

Car Free Style

By train, by bike or on foot

From Marche-en Famenne to Liège

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Here you have a ready to go itinerary for a nature themed getaway for a few days in Wallonia without a car.

It is part of a series of interconnectable itineraries (amounting to an itinerary of around two weeks in total). By combining these short stays, you have the chance to spend a fabulous sustainable holiday in Wallonia. This roaming escapade starts from a rail station, where you will have the option of either doing the route by train and bicycle, or by train and on foot. Set off in **slow tourism** mode and take the time to enjoy the landscapes, nature, local products, cultural and historical visits and of course the welcoming accommodation in each place.

Embrace the **slow tourism** experience.



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The Ourthe River is the common thread of this route which starts from the village of Marloie and ends in city of Liège.

Along the way, you'll discover **Durbuy**, a small town with undeniable romantic charm. Nestled in the **meanders of the River Ourthe**, it houses a charming historic heart in a maze of small pedestrian, cobbled and winding streets lined with old buildings made in local stone. Also known as the **smallest town in the world**, it promises a beautiful getaway in the heart of authentic Belgian Ardennes. Come and enjoy the conviviality of its alleys and buzzy restaurants, which Durbuy is renowned for, and don't forget its quirky topiary park which amusingly formed foliage...

After your journey, you'll arrive in **Liège**, a city of contrasts, old and new. In constant evolution it will surprise you with its architecture and heterogeneous heritage. The best examples are probably the historic **'Place Saint-Lambert' (Saint Lambert Square)**, the **'Palais des Princes-Evêques' (Prince Bishops Palace)** and the **Royal Opera of Wallonia**, which contrasts with the futuristic **'Guillemins' station**, the work of the Spanish architect **Santiago Calatrava**. With its architectural jewels (**448 listed buildings**) and cultural (**20 museums**), the city of a **hundred spires** won't fail to disappoint. Liège also invites you to discover its green spaces in particular the **'Coteaux de la Citadelle' (Citadel ramparts)**, which acts like the lungs of the city offering spots to walk, picnic, cycle or chill out. But the **'Cité Ardente'** or **'Fiery City'** is also a very cool city. The **'Carré District'** is one of those areas. It's commercial by day but festive and fun by night thanks to the multitude of cafes and underground hangouts.

The Ourthe valley is a true **jewel of Wallonia** and has a **railway** line crossing it. Come and follow it by train, by bike or on foot.

The concept of this car-free route?

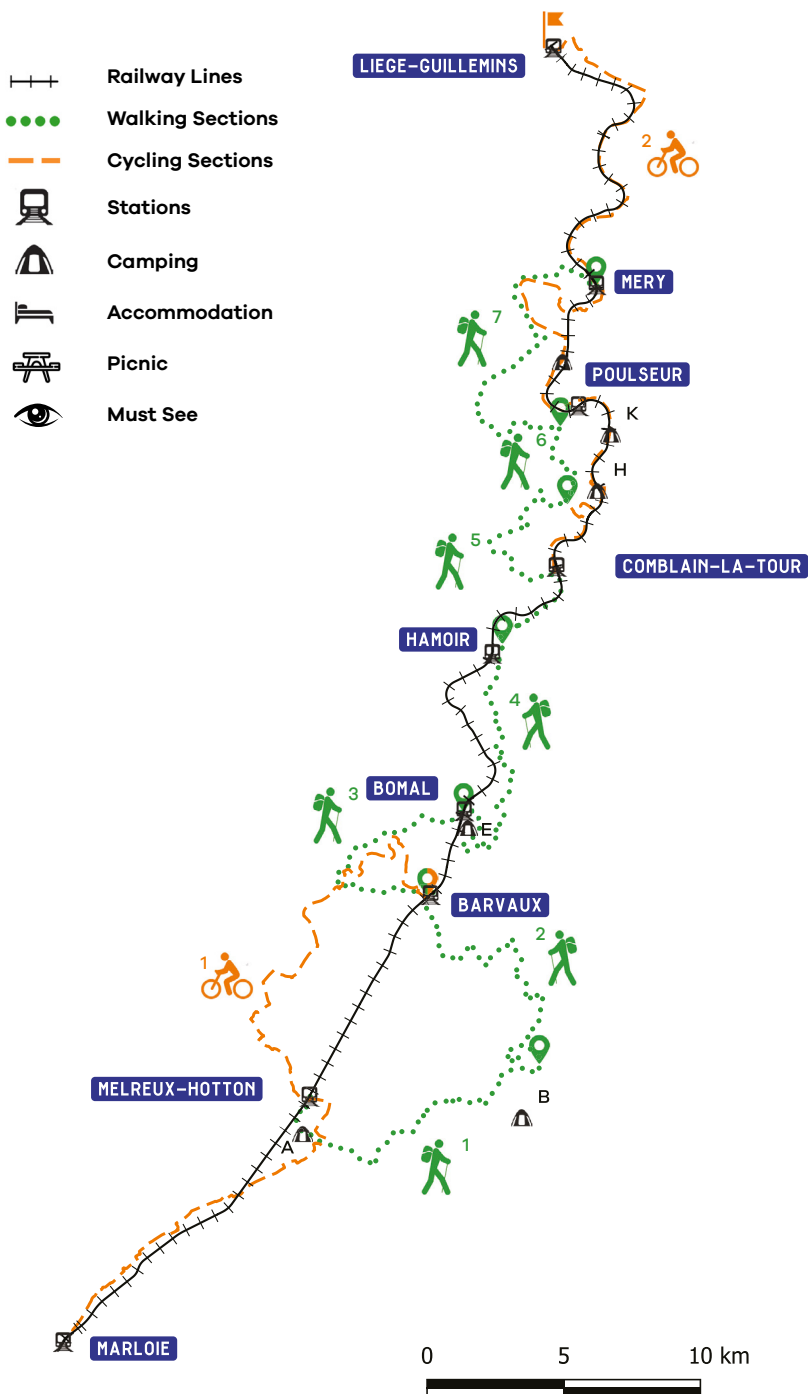
A combination of train journeys and sections to be done on foot or by bicycle. In the following pages, discover the different options we offer...

Have a nice trip.



General map & itineraries

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By train

Section by train

#1

Your departure station – 'Gare de Liège' (Station)

Take the opportunity to visit the 'Fiery City'

#2

'Gare de Liège' (Station) – 'Gare de Marloie' (Station)

Line 43 connects Marloie Station to Liège-Guillemins Station. One train per hour on this weekday route (one train every 2 hours on weekends). The journey from Marloie to Liège takes just over an hour. Intermediate stops located at junctions with the cycling and / or hiking routes are made in Melreux-Hotton, Barvaux, Hamoir, Comblain-la-Tour, Poulseur and Mery.

