

The Seven Locks of Henri IV.



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Walk No. 4098685

A walk proposed by Office de Tourisme de Puisaye-Forterre

Marked hike N°71.

A whole new way to discover the story of the construction of the Canal de Briare! With this hike you can follow a part of its water supply system and come back along the old route to the incredible monument that we today know as the Seven Locks.

Duration :	2h 50	Difficulty :	Easy
Distance :	9.60 km	Return to departure point :	Yes
Vertical gain :	35 m	Activity :	Walking
Vertical drop :	35 m	Region :	Puisaye
Highest point :	180 m	District :	Rogny-les-Sept-Écluses (89220)
Lowest point :	141 m		

EN BOURGOGNE
LA PUISAYE
A DU GÉNIE

Description

Set out from the carpark at Rue Hugues Cosneir (at the foot of the Seven Locks)

(D/A) With your back to the carpark, turn left on the path that borders the canal to reach the city centre. At the junction with the main road, turn right, cross the bridge then go to the next junction toward Breteau (Rue des Postillons).

(1) Stay on the main road that goes up toward la Brenellerie (the road on the left). Go past the stud farm on your left. Continue straight on.

(2) Leave the main road and take the track to the right. Keep going toward la Brenellerie. On the corner on the left, hidden by the plants, is the Calvaire de Sainte-Anne.

Follow the road, keeping the fence on your right.

(3) When you reach the Chateau de la Brenellerie (right), the road becomes a dirt track. Go straight on, keeping the water tower on your left. 150 metres after the water tower, continue on the main path, ignoring any paths off to the left or the right.

(4) When leaving the bend, climb up the bank on the left to reach the Rigole de Saint-Privé channel, which you will follow until you reach Le Rondeau. At the junction with Racault bridge, keep the Rigole on your left, as with the little stone bridge, called Pont de la Parisienne.

(5) Continue along the path to reach another bridge: Pont du Goujat (a dam that measures the number of cubic metres that pass through the canal), and continue between the Rigole and l'Etang Neuf. There is a great viewpoint here, and it is ideal for picnics.

(6) Walk past the 4th bridge, Pont de la Bousicauderie, and continue alongside the Rigole. Head towards the road, keeping the Rigole on your left and the Etang Neuf on your right. When you reach Pont des Révalleries (on the left), and the riding club (on the right), continue along the road.

(7) When you reach the silo grain, there are beautiful views between the arrival point of the Rigole de Saint-Privé (which supplies the canal), and the vestiges of the old and new canal.

100 metres away on the left of the silo, take the path on the far left, before the bridge that leads to the road (the path on the right is private).

Waypoints

S/E Parking Rue Hugues Cosnier - Canal de Briare (Le)

N 47.742611° / E 2.879138° - alt. 145 m - km 0

- 1 Rue des Postillons**
N 47.742374° / E 2.882875° - alt. 144 m - km 0.43
- 2 À droite (calvaire à l'angle gauche)**
N 47.736685° / E 2.887353° - alt. 170 m - km 1.18
- 3 Château de la Brenellerie**
N 47.733337° / E 2.885668° - alt. 171 m - km 1.59
- 4 Rigole de Saint-Privé**
N 47.728733° / E 2.87465° - alt. 172 m - km 2.65
- 5 Pont de la Parisienne**
N 47.724619° / E 2.868835° - alt. 166 m - km 3.31
- 6 - Vanne à lame d'eau sur la rigole de Saint-Privé**
N 47.719596° / E 2.862869° - alt. 168 m - km 4.1
- 7 Tout droit propriété à gauche**
N 47.715393° / E 2.861515° - alt. 170 m - km 4.83
- 8 Silo agricole**
N 47.722645° / E 2.854422° - alt. 166 m - km 5.87
- 9 Attention zig zag**
N 47.723378° / E 2.858342° - alt. 171 m - km 6.17
- 10 - Borne myriamétrique de Rogny**
N 47.734833° / E 2.869055° - alt. 168 m - km 8.21

S/E Parking Rue Hugues Cosnier

N 47.742614° / E 2.879138° - alt. 145 m - km 9.6

(8) Continue for 300 metres, turn right and immediately after take the track to the left which is the main path.

