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# A walk in Maincy

## Information on the walk

**Parking:** Cour de la source, rue de la Bordière, Maincy

**GPS coordinates of start point:**

Longitude: 02° 42' 03" E

Latitude: 48° 32' 57" N

**Distance:** 6.5km

**Approximative duration:**

1h30 mins

**Difficulty:** easy

**Signposting:** Roundtrip from Maincy to Vaux-le-Vicomte with a detour to the church.



## Places of interest

- Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte
- The House of Carmes
- Walks in the villages of Moisenay, Blandy-les-Tours
- Villages of Crisenoy and Sivry-Courtry

## Hike starting points

- **Maincy PR trail:** 12.5km
- **Bas Val d'Ancœur PR trail:** 12km
- **GR1 trail:** Passing near the wash house and mill of Prés



# *The walks, step by step...*

- 1 The walk starts at the village car park, Cour de la source exit. Follow the signs and after a few steps down the Rue Thiers, cross the street towards the Place des Fourneaux.
- 2 From the centre of the square, you will see the **wash house** of Maincy. A trough is also located nearby on the right. Once facing the wash house, go left into the **Ruelle du Ru**.
- 3 The charming Ruelle du Ru should be followed to the Moulin de la Chambre (old mill). Facing the heritage information panel of the mill, go down the stairs and straight to the trough and 'lave sabots' (where the livestock hooves were washed).
- 4 Take the lane opposite the trough and turn left onto the Rue Basse Poignet. This street becomes the Rue des Carmes at the famous **House of Carmes**, former tapestry workshop which was the ancestor of the Gobelins manufactory.
- 5 Continue straight on the Rue des Carmes. On leaving the village, you will notice the **mill of Prés**.
- 6 Cross the bridge over the brook of Ancœur, go straight on and then turn right following the road through rural fields.

**From that point, you will be 600m from the château of Vaux-le-Vicomte.**

- 7 Continue this path along the grounds of Vaux-le-Vicomte to the famous avenue of plane trees. It leads to the entrance of the château which you can visit. To return to Maincy, retrace your steps to the entrance of the village. Go back through the Rue des Carmes, the Rue Basse Poignet then the Ruelle du Ru.
- 8 Once on the highest part of the Ruelle du Ru, take a right towards the Pavé de l'église to discover the magnificent **church of Saint-Étienne** built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Go around it to see its half-moon shaped forecourt set back from the street.
- 9 Take the Rue Thiers in the direction of Place des Fourneaux to return to the car park.