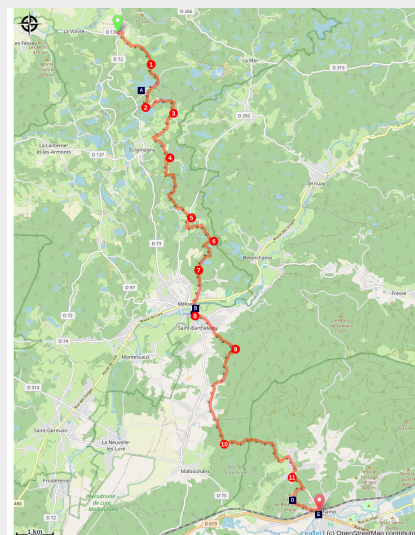


Annegray to Ronchamp

France - Bourgogne-Franche-Comté



Paysage du plateau des 1000 étangs (Ludovic Étienne)



You will spend the day in the 1000 Ponds area and you will find that this term is not usurped. Forests, meadows, rivers and ponds - all the ingredients for a walk in the Natural 2000 area.

The plateau of the 1000 ponds offers itself to you with its biodiversity. Take the time to admire the landscape, the vegetation. Whatever the season and the weather, you will be charmed by this walk. Remain vigilant on your route, the paths are numerous and an error of appreciation can quickly occur.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 6 h

