

For crossing the area of Lille-Métropole between Menen-Halluin and Libercourt

1st step

Halluin - Wasquehal 25 km

After having followed the canal de la Lys forming the border with Belgium, we enter the plains to join Linselles, Marcq en Baroeul, then we follow the towpath along the Marque to Wasquehal. All services exist in each of these cities.

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Step by step.

From Menin, when you reach the Lys, turn right into the "sluizenkaai" (Lock Quay) until you reach the lock on the left. Cross it and turn left towards the Harbour Master's Office. Take the avenue du port fluvial on the right. At the end, continue on the left to cross the Lys and a few meters further on, turn left again to go down on the towpath. Turn left again in the direction of the wind turbines. Continue the towpath for about 4km. After the town of BOUSBECQUE (on the left), take the path of the cows' bridge on the left (in the background on the left, there is a large white and red industrial building). At the "Stop", do not cross and take the sidewalk on the left on the departmental road D2945 (rue de WERVICQ). After about a hundred meters, cross at the protected passage and turn right into chemin du BONNIER AU SEIGLE (chapel at the corner). At the end (stop), turn right for 30 metres and then left to pass in front of the mobile phone antenna (chemin de la basse ville). After about 500m, at an intersection, continue straight on the gravel road. Before arriving at the departmental road, turn right in front of the house. At the end of the street, the path continues on the left. At the departmental road, continue on the right until the next crossroads (indication "le Ferrain" on the right). Cross with caution (dangerous road) and turn left onto the Lower Town trail that crosses the hamlet of CRUMESSE. After 600m, at the Y fork, take the track on the right.

Continue towards the church of Linselles. Cross the town straight ahead and continue on avenue Robert DESCAMPS, then the departmental road 9 towards MOUVAUX.

About 1 km after leaving LINSELLES, take a small street on the right, slightly downhill, called "Pavé des bois blancs" (no street sign!).

Keep going straight ahead. We then leave the "pavé des bois blancs" and arrive at "carrière LAGACHE" (a small grassy road) which, after a hundred meters, leads to the avenue du Général De GAULLE (D617) at its end.

Turn right, then after about 200m, at the crossroads, turn left onto the D952 and 100m further on the right onto Chemin de Septentrion which then becomes (after passing in front of the "fondation Septentrion") Chemin des Coulons. Then take the road to the right "Chemin des GHESLES" which you follow to its end.

Turn left on rue de BONDUES for a few meters and turn right on chemin des peupliers. After crossing the strategic pavement (at Calvary), take the rue du docteur DUCROQUET straight ahead and continue until you reach the place de l'église de MARCQ EN BAROEUL.

Turn right on the Place du Général DE GAULLE, pass in front of the church and take on the left the small street Raymond DERAÏN (at the corner of the café-Tabac) which goes down to the canal de la Marque. Cross it by the footbridge and then take the towpath on the left towards Wasquehal. Always follow it for about four kilometres. When you arrive towards Wasquehal, leave the Roubaix canal (which goes on the left) and continue straight ahead. We arrive in Wasquehal (Tourist Office on the right).

2nd step

Wasquehal - Ennevelin 25,8 km

Leaving Wasquehal, we follow the canal de la Marque. Arrived at Croix, we cross the city to pass in front of the "Villa Cavroix" (masterpiece of the architect Mallet-Stevens). Then we join the Brand which we will follow on a small dirt road to Ennevelin.

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At the entrance to the town of WASQUEHAL, at the port of Le Dragon, once under the SNCF bridge (Tourist Office on the right), cross the canal and turn immediately to the right, following the canal on the other bank. The street becomes a road that you follow for about 1.5km. At the end (rue du Professeur PERRIN in Croix), cross the canal on the right and then turn left into avenue LENÔTRE (Villeneuve d'Ascq) which continues on the commune of Croix and then becomes avenue Edouard VAILLANT. Continue until you reach the boulevard (Avenue de la Marne).

Turn right (Bus stop "Fer à cheval") and cross the Boulevard (follow direction "Villa CAVROIS"). Go up the rue d'hem in Croix towards the villa CAVROIS (D64). After about 500m, at the top of the hill (chapel on the right), take the street on the left (Avenue du Président J.F KENNEDY in CROIX). At the crossroads of the villa CAVROIS (classified historical monument, built by the architect Mallet-Stevens),

continuer tout droit et au carrefour suivant prendre à droite l'avenue W. Churchill. A son extrémité, poursuivre dans la rue du Trie

Turn left on rue de Croix à Hem (D64) and continue until you reach a roundabout which you go around to the right to take the continuation of rue de Croix. We pass in front of the Sainte Thérèse chapel (Historical Monument on the left -Vitraux de MANNESSIER and tapestry of ROUAULT), continue straight ahead and after crossing the Marque, (Lieu-dit "Hempempont" - rue de Lannoy in Villeneuve d'Ascq), turn left, rue de la Fabrique. Continue on the road that then passes after 750 m km under a ring road. At the next intersection, turn left following the direction "Lac du Héron". At the end of this path (known as the LANGLET farm), turn left ("rue" de la Ferme LANGLET), walk along the orchard of the conservatory to reach the Heron farm. Turn right, to reach Lac du Héron, cross the bridge and follow the path towards the Marque (many "GR" marks). After about 1.5km, cross the barrier, turn left, leave the bridge further on (on the left) and join rue Colbert (D952). Turn left to cross the Marque and after about 50 metres, take the small street on the right, which quickly becomes a path following the Marque.

