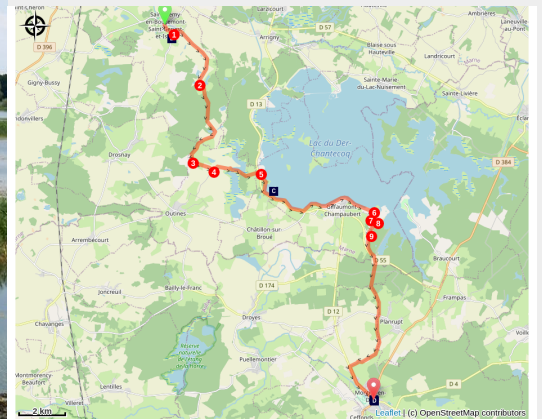


Saint-Rémy-Bouzemont in Montier-en-Der

France - Grand Est



Lac du Der vue depuis la Via Columbani (Amis saint Colomban)



Discover the largest artificial lake in Europe which has become a nature reserve.

The Lac du Der occupies 4,500 hectares and is a nature reserve used to regulate the flow of the Marne River during the seasons. This lakeside site offers nautical leisure bases, beaches, and is also a popular place for fishermen but also and above all for ornithologists as it is home to a wide variety of bird species and in particular a species for which the region is famous: the whooping crane. In the course of their migration, around 100,000 specimens stop over at the Lac du Der.

Your day will end with a visit to the abbey church of Montier-en-Der and the history of this monastery founded in the 7th century by a monk from the monastery of Luxeuil.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 7 h 30

Length : 28.7 km

Trek ascent : 241 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Step

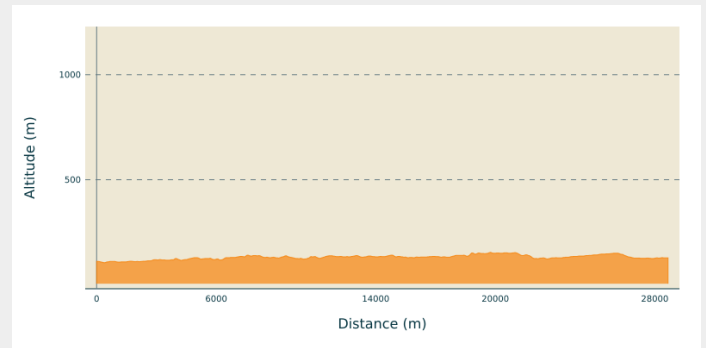
Trek

Departure : Saint-Rémi Church, 16 Grande Rue, 51 290 Saint-Rémy-en-Bouzemont

Arrival : Abbey Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, 10 Place de L'Hôtel de ville, 52220 Montier-en-Der

