



Planche des Belles-Filles summit

Landscape interpretation at Auxelles-Haut



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Remembrance Circular Walk heritage

This circular walk was inaugurated in 2011 with the help of war remembrance society Association du Souvenir Français. Remembrance stones and information boards along the way pay tribute to the sacrifice of the World War II Resistance fighters. The local French Forces of the Interior (FFI), who were mobilized in September 1944, carried out querrilla actions to dismantle the German troops.

Auxelles-Haut, village of the Stolle

The village owes its existence to the mining industry. Today remains of this bygone industrial heritage can still be seen, from old extraction sites and miners' dwellings, to haldes or waste rock dumps. Rue de la Stolle also evokes this past – a stolle was a mining gallery.

Chaume du Querty meadowland

This grassland is part the Natural Reserve of the Ballons Comtois. Following the decline of mountain land farming in the 1950s, new ecological measures had to be taken here and a new, extensive grazing pasture saw the light. Its wide, open landscape is an ideal habitat for the wood grouse.

Mont Ménard moorland

Mont Ménard, one of the few acidic-soil moors in Franche-Comté, almost disappeared with agricultural abandonment and woodland regrowth. Working developments made it possible to preserve this unique environment and its diverse wildlife and flora.





















Remembrance Circular Walk

This circular walk starts from the picturesque mountain village of Auxelles-Haut and takes you through Planche des Belles Filles, the famous Tour de France mountain pass. Emergency





Wear good shoes and appropriate clothing.



Remember to take something to eat and drink.



Take a first aid kit.



Check the weather forecast.

En route



Do not stray away from the marked paths.



Do not trespass or cross fences. Beware of the cattle.



Do not pick wild flowers. Some of them are rare, protected species.



Dogs are not allowed in the nature reserve, even on a leash.



Do not light open fires.



Do not drop litter.







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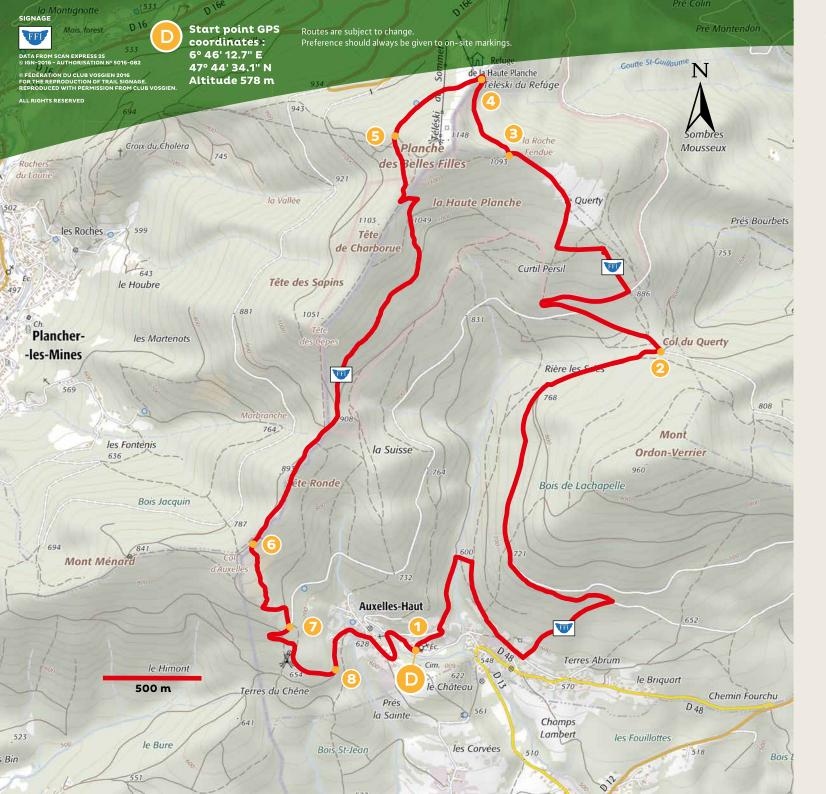
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- Walk up Rue des Bruyères, past the village hall (Mairie) and the church. At the next turning, turn right onto Rue des Étangs. Past the last houses, cross over the river Rhôme. Take the footpath on the right that joins Rue des Phalandriers. In the street turn left, the path goes up and joins the forest path, go on the left and follow it up to Col du Querty.
- 2 Follow the forest road and 500 m past the curve, turn left. The path goes uphill towards Chaume du Querty. Go up across this meadowland, walking on the left side of two chalets.
- The path enters into the forest and goes in front of the split rock (Roche–Fendue). Higher up, turn right onto a small footpath set in a combe that leads to the grassland Chaume de la Haute–Planche.
- From the edge of the forest, walk down onto a large path, staying on the left side. The path goes under one of the ski-lifts and joins the forest.
- **6** At the crossing between various way–marked paths, it is possible to go left and up to a landscape interpretation board (approx. 500 metres; 360° panorama over the mountain range).

Continue straight ahead, the hillside path takes you into the neighbouring district (Haute–Saône), then comes out onto a ridge, and back into Territoire de Belfort. After a fairly steep, downhill slope the path becomes even again and goes through beautiful beech forests to the moorland of Mont–Ménard.

- 6 Follow the path on the left that goes down to the Virgin of the Deux-Auxelles and a landscape interpretation board. Lower down the path joins a broader track, take it and stay on the left side of it.
- When you reach the forest road (Route forestière), follow it on the left to a small astronomical observatory down below called Monument to Mayor Lamboley.
- 3 Take this stony path to go back to Auxelles-Haut. Walk down towards the car park via Rue de la Stolle.