After crossing an old railway line at the entrance to the village of TRESSIN, continue the chemin des vachers opposite. At the first intersection, turn right - Direction TRESSIN, La Marque... We will follow the path for nearly 4km, passing from one bank to the other.

Arrived at CHERENG (on the left, a former post office relay), continue straight ahead, go past the stadium and follow the Marque:: ; Arrived at the exit of the village of Anstaing, turn left on rue Camille Dufay (D94) to pass under the motorway "Lille - Brussels". Take the second road on the right just before the river and cross it on the left on the small wooden bridge. Follow the path, after passing under the railway, to cross the Marque again. Then continue to the left along the river.

We then arrive at BOUVINES (village on the left). At the intersection, rue Félix DEHAU (D955), turn right and after about a hundred metres, just before the crossroads, take a path on the left, opposite the chemin du pont de BOUVINES. Continue straight ahead and turn right just before a lake to join the rue du Bas-Sainghin on the left. After passing under a TGV bridge, turn right into the road (GR). Follow it to a crossroads where you turn diagonally to the left (GR), then at the end to the right, rue du Bas-Sainghin. Continue in the axis until you reach the rue du Marais (municipality of PERONNE in MELANTOIS).

Turn left (GR) without crossing the bridge. Continue straight ahead (Marais de la Marque) until you reach the path along the Marque, on the right. Pass under the A23 motorway. Continue straight ahead along the stream to reach the de Templeuve road (D19) at the entrance to FRETIN.

Turn right. Then turn left, rue Pierre SEMARD. Then turn left (bench on the right) into rue des anciens combattants. Just before arriving at Max DORMOY Street (from the right) - facing a dead end - turn left into a small path that passes over a

grating above the pond, and then becomes a path that runs along the Marque. When the river bends at right angles to the left, continue the path to the right in.

3rd step

Ennevelin - Libercourt 17 km

Leaving Ennevelin, we take a paved section of the "Paris - Roubaix" race. Then we cross the countryside to reach the Phalempin forest and arrive at Libercourt, a commune bordering the Pas-de-Calais department.

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Take the rue de la Reine in the alignment. After about 200m, at the intersection of the paths, turn right onto the paved path of the Thibaut bridge (Paris-Roubaix road). (You can also continue about 300 m to reach the farm of Aigremont - magnificent building - where you can eat!) At the end, on the national road, turn left and immediately right onto a path that you continue straight ahead (many greenhouses on either side) until you reach the rue du Marquet (GR). Cross the rue du château d'Has and take the rue du curé to the Post Office. Turn left and at the roundabout turn right into rue de Seclin (GR). Pass in front of the cemetery and at the next roundabout, go around it and turn left on the road from MARTINSART to AVELIN. At its end, turn left on chemin des bois to reach rue Jean-Baptiste Mullier (D8). Turn left. Leave rue de la duchesse on the right, continue rue de la montée (Commune d'ATTICHES) and then turn left into rue Jean-Baptiste Collette. Before the town hall, take the first right, rue de Phalempin. Cross the departmental road D8 and turn left, rue de la Faisanderie. At the Y fork, take the left track (GR). At the next intersection, turn right into the GR entering the PHALEMPIN forest and at the end of the path, in front of the houses, turn left into the path of the hermitage which, after crossing the departmental road leads to the castle of the Hermitage. Turn left into the street Filet which leads to the crossroads of the Leu Pindu.

At the roundabout, take the first road on the right (chemin du Mazet) and after a few meters turn left into the road (GR). Continue to enter the commune of La NEUVILLE, cross a first subdivision street and arrive at rue de WAHAGNIES. Turn left into rue de la longue Borne. At its end, turn left and join the rue du Général de Gaulle. Turn right. Follow it straight on until a crossroads, continue on the right the rue du Général de Gaulle and at the entrance of WAHAGNIES, at the bicentenary

square, take the chemin des Moulins on the left and after the houses turn right into a small vowel (alley). Continue straight ahead until you reach rue Pasteur. Cross it and on the right take again a vowel to arrive on rue Guy Mollet. Turn left on rue du Haut Riez. Continue straight ahead, rue de la Sablonneuse, rue Eugène Ringeval, Before arriving at the church of LIBERCOURT, turn left into rue Georges Brassens. Turn left into the first path that leads into the Emolière woods. A little further on, ignore the small bridge on the right and continue straight ahead. At the intersection turn right, then 50 metres further on, turn left into the first alley. After 200 m, you arrive in a large alley that you take to the right. Continue straight after the barrier, at the exit of the woods, to reach the roundabout. Go around it and take Avenue des Marlières to reach a large roundabout. Cross it, cross the bridge over the SNCF tracks and turn right towards the LIBERCOURT station.