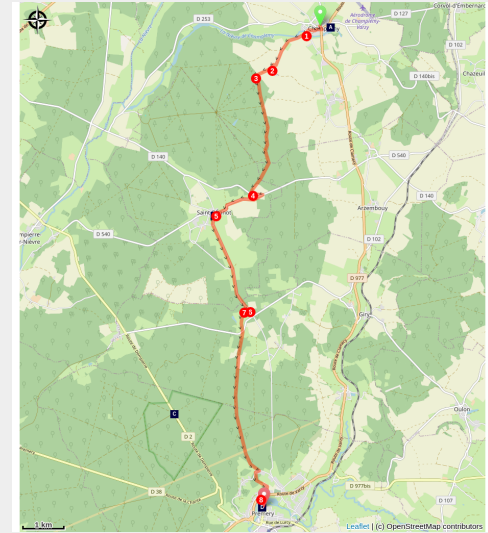


Champlemy to Prémery

France - Bourgogne-Franche-Comté



Église Saint-Marcel à Prémery (Amis de saint Colomban)



A stopover through the forests of Nivernais, take a break in Saint-Bonnot to discover the history of the church.

A short stage in kilometers but rich in its forest heritage.

With an afforestation rate of more than 30%, the Nièvre department now has the 1st oak grove in France. The forest has been an economic vector for centuries, from the supply of carpentry wood to the royal navy of Louis XIV, to the supply of firewood to Paris for four centuries, to the large industrial carbonization units of the 20th century.

The heritage of Prémery will surprise you with its diversity.

[Learn more about the forests of Nivernais](#)