#3

'Gare de Marloie' (Station) - 'Gare de Melreux-Hotton' (Station)

(for the 'walk' option)

#4

'Gare de Méry' (Station) - 'Gare de Liège' (Station)

(for the 'walk' option)

#5

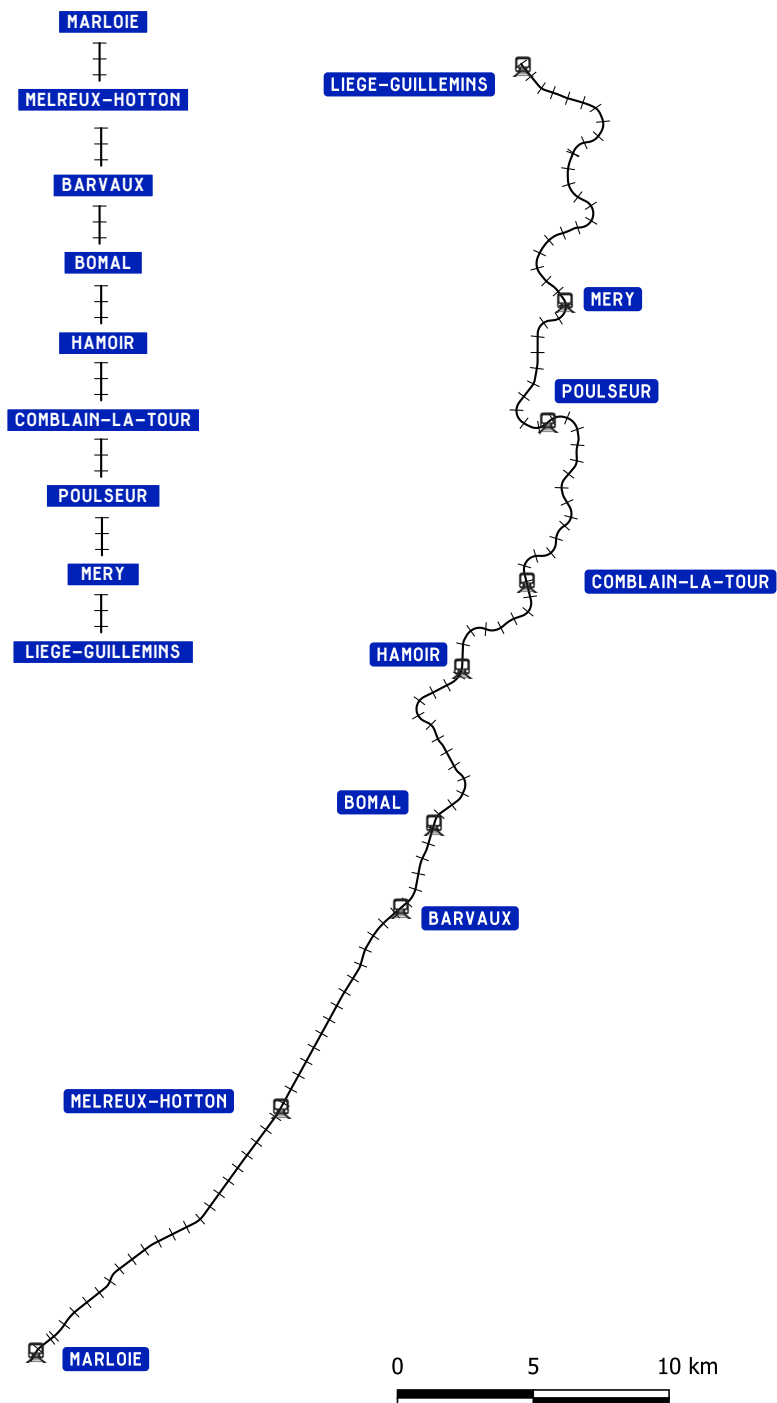
'Gare de Barvaux' (Station) - 'Gare de Comblain-La-Tour' (Station)

(for the 'bike' option)

PRICES & INFO

On all these rail journeys, it is possible to embark with your bikes: €4/bike/trip + ticket price.

Find more information, timetables and prices on www.belgiantrain.be





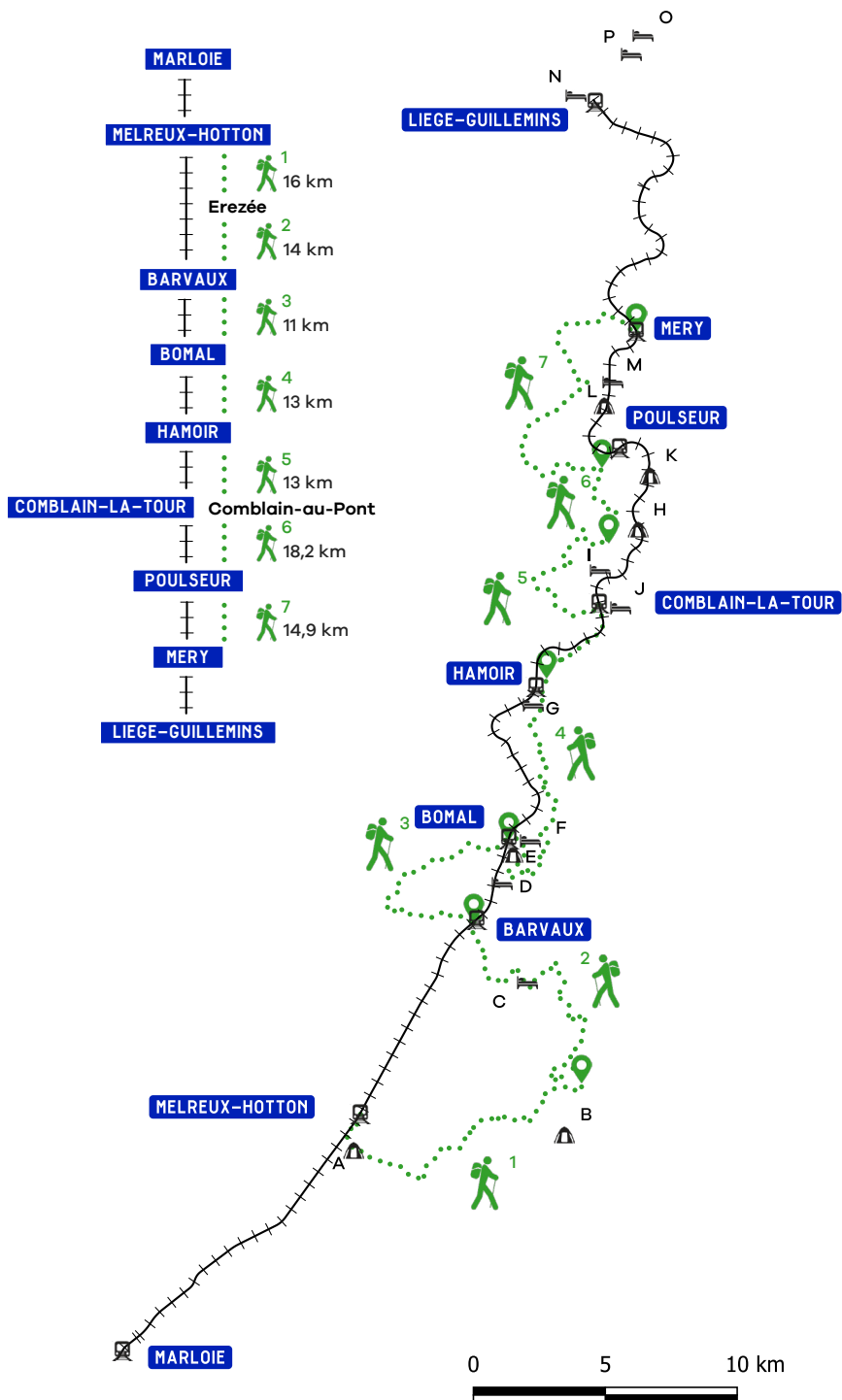
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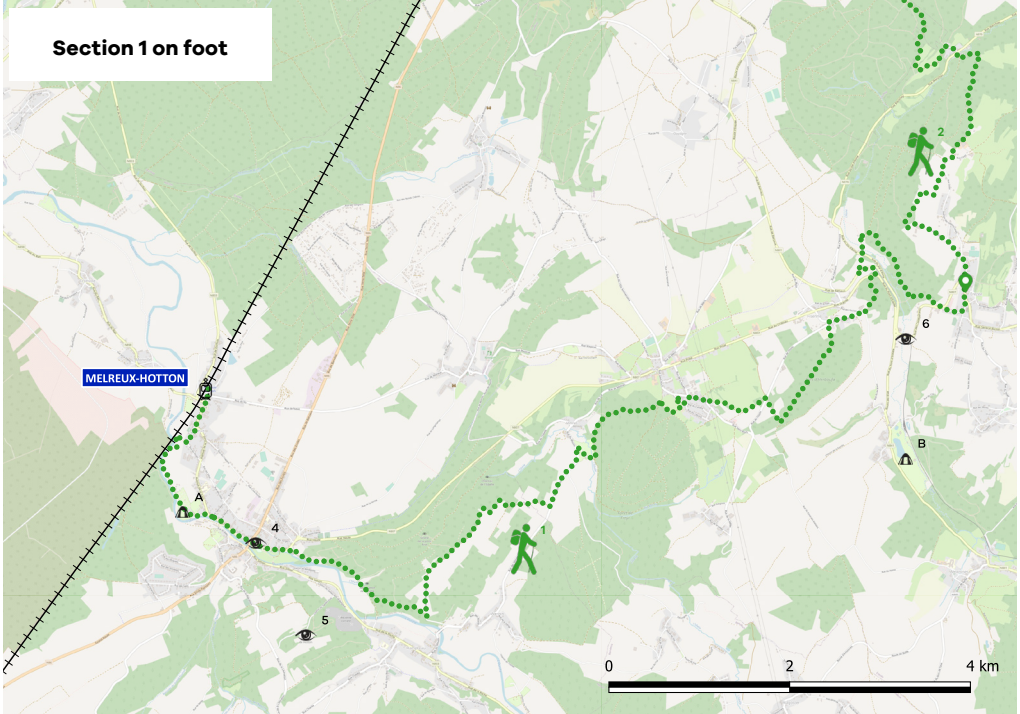
HERE'S HOW TO FOLLOW THE GUIDE

