



A 16th Century extraction site

Shady walk on Haute-Planche

Giromagny – a typical market town of the Southern Vosges

## The mining industry

This small town's fortunes first took off in the 14th Century with the mining industry, and the extraction of silver and copper. In the 16th Century Giromagny and its Rosemont mines were a unique industrial centre with a population of 1,500, three times that of Belfort. Many of the miners came from Germany and were not always welcome by the local population.

During the French Revolution, the presbytery came close to housing the French School of Mines. The mining industry slowly declined and finally disappeared in the 19th Century. Traces of this bygone industrial past can still be seen today, from old miners' dwellings to Maison Mazarin the former court house, and from old extraction sites to the public wash houses once used by the miners' wives.

## The textile industry

The first mechanical spinning mill of the valley was built in 1813 by the Boigeol family. In 1820 an additional mill (Tissage du Brûlé) was built in front of the town hall, thus making it possible to dispense from the services of weavers working from home. Before the arrival of the steam engine in 1828, the mills were powered by the river Savoureuse and a huge hydraulic wheel. The mill was destroyed in a gigantic fire in 1878. The second half of the 20th Century saw the end of the textile industry in Giromagny.

## Also of interest : Fort Dorsner

is open to visitors in the summer.

Circular Walk

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Walking Time

3 hrs

Walking Distance

7.3 km

Elevation Gain

235 m

Cumulative Gain

470 m

Difficulty

Easy Moderate Difficult Technical

Circular Walk

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Southern Vosges

# Miners Historical Trail Giromagny

Moderate



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This circular walk will take you to the entrances of silver and copper mines from the 16th Century when the population of Giromagny exceeded that of Belfort.

Emergency Telephone Number  
Dial 112

### Before leaving

- 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.
- Always keep your dog on a leash.
- Do not light open fires.
- Do not drop litter.



For more information on accommodation, restaurants and other facilities on or near the walk, or to buy post-cards, ordnance survey maps, topoguides and more :

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**Start point GPS coordinates :**  
6° 49' 38.6" E  
47° 44' 30" N  
Altitude 471 m

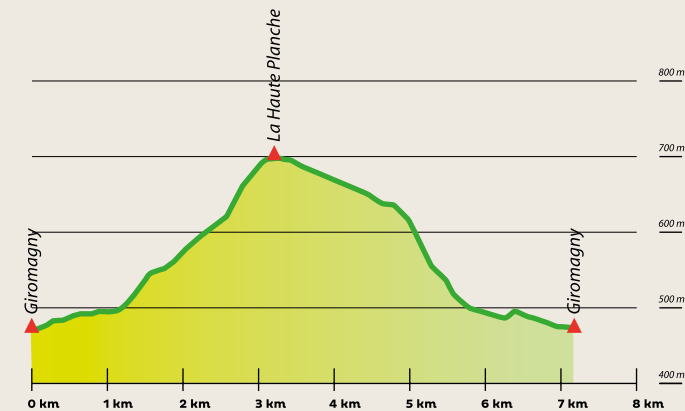
Routes are subject to change.  
Preference should always be given to on-site markings.

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**Start point :**  
START FROM GIROMAGNY  
12 KM NORTH OF BELFORT, VIA ROAD CD465  
CAR PARK : PLACE DE GAULLE



- 1** Starting from Place de Gaulle turn left, and walk up Grande Rue and Rue Thiers.
- 2** Turn right onto Rue du Tilleul. At the second fountain turn left onto Petite Rue du Tilleul, and walk up the steep, uphill Rue du Phanitor.
- 3** Continue onto the forest road, and leave it at the second footpath on the right, walk down towards the water stream, continue alongside it and go onto the forest road.
- 4** At the next crossing, continue onto the lower footpath. At the level of the television antenna stay on the broad path – it is flat at first, then goes slightly downhill.
- 5** Take the hairpin bend and walk past the sandstone mine, then keep walking down towards the first houses.
- 6** Take Rue du Phanitor, then Rue des Mines, Rue du Nord, Rue Saint-Pierre, Rue Sainte-Barbe and finally Rue des Casernes to go back to the start point car park.