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 4 h

Length : 15.6 km

Trek ascent : 247 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Step

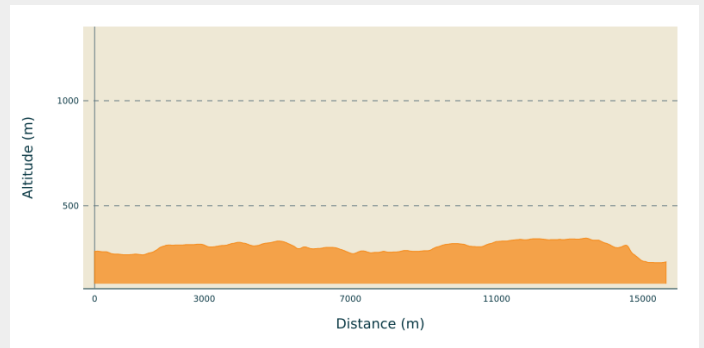
Trek

Departure : Saint-Maurice Church, 51 Rue des Moreaux, 58210 Champlemy

Arrival : Collegiate church Saint-Marcel, 16 place de l'église, 58700 Prémery

Cities : 1. Bourgogne-Franche-Comté

Altimetric profile

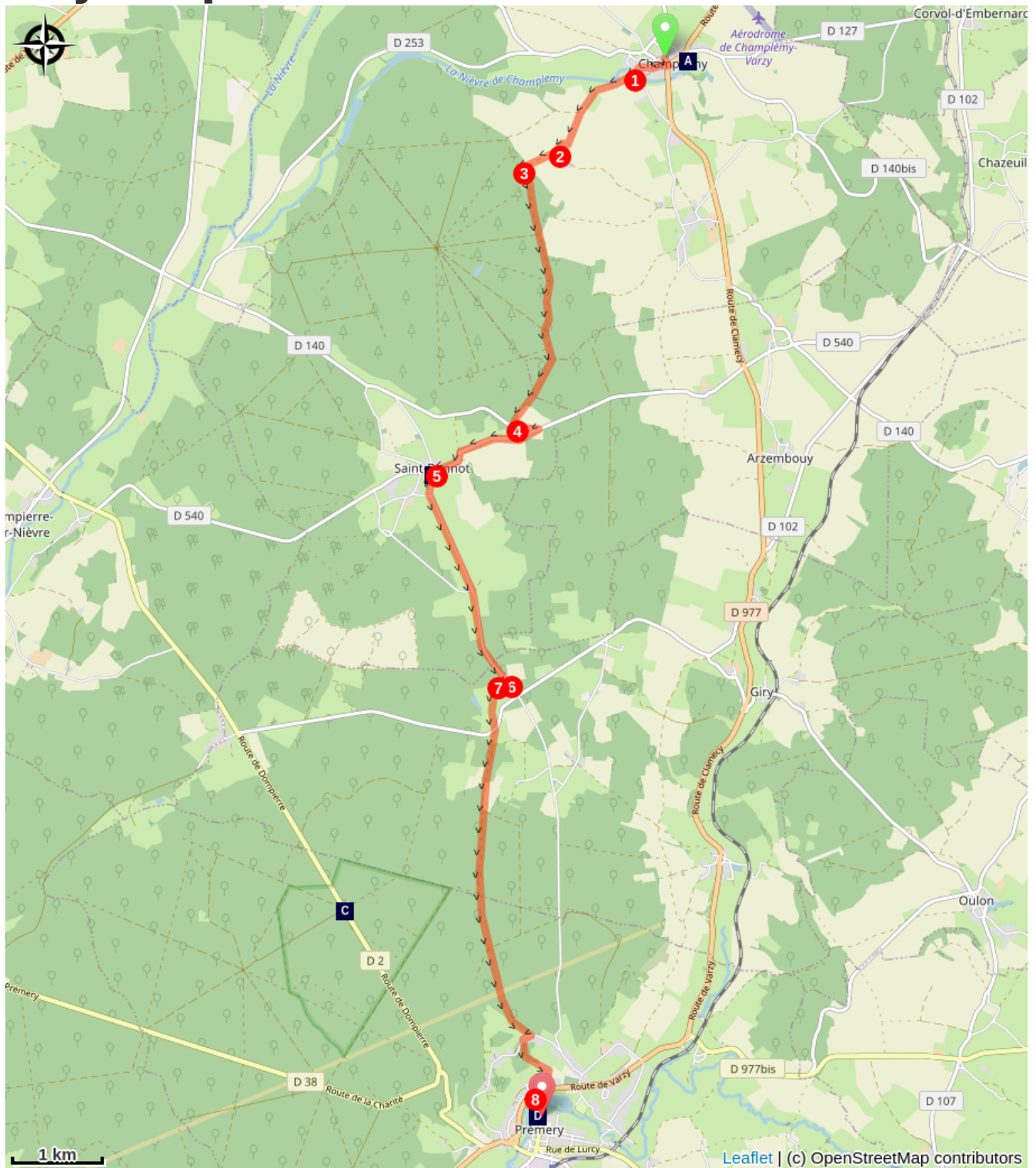


Min elevation 229 m Max elevation 346 m


When leaving the church of Champlemy, turn right into the Grande Rue, immediately right into the rue de la Poste:


1. One way out of the city by the rue de la Poste, take a slight right.
2. After 1.9km since your departure, leave the paved road and take the dirt road in front of you.
3. Leave Lac Gauthier on your left to go straight ahead until you reach the intersection with the forest road that bypasses the Charnouveau forest until you reach the D140.
4. Turn left on the D140, then right on the D540 to St-Bonnot.
5. In St-Bonnot, take the first street on the left in front of the church on the D115.
6. After 2.6km on the D115 from the church of St-Bonnot, at Les Caffards, take the dirt road on the right, before the crossroads Routes des Gounots.
7. After 150 meters, take the road on the left, cross the Route de la Grange Mouton, continue straight ahead for 3.7 kilometers in the forest. Be careful, you cross a protected natural area, stay on the path. At the Maison Forestière du Chasnay, turn right onto the asphalt road and then the first path on the left in the forest, continue in the street from March 19, 1962 until the roundabout.
8. Cross the roundabout in the direction of the rue des Ponts de Varzy, after 300 meters you arrive at the church St-Marcel de Prémery


On your path...



 Champlémy Castle (A)

 Martelles de Préméry Regional Nature Reserve (C)

 Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Saint-Bonnot (B)

 Saint-Marcel collegiate church in Préméry (D)

All useful information

How to come ?

Transports

Mobico Burgundy Franche-Comté Bus

Clamecy - Nevers line http://nievre.fr/IMG/pdf/30012018_ligne_45.pdf

On your path...



Champlemy Castle (A)

You can access the ruins of the castle from the accessible path on the main street at the bus stop.

The castle is built near an old Roman road, a place of exchanges, passages and invasions over the centuries. In 1364, Marguerite de Fontenay owned the lands of Champlemy and built the first castle. In the 15th century, the building was designed by the Bureau de La Rivière, Charles VI's first chamberlain. In the 17th century, the castle became the property of Anne de La Guiche, wife of Henri de Schomberg, Marshal of France. In the 19th century, it changed ownership several times and ended up abandoned during the 20th century.

In 2017 the municipality became the owner of the site, an association for the protection of the site will have the task of finding the funds to start the restoration of the castle.

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Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Saint-Bonnot (B)

In Saint-Bonnot, church of the 19th century (1826) dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption, entirely rebuilt in the 19th century to replace the old ruined sanctuary dating from 1155. The bell tower has two bells. Neo-Romanesque style construction. The natural son of the Count of Osmond, lord of the Vénérie, and Sarah Bernhardt would rest in a crypt of the church (this one owned the Château de la Vénérie, then a meeting place for memorable hunting). The church has a wooden central heating system, built of red brick placed under the sacristy.

[More information on the Saint-Bonnot website](#)

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📍 Martelles de Prémery Regional Nature Reserve (C)

Your stage is short, this gives you time to take the discovery path of this 252-hectare reserve with multi-millennial ponds and forest peat bogs. They contain unique information on climate and ecology over the past centuries. This reserve was created in 2015. You can access the various discovery trails from Via Columbani, in the Charnets, turn right on the road and take the second path on the left in the woods, after 3 km you arrive at the Rond-Point de Châteauneuf starting point of the tours. You are 4.5 km from Prémery by the D2.

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📍 Saint-Marcel collegiate church in Prémery (D)

The collegiate church of Saint-Marcel in Premery, founded in 1196, includes nine canons. The facade of the church dates from the 14th century. The bedside is with seven cut sides. The church is rectangular in plan, with the bell tower projecting. The 14th century facade is flanked by a staircase turret. The pyramidal roof of the bell tower is covered with slates. The south portal is dated from the 13th century, the altar contains, in addition to the relics of Saint Marcel, those of Saint Savinian and Saint Potentian (apostles and martyrs of Senegalese), and the magnificent 16th century Pietà retains some traces of polychromy. A superb canopy of the Passion dated from the 15th century. An 11th century capital serves as a pedestal for the 16th century cast iron holy water font.

[To find out more: web-croqueur](#)

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