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You will find the different stages (on foot and by bike) of this route (GPX files, activities, accommodation, etc).







Km 16



4H30

SIGNPOSTING



On foot



'Gare de Melreux-Hotton' (Station) - 'Gare d'Erezée' (Station)

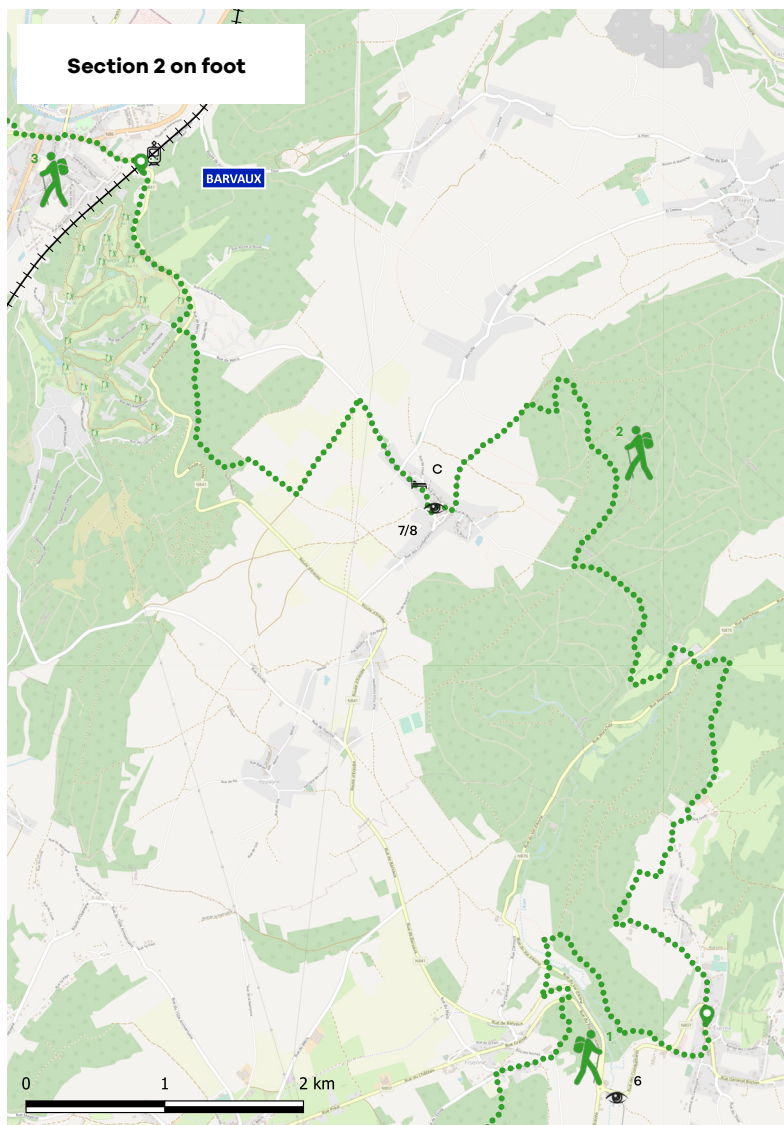
Signposting

VTT Yellow (Yellow Mountain Bike sign) then GR 57

- 1 Take the train to Melreux-Hotton Station.
- 2 Walk down 'Avenue de la Gare' (station and car park side) to the roundabout where you continue straight on the same avenue.
- 3 When you see the Saint-Pierre church on your right, go towards it and walk along it on the left, taking 'Rue du Noyer' (Noyer Street).
- 4 'Rue du Noyer' (Noyer Street) starts to turn, take the path on your right.
- 5 After 200m you will come to a railway bridge. Then take the path before the bridge which turns to your left and runs along the River Ourthe.
- 6 Follow the River Ourthe to the centre of Hotton.
- 7 Follow this path until a road begins, it leads you into the centre of 'Hotton' where the red and white GR markings are clearly visible. You simply have to follow these. For convenience, you can also follow the mountain bike markings (yellow triangle with two yellow dots) to the centre of Hotton to then follow the GR markings.

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and **activities** on pages **24-31**

'Gare de Erezée' (Station) - 'Gare de Barvaux' (Station)