Length : 23.0 km

Trek ascent : 502 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Step

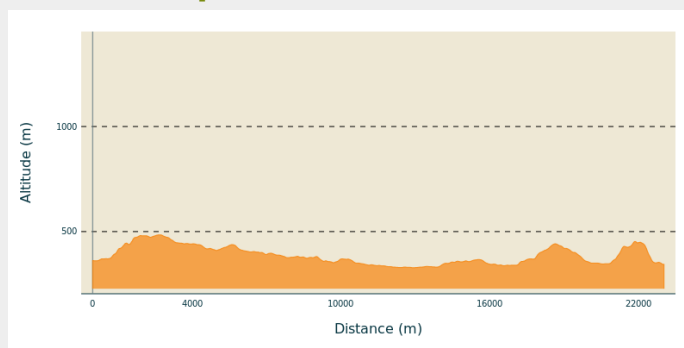
Trek

Departure : Saint-Colomban Chapel,
Annegray, 70 310 La Voivre

Arrival : Notre-Dame-du-Bas Church, 1
rue de l'Église, 70 250 Ronchamp

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Altimetric profile



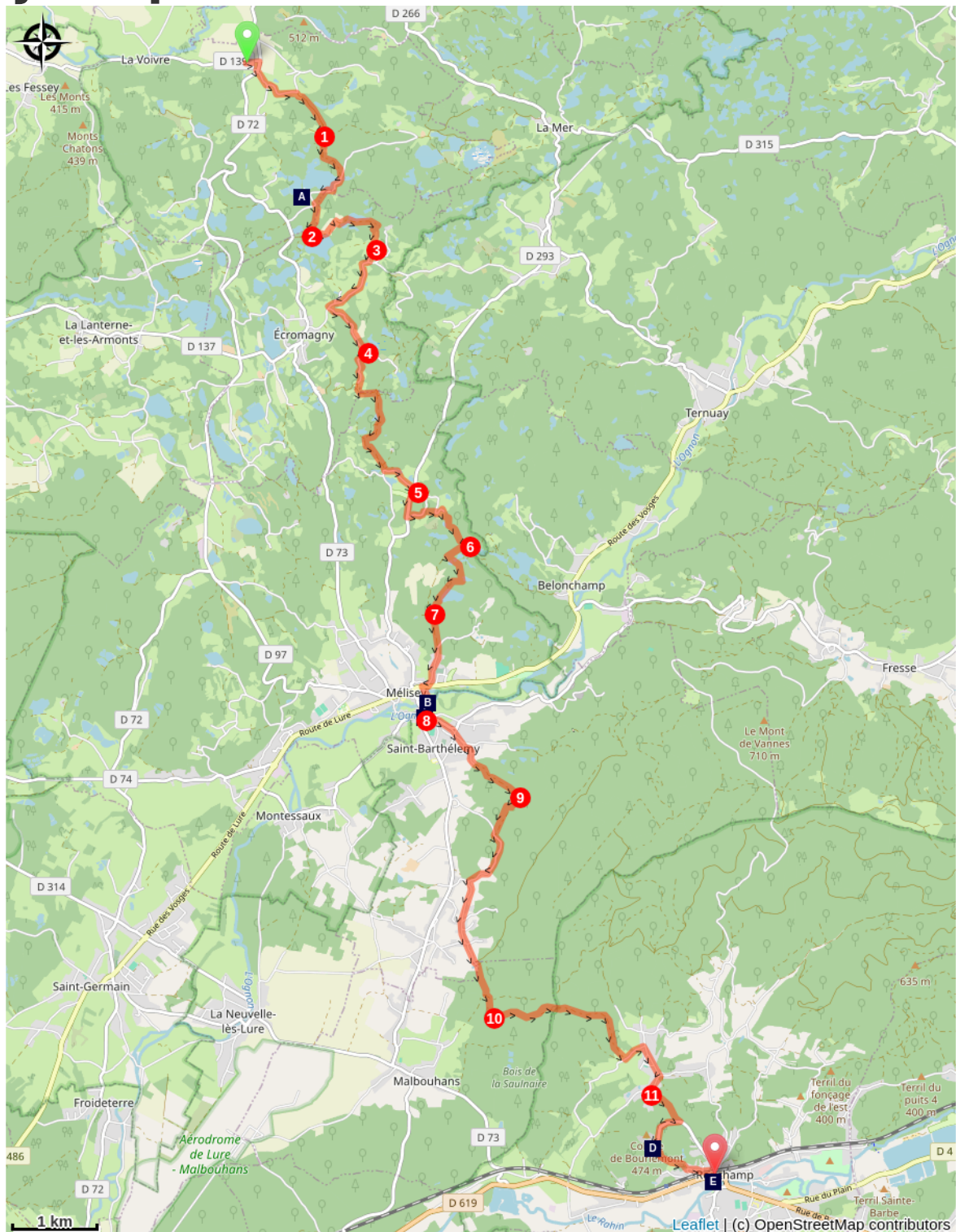
Min elevation 328 m Max elevation 484 m

Pass in front of the Saint-Colomban chapel on the left in front of the Town Hall, on the right at the crossroads towards Le Sceupt, on the right at the crossroads towards Les Échaux

1. Continue to the Étang de Plate Pierre (asphalt road) After 200 m take a path on the left at 45°. After 400 m, turn left and follow the path along a pond. Then pass between two ponds in the direction of La Champagne.
2. At the crossroads, take a hairpin path on the right and go down to the ruins.
3. Turn left at the asphalt road junction and turn right at the cross. Follow this road for 700 m and take the road on the left towards Moulin Grillot.
4. At the entrance to this hamlet take a goose-leg path on the right, join a forest road, turn left and head towards the Granges Baverey. Go past the gîte rural and join the D 293,
5. Turn right for 300 m, drive past the campsite, first road on the left. After 300 m take a path on the right towards La Conche. Follow the path in the direction of Montaujeu.
6. At the crossroads on the right, after 200 m, turn left. Pass between two ponds, go straight ahead along a new pond, turn right, go along a pond and join the forest road.
7. Turn left and join Melisey. Arriving on the D486, turn right then left and join the church, go around the church by the south, go down, turn left, cross the fairgrounds to take the bridge over the Ognon.
8. Turn left at the exit of the bridge, rue de l'église, go around the church on the right, at the crossroads in front of the town hall, stay on your right Chemin des Lapierrres. Cross the Fourchon river, continue on the road and go straight ahead.
9. Take the second road on the right to reach the Plaines Fouillies, turn left on the tarred road Chemin des Granges du Bertey, Chemin du dessous des Granges, Chemin de la Verrerie go towards the Granges Guenin. Go straight on, follow a path to a reservoir.
10. Continue straight on for 150 m and take the path on the left until Mourière. Take the asphalt road on the left then at the crossroads on the right, continue for 300 m. Turn right and go past a sawmill then take the first road on the left (follow the red and white rectangle to the Chapel Notre Dame du Haut).

11. Continue on an uphill path and arrive on the D 264 which you will follow on the right to reach La Chapelle Notre-Dame du Haut. In front of the chapel's reception centre, turn left at the end of the car park, go down the Chemin de Croix towards the cemetery, pass under the railway line and you will arrive in front of the Notre-Dame du Bas church.

On your path...



