

## Malsaucy, a lake rich with history

Lake Malsaucy was created in 1571 after the Church ordered the people to eat fish on lean days. A hundred years later Cardinal Mazarin rented it out to the master of the blacksmith forges of Belfort. Its water was used to power the metalworks when the levels of river Savoureuse were too low. The whole area, with nearby Véronne lake, has a rich biodiversity and is home to the bird protection society (Ligue de Protection des Oiseaux). Bird watching can be enjoyed from the various hides around the site. Facilities include a centre dedicated to environmental conservation (Maison Départementale de l'Environnement), a beach for swimming and relaxing, and a complex for water and other sports activities.

### Ecological management

Ecological measures are taken to ensure the conservation of the many protected species on the site. The annual emptying of the lake helps to maintain a healthy green belt, and the reopening of forest areas and the creation of ponds have enabled the reintroduction of species that had once disappeared. Extensive grazing pastures with Highland cattle help the conservation of these wetlands.

### The Véronne Discovery Walk

This shorter 1½ hour circular walk was granted the French label for accessible tourism ("Tourisme et Handicap"). Great scenery, pontoons across the swamps, ornithological observatories and information boards all make for an enjoyable walk.

A centre dedicated to environmental conservation

Fishing during the annual emptying of lake Malsaucy

Viewing platform over Lake Véronne

Circular Walk  
**28**

Walking Time  
3 hrs

Walking Distance  
9.5 km

Elevation Gain  
97.5 m

Cumulative Gain  
195 m

Difficulty  
Moderate

Circular Walk  
**28**

TERRITOIRE DE BELFORT  
Southern Vosges

# Lakes Circular Walk Sermamagny



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This pleasant walk will take you through a rich landscape of lakes and ponds crafted by man and nature.

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.

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les chemins, sans frontière protégée

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

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discover  
our land

Moderate

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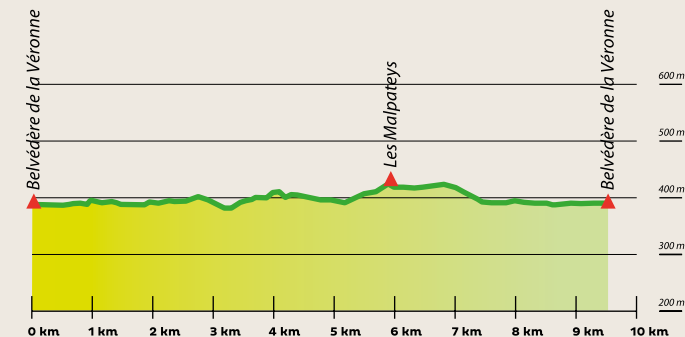


**D** Start point GPS coordinates :  
6° 48' 45.1" E  
47° 41' 03.8" N  
Altitude 390 m

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



**D** Start point :  
START FROM SERMAMAGNY  
8 KM NORTH OF BELFORT VIA ROADS CD465 AND CD24  
CAR PARK : MALSAUCY



- 1** Start : from the viewing platform on lake Véronne, take the road on your left that leads to the Malsaucy dam, walk alongside the embankment until you reach restaurant Auberge du Lac.
- 2** Turn right onto the road leading to "Base Nautique" (the watersports centre), continue straight ahead until you reach the smaller ponds.
- 3** The trail enters into a woodland, you will walk on some pontoons across two marshy wetlands (on your right it is possible to do a short return walk for a scenic view over lake Malsaucy).
- 4** At the crossing with the footpath turn left, as you leave the woodland past the fence walk across the railway line.
- 5** Walk past the community hall ("Salle communale"), take the dirt road on the right, walk down the glen, then walk up and continue in front of the tarmac road. Turn right twice and take the bridge over the railway line.
- 6** Turn right onto Rue de Lachapelle-sous-Chaux and keep walking on this road.
- 7** As you come out of the forest, turn right onto Rue de la Libération and then onto Rue de Bellevue. At the next crossing, take the third footpath on your right.
- 8** At the junction go onto the Véronne Discovery Walk path, and then turn right at the bird watching hide to go back to the car park.