

THE WILDLIFE PARK

An ideal destination for a family excursion in nature, the Fougerolles-Saint-Valbert wildlife park is set out along a 2.6 km route. The enclosures allow you to observe the animals (lamas, sika deer, ibex, fallow deer and more), and the educational panels engage all 5 senses to help you learn more about your surrounding environment.

Guided visits and nature workshops are available throughout the year.

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The Wildlife Park ©Etienne KOPP

Cross the stream, where people used to leave hemp to ret (soak and soften). 9

The path then runs along a murger (a dry stone wall bordering a meadow), before dropping down towards the stream.

Cross the footbridges 10 11 over the stream.

The path then joins the Monts Durand hiking trail. Turn right to leave this trail when you leave the forest and make your way gently down to the hamlet of Bout. Before going on, admire the view of the Fougerolles landscape and La Ramouse hamlet. An information board 12 invites you to sketch the landscape. Don't forget to bring paper and pencils!

The path takes you back to La Ramouse hamlet and then on to the car park and the departure point (D), where you began your walk. (D)



A block of sandstone ©Sylvie RIETH



A view of La Ramouse hamlet ©Sylvie RIETH

Information / Reception

Fougerolles-Saint-Valbert Town Hall: 03.84.49.13.92

Luxeuil-les-Bains Tourist Office, South Vosges: 03.84.40.06.41

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discovery trail

LES PIERRES DE ROÛGE

Fougerolles-Saint-Valbert



1h30



5 km



+120 m

Difficulty

Facile

Trail marking



Winding through nature, memories and mystery, the Pierres de Roûge trail is an invitation to explore the heart of Fougerolles' heritage. Along the way, discover the secrets of orchard meadows, forests, streams and the sandstone rocks shaped by time, nature, and people. An immersive and sensory journey through a living landscape.

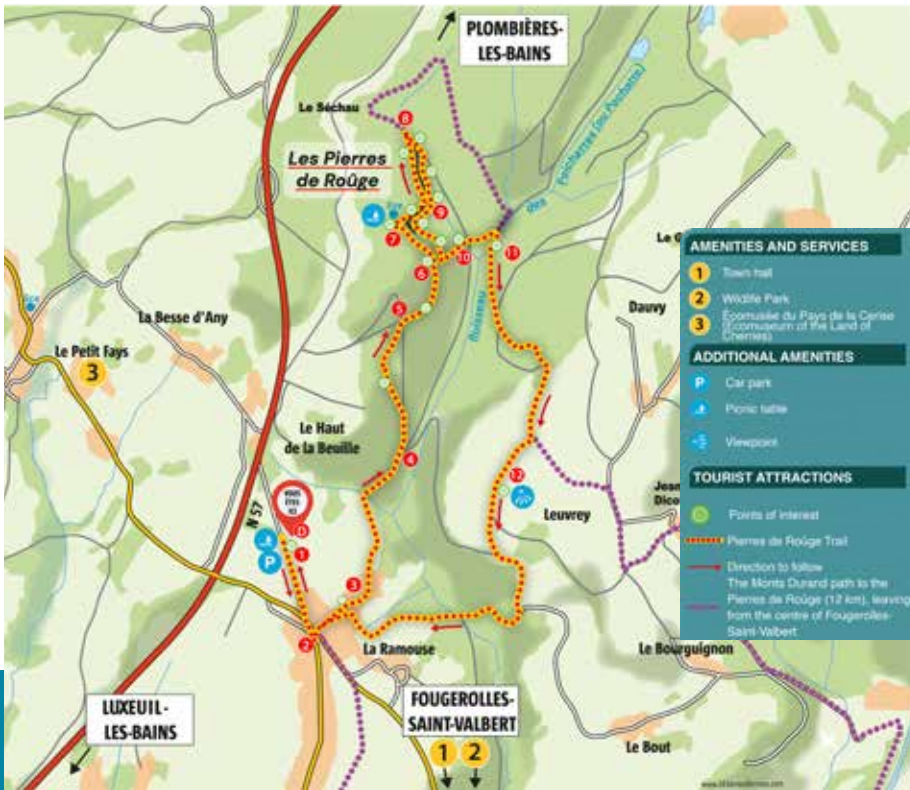


An orchard in blossom in springtime ©Denis GROS

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND TO PROTECT OUR HERITAGE

- Wear walking shoes and appropriate clothing
- Beware of storms and strong winds
- Respect the silence of the natural world
- Keep your dog on a lead
- Opt for daytime activities
- Take your rubbish away with you
- Keep to the path





FOUGEROLLES-SAINT-VALBERT

Located in the heart of the Ballons des Vosges French regional natural park, the commune of Fougères-Saint-Valbert charms visitors with its authenticity and rich heritage. A land of orchards and tradition renowned for its cherry trees, PDO cherry brandy (AOC kirsch in French), and orchard meadows, it forms a rich and diverse tapestry of fruit trees, meadowland, biodiversity, forests and typical hamlets.

The commune consists of 19 hamlets set around its centre, each with a unique identity, including Beaumont, Blanzey, Croslières, Saint-Valbert, and La Ramouse.

(D) Leave your vehicle at the car park at the departure point for the discovery trail.

The first stop on the trail **1** allows you to discover the cherry-filled Fougères meadow orchards, which are part of our unique ecological and cultural landscape heritage.

On leaving the car park, turn left towards the centre of Fougères, continue for 100m and then turn left again towards the hamlet of La Ramouse **2.**

The hamlet's pink sandstone houses, wooden chalots (outhouses and grain stores), dry stone walls, and fountain/washing place create a typical Vôge setting.

After the washing place, cross the hamlet **3 and take the path running alongside the meadow towards the forest.**

As you enter the woods, leave the orchard meadows behind you and enjoy the cool quiet atmosphere beneath the trees.

After a short climb, turn left at the fork **4 and continue to ascend.**



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L'ÉCOMUSÉE DU PAYS DE LA CERISE

The Écomusée du Pays de la Cerise (Ecomuseum) traces the history of a family of distillers, displaying their treasures in a number of buildings: a manor house dating to 1829, distillery workshops, servants quarters, and a chalot (a grain store and outhouse). The Ecomuseum sits in the middle of a conservation orchard that protects 40 varieties of sweet and wild cherry trees. In spring, the blossom on the trees is an unmissable sight.

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Pay attention to your surroundings — listen to the birds as they come and go beneath forest's large trees. Look out for the tracks and traces of the animals who live here and sometimes pass this way.

At the junction **5, take the large path on the right.**

The woodland path passes in front of a large block of stone pierced with a hole **6**. Did it once bar the way to the meadow that used to lie in the Pierres de Rouge valley? It's a mystery!

Cross a small stream close to its source. The path then curves off to the right and takes you to the top of the Pierres de Rouge rocks. **7**

In spring, wood anemones enjoy the first rays of sun; while, in summer, holly, wood sorrel, honeysuckle, heather, foxgloves and bilberries (known as brimbelles in the local dialect) prevail in the undergrowth.

Follow the path around a hairpin bend. **8**

Cross a little bridge, to reach the foot of the Pierres de Rouge cliffs and continue with the Pochattes stream on your left. The stream is home to a protected species: the white-clawed crayfish.



Wood sorrel ©Sylvie RIETH



A chalot (Écomusée) ©Écomusée du Pays de la Cerise

THE «CHALOT»

A chalot is a farm outhouse built entirely from wood. Typical of the Fougères region, this chalot was once used as a grain store, outbuilding, and sometimes a strongbox to protect the family's precious food and family treasures.