☞ The Plateau of 1000 Ponds (A)

☼ The river Ognon in Mèlisey (C)

☼ Notre-Dame-du-Bas Church in Ronchamp (E)

☼ Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Melisey (B)

☼ Notre-Dame-du-Haut Chapel in Ronchamp (D)

All useful information

On your path...



🏰 The Plateau of 1000 Ponds (A)

A vast territory that requires several days to discover many secrets.

The topology of this place is the consequence of the retreat of the last ice age (minus 10,000 years). The ponds are the result of cavities left by the glaciers, man will create pockets of water rich in fish to feed in winter. The Irish monks who accompanied Colomban developed fish farming. The presence of natural ponds for such a long time has developed peat. Farmers have been able to exploit all the qualities of peat for heating, insulation and construction.

Calvaries and crosses are still numerous. They bear witness to a significant presence of peasants until the beginning of the 20th century who wanted to pay tribute to an event that took place there. The arrival of agricultural mechanization made some crosses disappear in crossroads where agricultural machinery could not manoeuvre.

The stone crosses exhibited on the site of Annegray Priory were donated by farmers who wanted to move crossroads crosses.

[More information](#)

Attribution : Amis saint Colomban



🏰 Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Melisey (B)

The church of Saint-Pierre and Saint-Paul de Mélisey dates from the 12th century. Of the Romanesque building, only the choir remains, whose three oriented apses are relatively well preserved. During work on the burials and two carved blocks used in reuse were discovered at the back of the chevet.

Attribution : Amis saint Colomban



🌊 The river Ognon in Mèlisey (C)

The river Ognon, which runs through the town of Mélisey, is mentioned in the life of Saint Colomban. Jonas de Bobbio tells of a conflict between the monk Gall and his master Colomban. The latter had asked Gall to fish for fish in the Breuchin river which passes in front of the monastery of Annegray. Gall disobeyed and went to fish in the Ognon, he didn't catch any fish and had to go back to fish in the Breuchin to bring back an abundant catch.

Attribution : Amis saint Colomban



Notre-Dame-du-Haut Chapel in Ronchamp (D)

Tradition tells that the Bourlémont hill was occupied by a pagan temple during antiquity, probably transformed into a Christian place of worship in the early Middle Ages.

The first trace of a Catholic building dates back to the 13th century. It is a place of pilgrimage under the name of Our Lady of the Nativity. The parishioners of Ronchamp and the surrounding area gather on the hill to pray.

In 1737, the relocation of the parish church to a new building in the centre of Ronchamp heralded a decrease in the use of the chapel except for pilgrimages. As in all the countryside, the old places of worship are still frequented like the chapel of the Haut. This attachment of the parishioners manifested itself by the purchase of the chapel after the Revolution, to make it a private property, which is still the case today.

At the beginning of the 20th century, faced with the dilapidated state of the chapel, a consequence of lightning and a fire in 1913, the Archbishop of Besançon proposed to rebuild this place of pilgrimage. The new chapel was damaged during the 1944 bombings of the mining town.

The descendants of the first owners of the chapel joined together in a real estate company to rebuild the building. Consultations with the diocese of Besançon were to succeed and an architect Charles-Édouard Jeanneret-Gris, better known under the pseudonym Le Corbusier, was hired. He fell under the charm of this hill and its panorama.

Le Corbusier will use the technique of reinforced concrete, not very common at that time for this type of building. The construction began with the roof of the chapel placed on a forest of wooden scaffolding that appealed to the visitors of the time.

The interplay of interior colours, skilfully chosen by the architect, and the roof symbolising the flight of a bird won over the public at the inauguration in 1955.

There is an entrance fee to visit the building.

[More Informations](#) Notre-Dame-du-Haut Chapel website

Attribution : amis saint Colomban



Notre-Dame-du-Bas Church in Ronchamp (E)

The history of this church, in the centre of the town of Ronchamp, must be told in conjunction with that of the Notre-Dame-du-Haut chapel on the Bourlémont hill.

An 11th century document attests the presence of a Notre-Dame chapel on the hill, attached to an abbey in Besançon. The Lords of Ronchamp found the place of worship too remote and were authorised by the archbishopric to build a Saint-Hubert chapel in their castle during the 15th century.

A new parish church was built in 1737 to replace the Saint-Hubert chapel.

During the 19th century, major alterations were made to the lower church, which is the building we see today. While the chapel of the upper church is subject to storms and low attendance outside the pilgrimages to Notre-Dame.

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