Km

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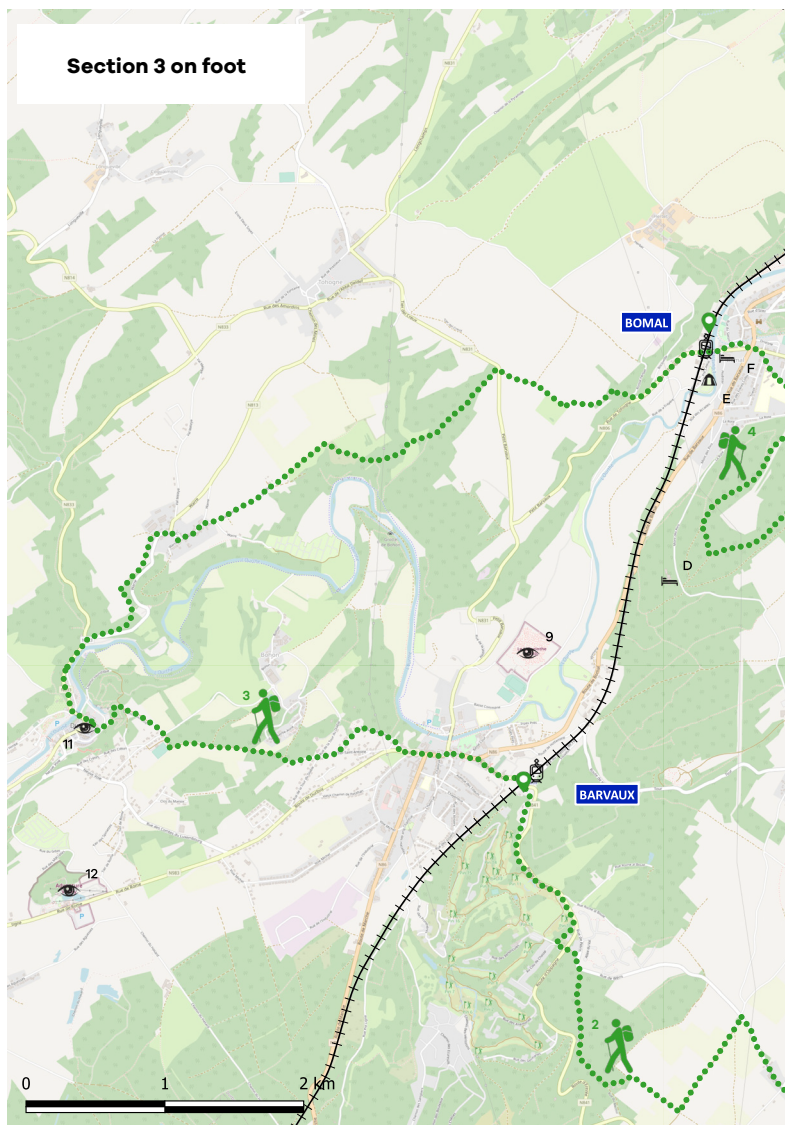
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'Gare de Barvaux' (Station) – 'Gare de Bomal' (Station)



Km

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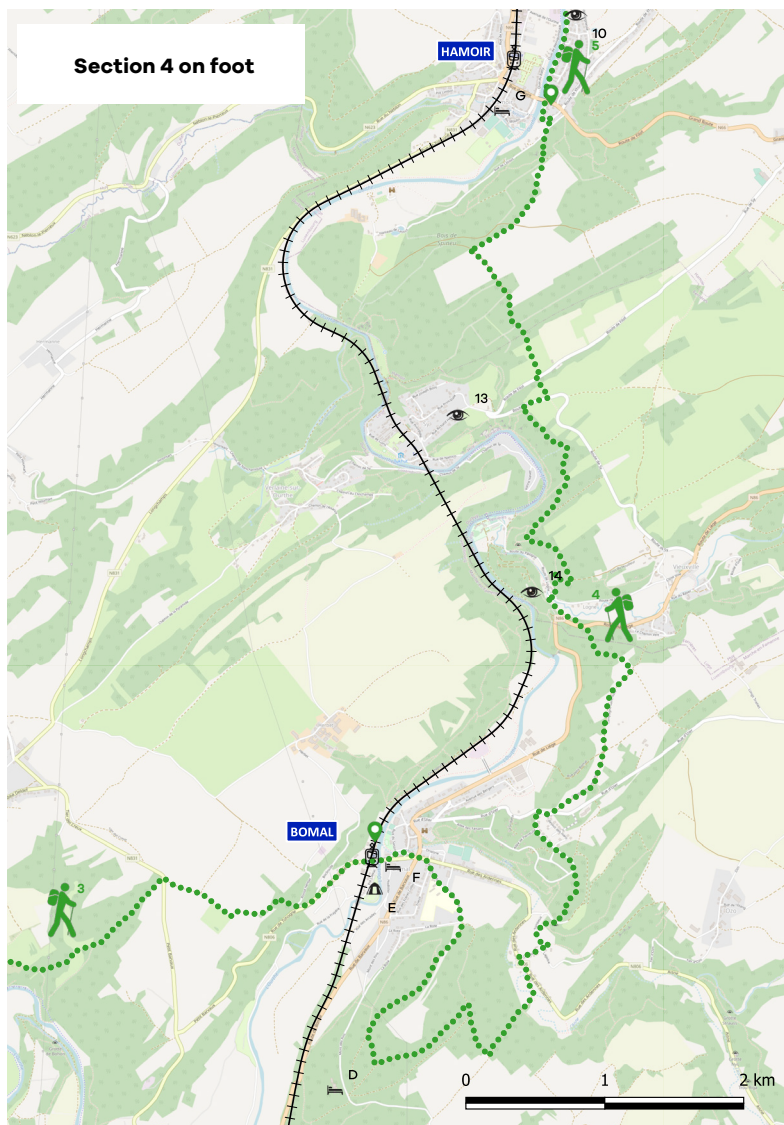
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'Gare de Bomal' (Station) - 'Gare d'Hamoir' (Station)



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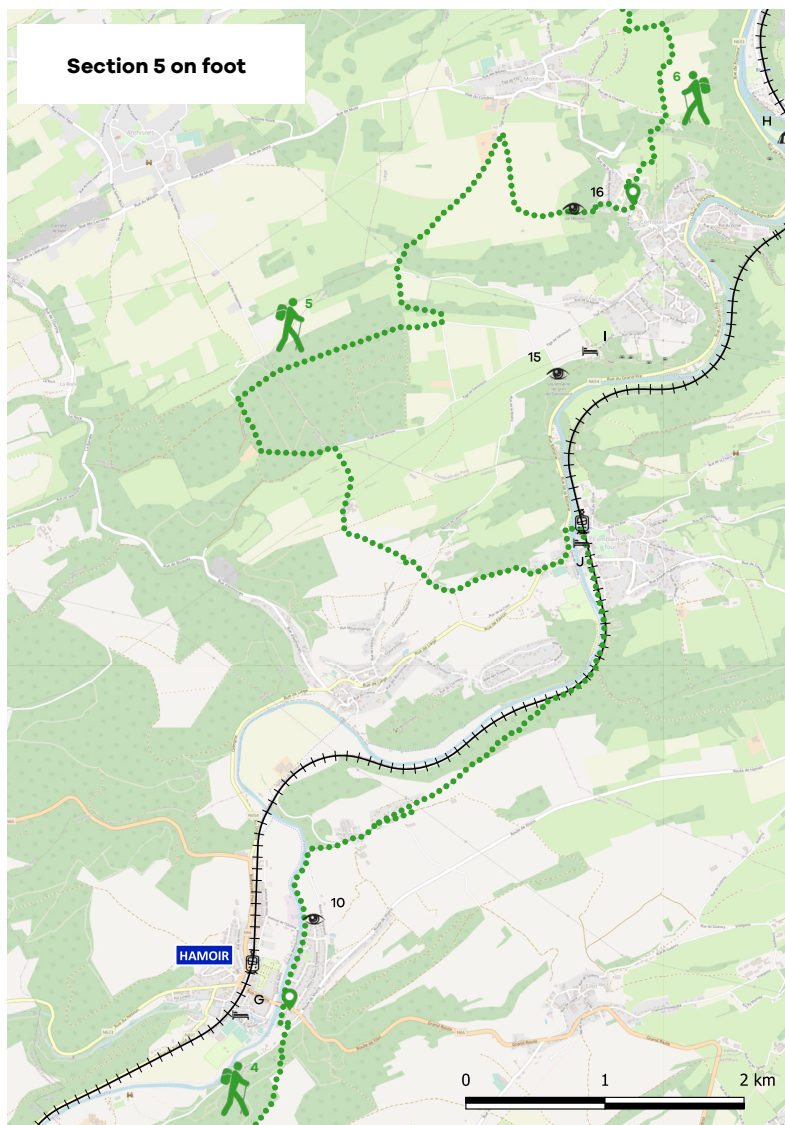
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'Gare d'Hamoir' (Station) - 'Gare de Comblain-au-Pont' (Station)



