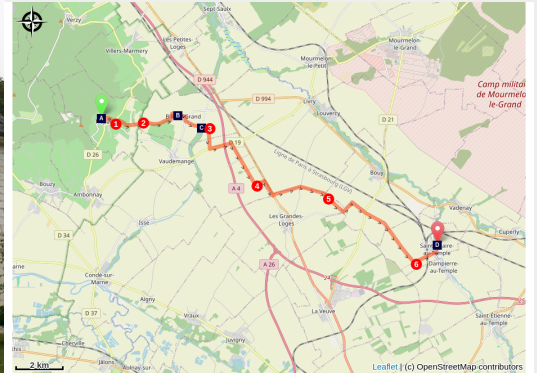


# Trépail to St-Hilaire-au-Temple

France - Grand Est



Église de Saint-Hilaire au Temple (Image : Amis de saint Colomban)



*You leave the vineyards of Champagne to enter the granary of this region with its cereal crops.*

The hilly landscapes of the vineyard will fade away in favour of a long straight line between cereal fields and villages. The vats of the grain silos stand in a very flat landscape. A few villages bear witness to the prosperity of the farmers.

## Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 5 h 30

Length : 20.9 km

Trek ascent : 146 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Step

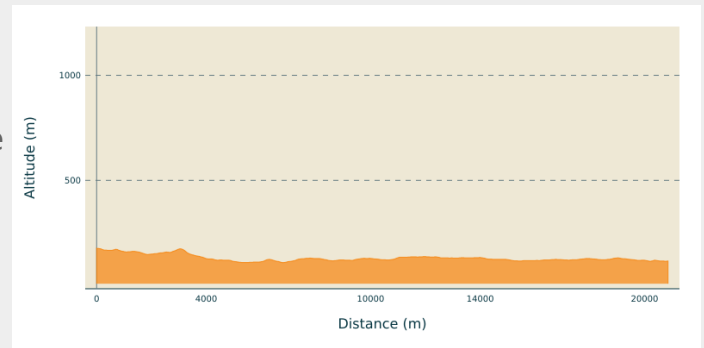
# Trek

**Departure** : Saint-Martin Church, 6 rue Saint-Martin, 51 380 Trépail

**Arrival** : Saint-Hilaire Church, rue de l'Abreuvoir, 51 400 Saint-Hilaire-au-Temple

**Cities** : 1. Grand Est

## Altimetric profile

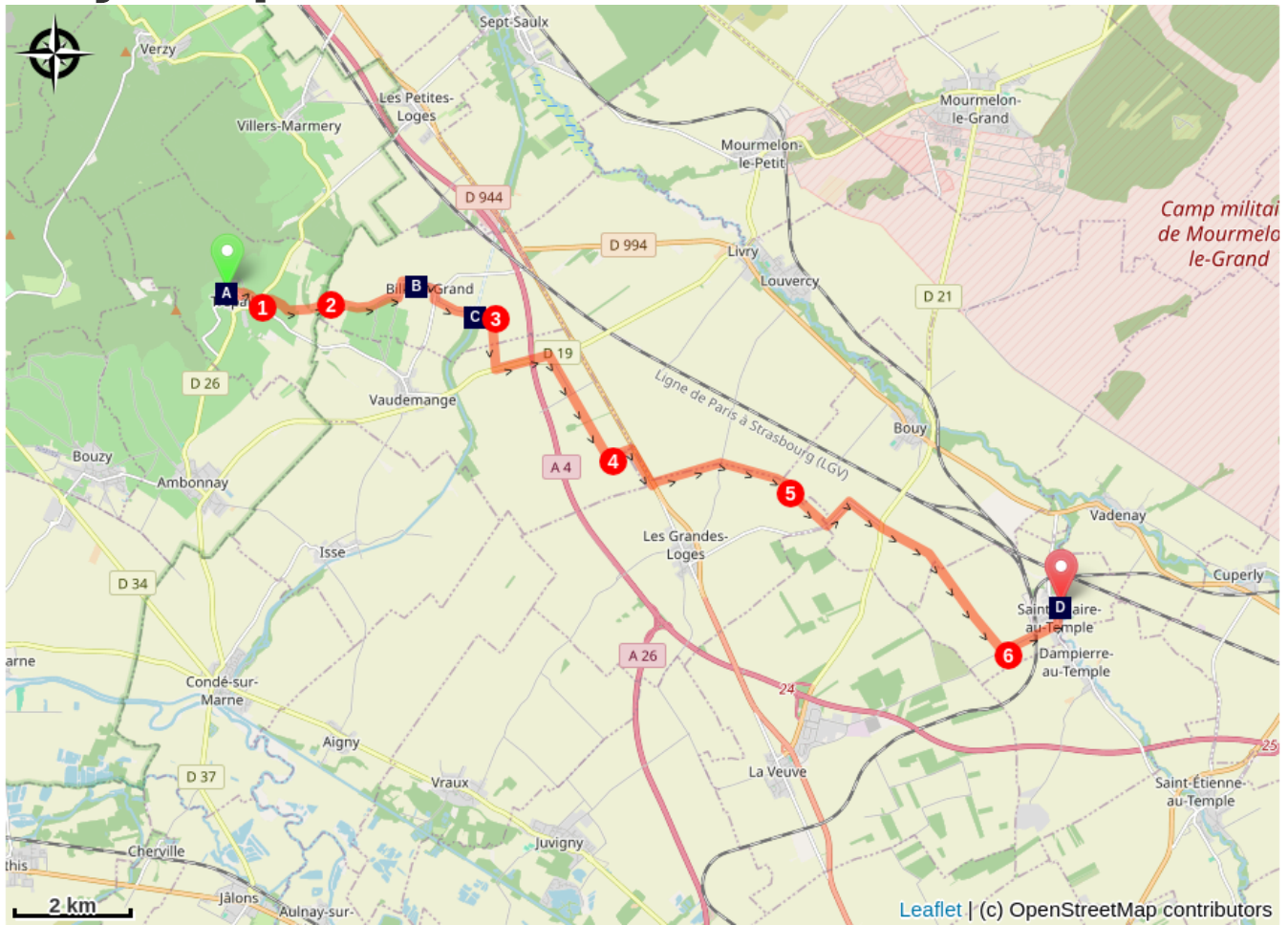


Min elevation 108 m Max elevation 177 m


Leaving the church of Saint-Martin de Trépail, turn left on rue Saint-Martin, left on rue Saint-Vincent, left on rue de la Liberté, right on rue de Vaudemagne, first street on the left, rue des Neigettes, right at the crossroads in front of the vineyard, straight ahead with red and white markings.


1. Left at the crossroads with D 26 immediately right into the vineyard, stay on your right, straight ahead at the crossroads, at the exit of the vineyard in front of plate d'oise take the path slightly on your left.
2. Turn right at the crossroads, stay on the main road on the right at the arrival of Billy-la-Grande, cross the village, on the right in front of the town hall D 319, on the left at the last house, red and white markings
3. After passing over the canal tunnel, you leave the red and balnc beaoning, take the road on the right between the fields, on the left at the junction with D 19, on the right road direction SCEA Ponsin, straight on to the farm sheds
4. Left at the crossroads with an agricultural road, right on D 944, walk on the left side of the road, first grassy path on the left at the double lane, cross the departmental road, straight ahead.
5. After a bend to the right take a left turn, left in front of the silo, cross the D 21 straight ahead and stay on the main road.
