www.yourout.be


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## Taste of Wallonia

## Le Cabas du moulin

Local grocery store where organic and/or local products coexist.
Rue de la Gare 2B
6670 Gouvy
f Lecabasdumoulinepiceriebiogouvy

## Dr Clyde's Distillery

The distillery can be visited on fixed bookings beforehand by the organizers.
Route de Coo 70
4980 Trois-Ponts
drclyde.be

## La cave du fromager à Aywaille (Cheese cellar)

Rue du Rivage 7
4920 Aywaille
f lacavedufromageraywaille

## La Brasserie Elfique

 + La Guinguette des ElfesVisit the brewery from Thursday to Saturday, by reservation only.
Raborive 2
4920 Aywaille
www.elfique.be


## From Gouvy

## Chambres d'hôtes 2 Cosy

Wathermal
6670 Gouvy
f Suites2Cosy

## After Stage 1 by bike

B Hôtel Zur Post
Hauptstraße 39
4780 Saint Vith
www.hotelzurpost.be

After Stage 1 on foot and Stage 2 by bike
D Chambres d'hôtes Nord-Sud
Rue du Rivage 27
6690 Salmchâteau
nord-sud.be

## After Stage 2 on foot

## F Hôtel La Métairie

Wanne 4
4980 Trois-Ponts
www.lametairie.be
© Meublé de vacances Le Refuge du Poète
Avenue Joseph Lejeune 153
4980 Trois-Ponts
www.lunart.be

## c Hôtel Wellness

\& restaurant Pip-Margraff
Hauptstrasse 7
4780 Saint Vith
www.pip.be

Hôtel - Parkhôtel Villa des Effats
Rue de la Grotte 11
6690 Vielsalm
www.parkhotel-vielsalm.be
(H) Landal Village les Gottales

Mont Saint-Jacques 20
4980 Trois-Ponts
www.landal.fr

## After Stage 4 on foot

## (1) Le Fagotin

Route de l'Amblève 56
4987 Stoumont
www.fagotin.be

## (J) Hôtel Pitlane Lodge

Rue de Spa 129
4970 Francorchamps
www.pitlanelodge.be

## Hôtel \& restaurant Le Relais de Pommard

Rue de Pommard 220
4970 Francorchamps
www.francorchamps-hotel.com

## L Hôtel de la Source

Route du Circuit 22
4970 Francorchamps
www.hotel-de-la-source.com

## After Stage 5 on foot and Stage 4 by bike

## Chambre d'hôtes Votre Horizon

Rue de Spa 178
4920 Remouchamps
f Chambre-dhôte-Votre-Horizon

## N Hôtel La Villa Des Roses

Avenue de la Libération 4
4920 Aywaille
www.lavilladesroses.be

- Royal Hôtel
\& Restaurant Bonhomme
Rue de la Reffe 26
4920 Sougne-Remouchamps
hotelbonhomme.be

R Hôtel Experience


Square Philippe Gilbert 1
4920 Remouchamps
www.r-hotel.be

## THE « CLÉ VERTE » AND « BIENVENUE VÉLO » LABELS

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Clé Verte (or Green Key in English) is an international eco-label that merits tourist establishments for their approaches and their performance in terms of the environment. In concrete terms, establishments with the Clé Verte label have reduced their ecological footprint by limiting their energy and water consumption, as well as their waste production; using more environmentally friendly cleaning products; by offering organic, local, fair trade food products, etc. And this, without the experience or comfort of their customers or their guests being affected. For more information on the label, please consult the website www.green-key.be.

For a cyclist, choosing a «Bienvenue vélo » establishment is opting for a place where it's great to stop, and the hosts are delighted to see you arrive with your bike. Gîtes, bed and breakfasts, hotels... put at your disposal a room to store your bike, repair tools and cleaning equipment, as well as maps and tourist routes. But «Bienvenue vélo» also includes museums, tourist attractions, restaurants and brasseries that welcome you with your 2 wheels with the same pleasure. The "Bienvenue vélo" label is synonymous with services and equipment adapted to cyclists in Wallonia!
More info on visitwallonia.be/bikeswelcome.


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