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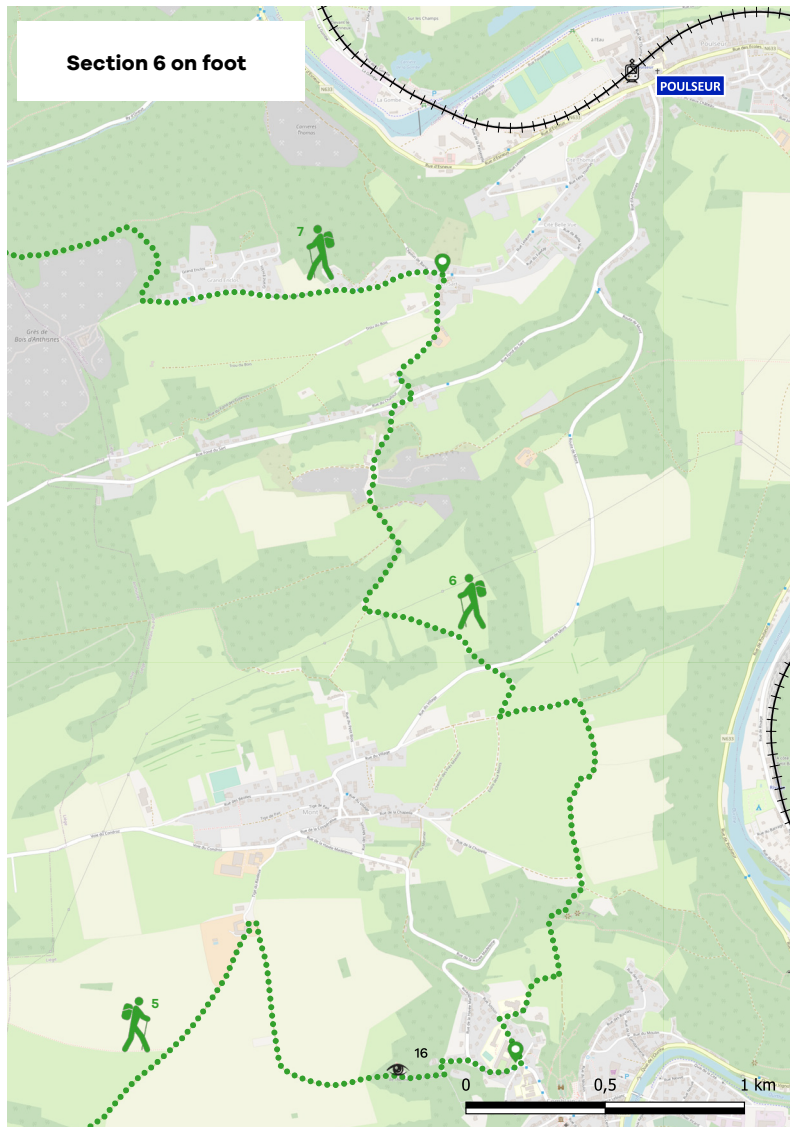
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Comblain-au-Pont - En Sart



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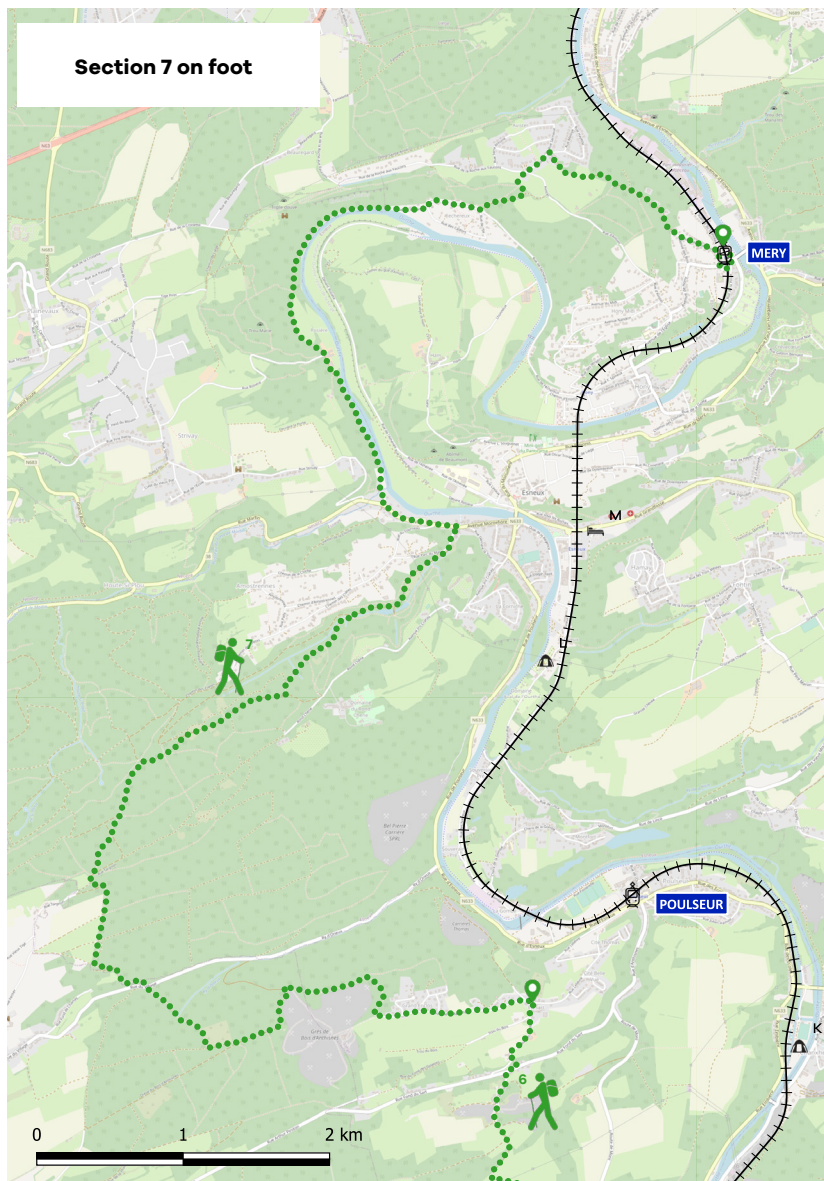
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Section 7 on foot



Km 14.9



4H00

SIGNPOSTING  57



'En Sart' (Village) - 'Gare de Méry' (Station)

Balisage

GR 57

(On arrival at Méry Station, take the train to Liège)

Options: it is possible to start your journey further than Melreux-Hotton Station. You can do section 3-4 by train, part of section 5 or from Hamoir to Comblain-La -Tour to Liège according to your wishes. However, it is not possible to take the train after section 1, you must arrive at section 2.

Suggestion: take advantage of your arrival in Liège to visit the 'Cité Ardente' (The Fiery City). Why not stay one more night in one of the suggested places to stay.

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By bike

Starting point: Marloie Station

Destination: Liège-Guillemins Station

Total route: 73.4 km

Signposting: 'Points-Nœuds' network (Intersection network)

The sections are proposed according to the accommodation and stops suggested in this route. The sections can of course be **combined with the train** according to the desired pace.

Stations are almost always available at each stop.