In this wood, there are several huts on your right.

Stay on the path parallel to the old canal and do not take any of the paths on the right (bridleway signs)

Go over the flat bridge and continue straight on.

Right after the power line, ignore the path to the right.

A few metres away, hidden by the vegetation, is a vestige of the old canal: La borne d'Octroi (toll bollard).

(9) After leaving the wood, head straight up until you reach the top of the historical monument of the Seven Locks.

Enjoy the beautiful views over Rogny.

Go down to the site of the Seven Locks, which is steeped in history. Go around the huge horse chestnut tree then hike up for a few metres to reach the road on your right. This last part of the journey does not appear on the map, which was modified in January

2017. Cross over the bridge of l'Ecluse de Rogny then turn right to go back to the car park on your left. (A/D)

Practical information

The waymarks are quite clear.

The names of the bridges are written on the rocks.

La borne d'Octroi was once a toll point on this canal.

You can only take these paths in wet weather if you have suitable shoes.

It is possible to do this route on a mountain bike.

There are public toilets in the carpark.

In the nearby area

N°8: in la Rue des Postillons, there are engraved inscriptions on the door lintel.

La Rigole de Saint-Privé was created to draw water from le Loing to the canal pond of Rondeau at a time when the canal's water supply system proved insufficient. It is the most important Rigole in the whole system, and is 20,843 metres in length and 2 centimetres per kilometre vertical gain.

The riverbanks of the old Canal, rerouted since 1880, are a popular place for a 5km walk, from the Rondeau (grain silo) to above the Seven Locks.

It is well worth visiting this beautiful, touristic village with its set of locks, its wash house, its XIIth-century church, its unique Roman porch, and its landscaped island.

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THE WALKER CODE

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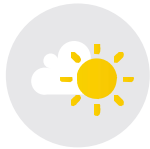
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Before the walk



CHOOSE YOUR WALK CAREFULLY

by matching its difficulty and duration to your skill and physical ability.



CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST

and look for other important information, such as snow, temperature, tide times, wind speed, fire risks, etc.



BE PROPERLY PREPARED

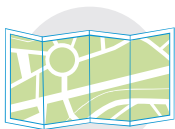
by taking suitable equipment with you, such as whistle, first-aid kit, appropriate clothing and something to eat and drink.



LET SOMEONE KNOW

where you will be walking.

During the walk



STAY ON THE PATH

Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.



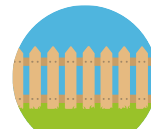
RESPECT THE COUNTRYSIDE

by not damaging fences, fields and crops and not picking fruit or vegetables..



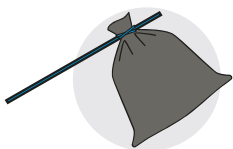
RESPECT LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

such as bans on fires, barbecues, camping, fishing, swimming, etc.



LEAVE GATES AS YOU FIND THEM

be cautious of farm animals : try to go around, not through herds or flocks.



TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME

and do not leave any trace of your journey except your footprint.



DON'T MAKE LOTS OF NOISE

and do be respectful and courteous to people along the route.



KEEP YOUR DOG ON LEAD

and have it close to you at every crossroads of other users. Bag and bin its dog poo. Walking with a dog is not recommended on routes where there are farm animals.



THE COUNTRYSIDE IS A LIVING ENVIRONMENT

that evolves with time. Waling is an adventure and there are risks associated with it. Be responsible, and know when it is better to give up and turn around than get into danger.

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Countryside Code for Scotland : <https://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot/>
Countryside Code for Northern Ireland : <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/countryside-code>

Emergency contact : 999 (UK) or 112 (Worldwide)

In case of accident, please do not sue the owners of the places where it happened because hikers could be prohibited there then. However, feel free to report to us any risk encountered.