6. Turn left at the crossroads in front of the farm, cross the railroad tracks, route de la Veuve, second street on the left, rue Louis Crochet, second street on the right rue de l'Abreuvoir, you arrive at the Saint-Hilaire church.

# On your path...



 Saint Martin's Church in Trépail (A)

 The underground canal of Billy the Great (C)

 St. Lawrence Church in Billy-le-Grand (B)

 Saint-Hilaire Church in Saint-Hilaire-au-Temple (D)

# All useful information

## How to come ?

Transports

[Gare Saint-Hilaire le Temple](#)

# On your path...

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## Saint Martin's Church in Trépail (A)

The nave of the church of Saint-Martin de Trépail dates from the 12th century with a later square chevet. It houses a beautiful reliquary of Saint Cucufat (4th century martyr) and Saint Aurelius.

Attribution : Amis saint Colomban

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## St. Lawrence Church in Billy-le-Grand (B)

The history of St. Billy's Church of St. Lawrence has yet to be written. Its chevet with harmonious buttresses seems to bear witness to a prestigious past or an exaggerated ambition.

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## The underground canal of Billy the Great (C)

The canal from the Aisne to the Marne was started in 1841 and completed in 1866, the tunnel was opened in 1856. A towpath, equipped with a railway, was built in the tunnel in replacement of a funicular. The canal was completely rebuilt after the destruction of the First World War, during which the Mont de Billy tunnel was used as a shelter for artillery pieces placed on boats.

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## Saint-Hilaire Church in Saint-Hilaire-au-Temple (D)

Saint-Hilaire au Temple is located in a large fertile plain that man cultivated during the High Antiquity and the High Middle Ages, but it was the arrival of the Knights Templar, an order of religious knights, and the installation of a Commandery in the region in the 12th century, which will be the origin of a barn of the Commandery and then a village from where its current name comes from.

The statues preserved in the church date from this period.

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