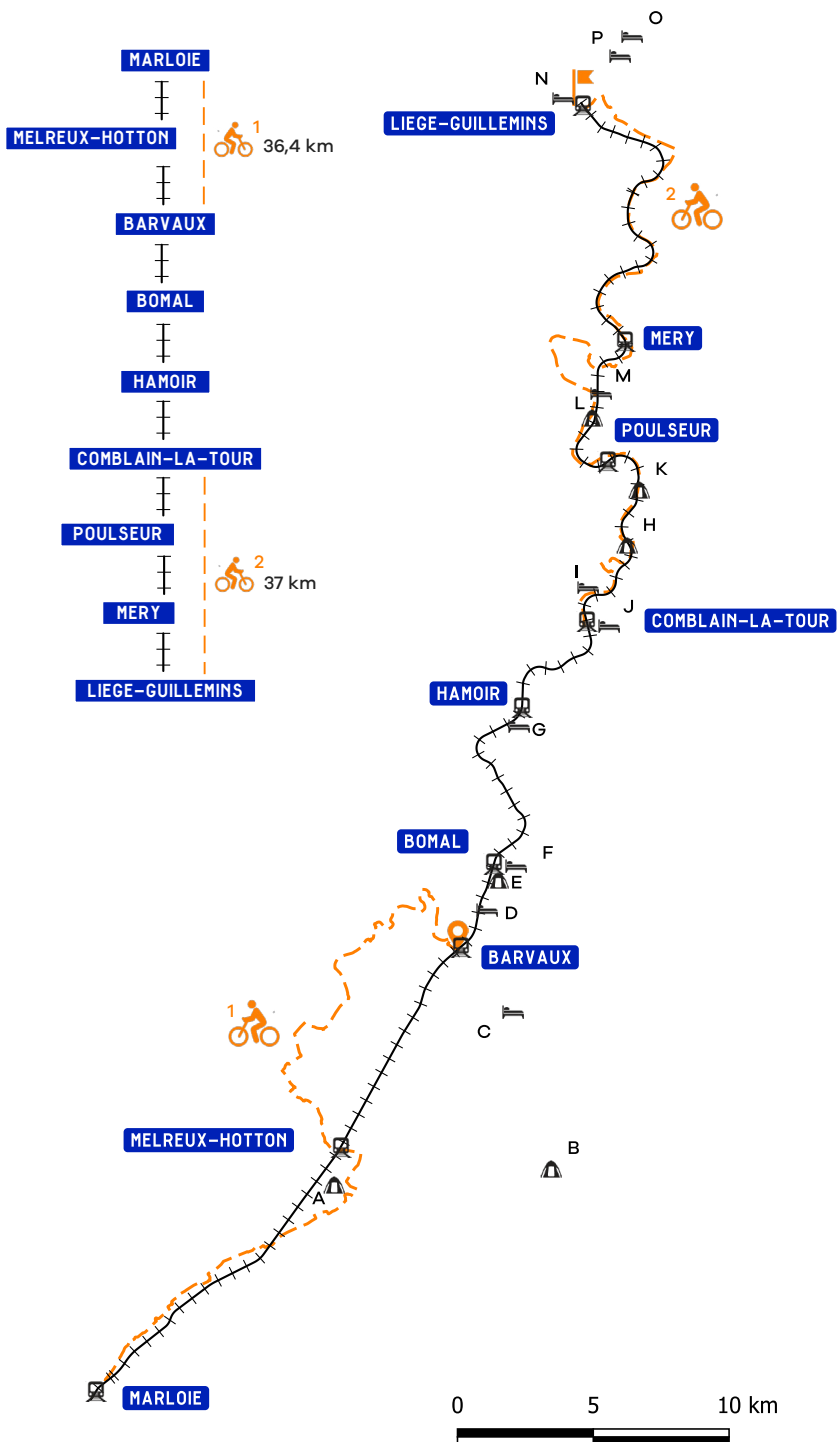
INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF 'POINTS NŒUDS' NETWORK

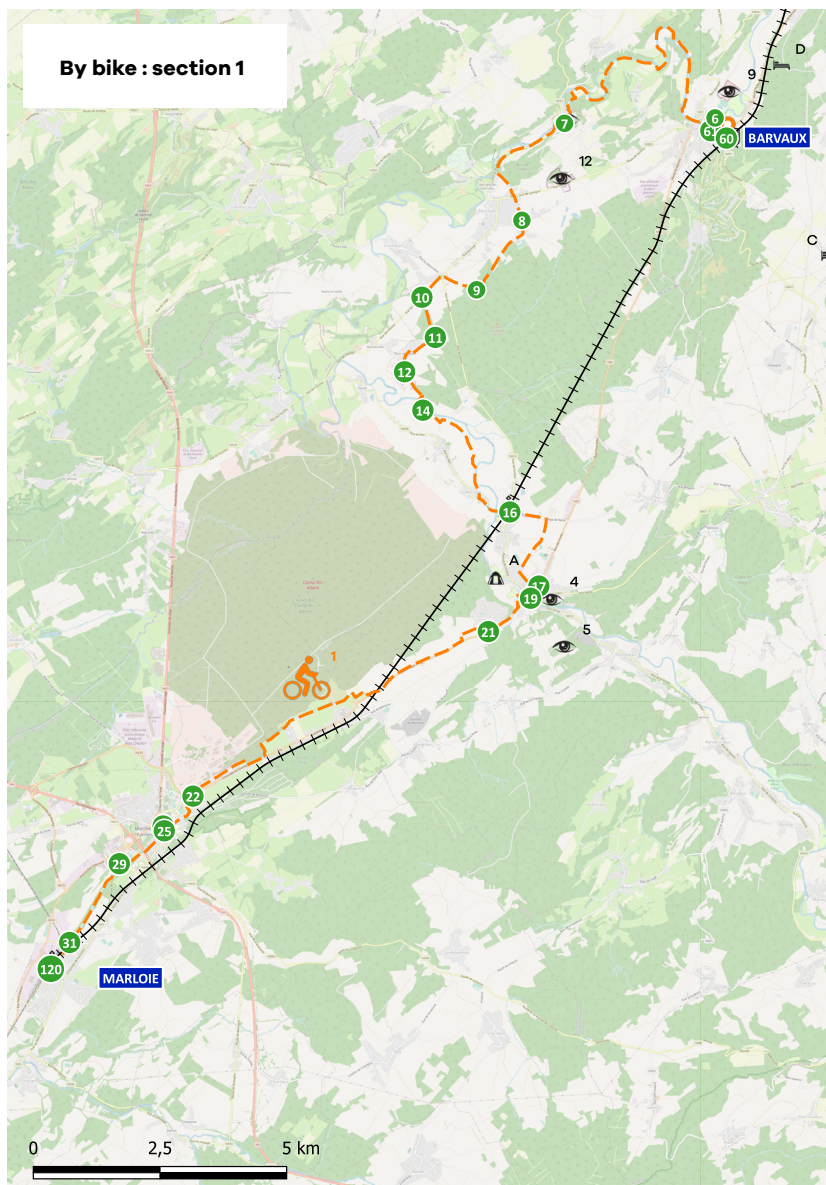
The 'Points-Nœuds' marker system is very simple: each intersection is numbered and provided with a directional marker which includes the number of the intersection (Point-Nœud) and the arrows to the following numbered intersections. Follow the 'Point-Nœud' indicated in the following pages as a route.