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Altimetric profile

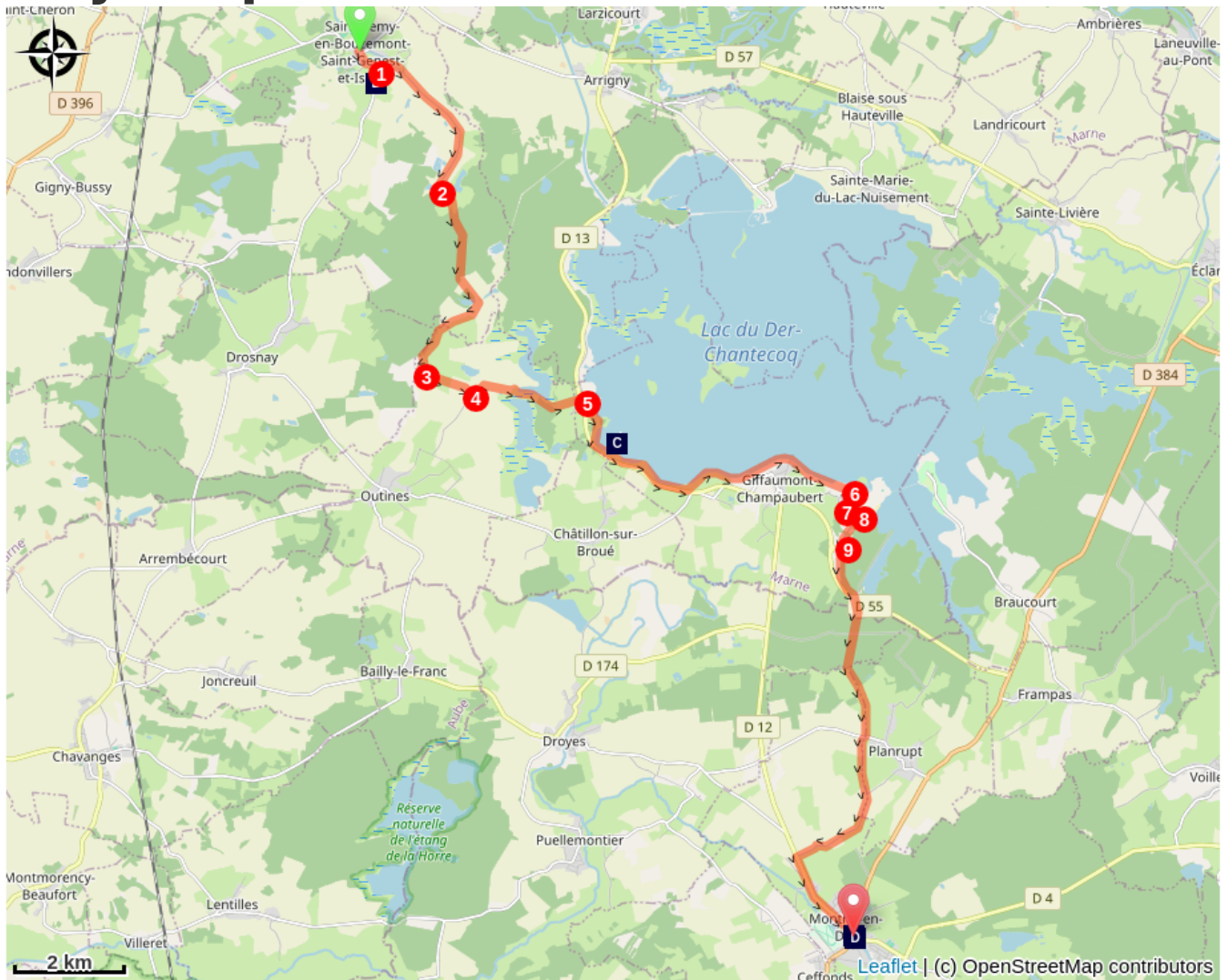


Min elevation 105 m Max elevation 154 m

In the centre of Saint-Rémy-en-Bouzemont take the direction of Isson and Drosnay.

1. Take the second street on the left in front of the cross and then turn right.
2. After 3.4 km turn left
3. After 2.7 km at the Haut Landres, turn right
4. Turn left after the cross to the D13.
5. Cross the D13 to walk on your right on the Lac du Der dike.
6. After 6.4 km at the Port of Giffaumont turn right into rue des Fontaines.
7. At the first roundabout turn left
8. At the first roundabout turn right
9. Take the bike path on the right; you walk on the bike path to Montier-en-Der, end of your stage

On your path...



- Haras national in Montier-en-Der (A)
- Lac du Der-Chantecoq (C)

- The Bird Farm (B)
- Abbey Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Montier-en-Der (D)

All useful information

How to come ?

Transports

[Bus Ticéa à Saint-Dizier](#)

On your path...



📍 Haras national in Montier-en-Der (A)

In 1808, Napoleon I set up a stallion depot within the walls of the former Benedictine Abbey of Montier-en-Der, which was closed during the Revolution. The current buildings date from the mid-19th century and are adjacent to the 10th and 13th century abbey church. The site, planted with trees and flowers, shelters vast courtyards and stables.

The site is home to a gîte.

Attribution : Amis saint Colomban



🏹 The Bird Farm (B)

Located at 1 Route de Drosnay, cross the village in the direction of Isson on the D58 and at 800 meters you will discover this bird observatory on the Der lake which is very busy from February to March and from October to November.

Attribution : image Jean-Pierre Gurga



🏹 Lac du Der-Chantecoq (C)

Lac du Der-Chantecoq or Lac-Réservoir de la Marne (often abbreviated to Lac du Der) is located in the Grand Est region, on the border of the Marne and Haute-Marne departments.

Designed to protect Paris from flooding, the Marne reservoir known as "Lac du Der-Chantecoq" is intended to increase the flow of the Marne at low-water levels and reduce the extent of flooding. It owes its name both to the Pays du Der, the natural region where it is located, and to the village of Chantecoq, which was destroyed along with the villages of Champaubert-aux-Bois and Nuisement-aux-Bois during work on the lake in the 1960s and 1970s.

[More information](#) Wikipedia

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☀ Abbey Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Montier-en-Der (D)

The monastery of Montier-en-Der was founded at the end of the 7th century by Abbot Berchaire or Bercaire, a monk from Aquitaine who had attended the Saint-Hilaire monastery in Poitiers and the school in Reims run by Bishop Nivard. To complete his training he went to the monastery of Luxeuil governed by Abbot Walbert on his return to Champagne and founded the monastery of Hautvillers near Epernay before that of Montier-en-Der.

Berchaire founded a women's monastery in Puellemontier, near Montier, a few years later.

From the foundation of the monastery of Montier-en-Der, the monks lived under the rule of the good Fathers Benedict and Colomban, a formula that was consecrated until the Council of 818.

The glass roof of the church choir is composed of 10 stained glass windows with abstract decoration and 6 stained glass windows representing: bay 106: Benedict, bay 104: Remi, bay 102: Paul, bay 101: Peter, bay 103: Berchaire, bay 105: Colomban.

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