EASY TO USE GUIDE

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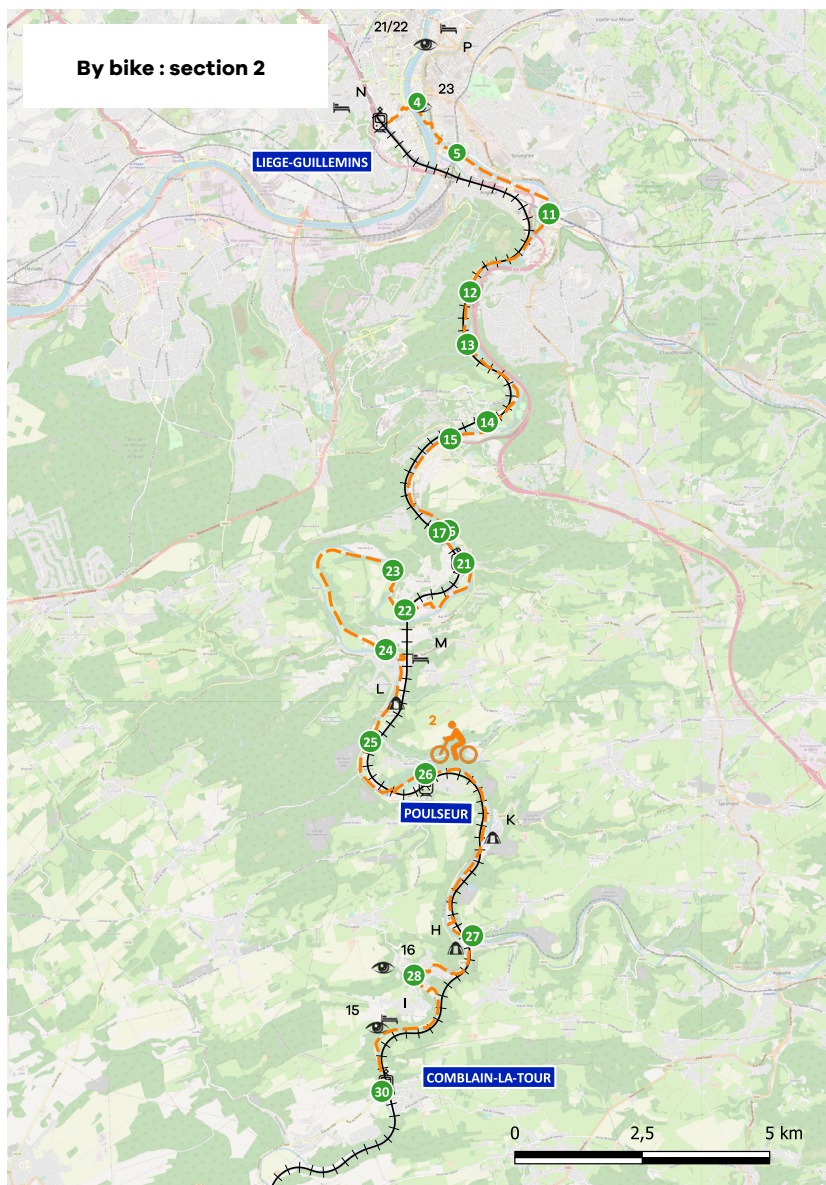
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Marloie station - Barvaux station (36.4 km – 3h05): 31 – 29 – 25 – 24 – 22 – 21 – 19 – 17 – 16 – 14 – 12 – 11 – 10 – 9 – 8 – 7 – 7 – 6 – 61 – 60

Take the train between Barvaux station and Comblain-La-Tour station



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Comblain-La Tour station- Liège Guillemins station (37 km- 3h05): 30 – 28 – 27 – 26 – 25 – 24 – 23 – 22 – 21 – 17 – 16 – 15 – 14 – 13 – 11 – 5 – 4

PLEASE NOTE: at Comblain-La-Tour, the 'Point-Nœuds' is on the other side of the bridge opposite the station.

Suggestion: at the end of the cycle route, we recommend that you stay and visit Liège and extend your stay.



Discover

1 Malagne Archeopark

The Archeopark of 'Rochefort' offers you an authentic journey through the history of Northern Gaul. Travel back to the Gallo-Roman era, between Roman gardens and ancient vegetable gardens. Be inspired - become a blacksmith, potter, baker ...

Rue du Coirbois 85 – 5580 Rochefort
www.malagne.be

2 'Grotte de Lorette' (Lorette Cave)

Dive into the bowels of the earth and discover the imposing and spectacular rooms of the 'Grotte de Lorette', 300 m from the centre of 'Rochefort'.

Drève de Lorette
5580 Rochefort
grotteloretterochefort.ellohaweb.com

3 Domain of the Caves of Han

In 'Han-sur-Lesse', you can explore an underground cave, famous throughout the world and rated 3 stars in the Michelin guide. Also discover the wildlife in the animal park with its European 'Big Five': Bison; Wolverine; Brown Bear; Lynx and Wolf. Or observe endangered species, such as the Przewalski horse and the Arctic Fox.

Rue Joseph Lamotte 2 – 5580 Han-sur-Lesse
grotte-de-han.be

4 River Interpretation Centre (Riveo)

The RIVEO centre offers many educational exhibitions, 16 aquariums, 5 thematic gardens, activities... All revolving around the unusual world of the river and its biodiversity.

Rue Haute 4 – 6990 Hotton
www.riveo.be

5 Hotton Caves

Discovered in 1958 in a large face of the Hotton quarry, these caves are considered to be some of the most beautiful in Belgium. Exceptional natural heritage of Wallonia, these caves are the only ones to be fully classified and have 2 stars in the Michelin guide.

Chemin du Spéléo-Club 1
6990 Hotton
www.grottesdehotton.be

6 Aisne Tourist Tram

From the station, old tramway carriages from the past will take you for a ride in the heart of nature through hilly landscapes untouched by time. For a good part of its route along the River Aisne, you'll enjoy seeing the typical flora and fauna of the Belgian Ardennes.

Rue du Pont d'Erezée 1 – 6997 Erezée
www.tta.be





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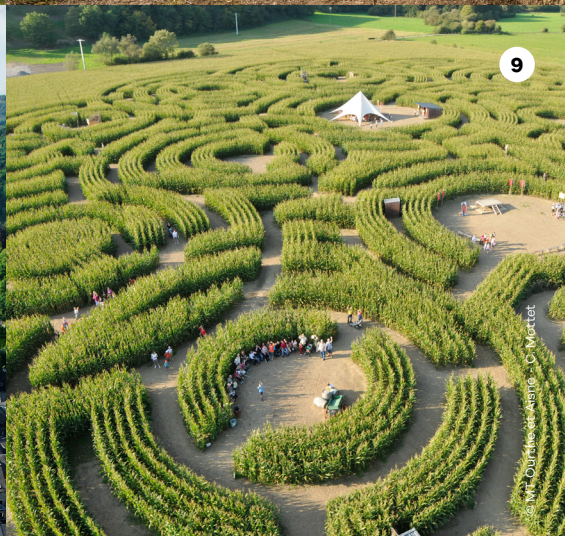
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7 Wéris, one of the Most Beautiful Villages in Wallonia

On the edge of the Fagne-Famenne lies Wéris, one of the Most Beautiful Villages in Wallonia, you'll fall under the spell of its charming landscape, legendary stones and the best-preserved megalithic site in Wallonia.

Place de la Pierre – 6940 Wéris
www.beauxvillages.be

8 The site of the megaliths of Wéris and its museum

Go on a surrealistic discovery of dolmens and menhirs (a kind of natural concrete), aligned since the Neolithic era.

Place Arsène Soreil 7 – 6940 Wéris
www.megalithes-weris.be

9 The Labyrinth

The Labyrinth is a 100% nature theme park. Get lost and have fun through the 6km of alleys and the 11 hectares of corn. Explore 9 different and constantly changing worlds with characters and themes within the massive maze of corn. Open from July to October.

Rue Basse Comène – 6940 Barvaux
www.labyrinth.be

10 Kayak Club 'Les Remous'

In a family atmosphere, come and discover the Ourthe River by kayak between 'Barvaux-Bomal-Hamoir and Comblain-au-Pont'.

Rue de Xhignesse 35 – 4180 Hamoir
www.kayakremous.com

11 Durbuy

Durbuy is a small town with undisputable romantic charm. Nestled in the meanders of the River Ourthe, it houses in its historic heart a maze of small pedestrian, cobbled and winding streets lined with old local stone buildings.

Durbuy Tourist Office
Place aux Foires 25 – 6940 Durbuy
durbuytourisme.be

12 Adventure Valley Durbuy

In an exceptional natural setting, the 'Adventure Valley' offers a host of indoor and outdoor activities suitable for all ages: adventure park (tree climbing, speleobox, extreme jumps, kayak descents, mountain bike hire electric, indoor laser-game, escape room make for endless fun...

Rue de Rome 1 – 6940 Durbuy
www.adventure-valley.be

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13 Fun Adventure at 'Sy'

The list of activities on offer is long and includes absolutely everything a great adventurer can dream of: trekking, adventure trails and zip lines, climbing and abseiling, kayaking, rafting or rafting, orienteering raids...

Rue Richard Heintz 14B – 4190 Ferrières
www.fun-adventure.be

14 Domaine de Palogne

The 'Domaine de Palogne' leisure centre invites you to discover its enchanting setting. Located on the banks of the River Ourthe under the walls of the prestigious castle of Logne, it offers a series of activities for the whole family (kayaking, mountain bike and electric bike rental, playground, etc)

Rue de la Bouverie 1 – 4190 Vieuxville-Ferrières
www.palogne.be

15 The Bat Information Centre

Unusual but fascinating visit to the classified 'Natura 2000' site, that of the old 'Géromont' quarries in the Ourthe valley. Embark on a bat night walk and discover the legend and mysteries around these little night creatures.

Rue de la Bovière 37 – 4170 Comblain-au-Pont
decouvertes.be

16 Comblain Cave

A multi-sensory experience. Listen to the musicality of the drops of water, observe the spectacularly shaped concretions and feel the touch of clay on your skin.

Rue des Grottes 46 – 4170 Comblain-au-Pont
www.grottedecomblain.be

17 Liège

Liège is the city of all contrasts. In full metamorphosis, its heterogeneous architecture and heritage are an impressive juxtaposition of styles. The best examples are undoubtedly the historic 'Place Saint-Lambert', the Palace of the Princes-Bishops and the Royal Opera of Wallonia which contrasts with the futuristic 'Guillemins' station, the genius work of the Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava.

Liege Tourist Office

Quai de la Goffe 13 – 4000 Liège
www.visitezliege.be

18 Montagne de Bueren

The 'Montagne de Bueren' is a staircase of 374 steps with an inclination of up to 30%. It is in the top 10 of the most extraordinary stairs in Europe. Are your legs ready for it?

Rue Montagne de Bueren – 4000 Liège
www.visitezliege.be



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19 **Brasserie C**

In the heart of Liège, at the foot of 'Montagne de Bueren', 'Brasserie C' (brewery) is dedicated to the pleasures of the Walloon region and without a doubt its delicious regional beers and regional products.

Impasse des Ursulines 14/24
4000 Liège
brasseriec.com

20 **'Coteaux de la Citadelle' (The slopes of the Citadel)**

In the heart of Liège, the 'Coteaux de la Citadelle' (the slopes and ramparts) is a city dweller's paradise. Fauna and flora, calm and relaxation are a welcome breath of fresh air to walkers in urban areas.

Sentier des Aubépines
4000 Liège
www.visitezliege.be

21 **Cruise on the River Meuse**

Departing from the heart of Liège, take a cruise to discover the Mosane valley aboard the pleasure boat "Le Pays de Liège"

Embarcadère de Liège-Centre (City Pier)
Quai Édouard Van Beneden
4000 Liège
www.bateauliepaysdeliege.be

22 **Aquarium-Museum**

Visitors can discover a rich collection of living aquatic animal species and inert specimens of great scientific, historical, artistic or heritage value..

Quai Édouard Van Beneden 22
4020 Liège
aquarium-museum.uliege.be

23 **'La Boverie' Museum and Park**

This elegant Museum of Fine Arts bringing together the collections of the City of Liège + a 2,800 m² space dedicated to temporary exhibitions of international scope due to its partnership with The Louvre in Paris. Take advantage of your visit with a stroll in its park.

Parc de la Boverie 3
4020 Liège
www.laboverie.com

24 **Liège Adventures (App)**

This digital application for young and old invites you to delve deeper into the mysteries of the 'fiery city' and its historic heart.

Puzzle, deduction, game of 7 errors, observations in the field ... play detective and you'll find lots of clues and codes designed to solve 2 enigmas: 'La Canne d'or' (the Golden Cane) and 'l'Anneau de Saint-Lambert' (the ring of Saint-Lambert).

Download the application from
www.visitezliege.be

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Taste of Wallonia



Brasserie Atrium (Restaurant)

Rue des Brasseurs 9
6900 Marche-en-Famenne
www.brasserieatrium.be



Chèvrerie d'Ozo (Goat Farm selling dairy produce)

Ozo 25A
6941 Izier
www.chevriedozo.be



Brasserie Fantôme (Brewery)

www.fantome.be



Une gaufrette saperlipopette (Waffle Makers)

Rue des Mineurs 7
4000 Liège
une-gaufrette-saperlipopette.be



Confiturerie Artisanale Saint-Amour (Jam Makers)

Rue de Saint-Amour 13
6940 Durbuy
www.confitureriesaintamour.be



Where to Stay?

A Camping Eau-Zone

Rue des Fonzays 10
6990 Hotton
www.campingeauzone.be

B Camping Le Val de l'Aisne

Rue du T.T.A. 1a
6997 Érezée
www.levaldelaisne.be

C B&B La Vieille Ecole

Rue des Dolmens 17
6940 Wéris
www.la-vieille-ecole.be

D Domaine de vacances Mont-des-Pins

Mont des Pins 10
6941 Bomal
www.montdespins.be

E Camping International

Rue Pré-Cawiai 3
6941 Bomal
www.campinginternational.be

F Ferme Houard

Rue Hodister 1
6941 Bomal-sur-Ourthe
www.ferme-houard.be

G Meublé de vacances Côté Cour

Rue du Moulin 19
4180 Hamoir
cote-cour.legrenierdephilippe.be

H Camping Le Confluent

Rue du Pont 15
4170 Comblain-au-Pont
leconfluent.be

I Maison d'hôtes La Belle Vue

Rue Bovire 30
4170 Comblain-Au-Pont
www.liegetourisme.be

J Hotel L'Impéri'Ale

Rue du Parc 1
4180 Comblain-la-Tour
www.imperiale.be

K Camping Les Pommiers

Rue d'Emblerire
4171 Poulseur
camping-lespommiers.nl

L Camping Les Evieux

Rue d'Evieux 48
4130 Esneux
www.campinglesevieux.be

M Maison d'hôtes Les Gallinautes

Rue des Carrières 7
4130 Esneux
www.lesgallinautes.com

N W'Allons Nous Dormir

Rue des Wallons 228
4000 Liège
www.wallonsnousdormir.be

O Mercure Liège City Centre

Quai Saint-Léonard 36
4000 Liège
all.accor.com

P Auberge de Jeunesse Simonon

Rue Georges Simonon 2
4020 Liège
www.lesaubergesdejeunesse.be/liege

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