

GETAWAY

WATER LILIES' TOUR



14 may

1 day / 22 km



REQUIRED LEVEL



ROUTE

The Water lilies tour crosses the only last farmed and inhabited swamp. In May 2013 it received the «Man and Biosphère» eco-label from the UNESCO. This sanctuary of greenery is crossed by a total of 700kilometers of streams on a 4000 hectares surface, and shelters around 1700 animal and vegetal species, which offers landscapes of great variety and diversity with woods and bushes hiding grey herons, great crested Grebes, kingfishes...

It also runs along market gardens where farming knowledge has been passed down for centuries. Most of these farms can only be reached with small flat-bottomed boats which prove the local ancient farming tradition, since for a long time these boats were the only mean of work and communication.

Behind the top of the trees you may glimpse at the tour of St-Omer's cathedral, main testimony of Nord-Pas-de-Calais'gothic architecture which well illustrates the local wealthy heritage. This delicately-balanced wetland is a wonderful green haven.

SIGHTSEEING

The Water Lilies tour crosses the swamp with its mosaic of gardens, meadows and woods which are drained by a maze of streams and ditches mixing a diversified fauna and flora. This territory looks like none other. As a preserved area, apart from our troubled times, it offers many possibilities and activities which will please sporty people, nature and history lovers, but also provides a wonderful resting place for visitors seeking peace and quiet.



PRATICAL INFORMATION



TOUR DURATION

1 day, 14 may 2017



TOUR PLACE

Houille iver and Audomarois Swamp



BOATS

Recreational four-person sculling boats



FEES

32 € : without accommodation, 1 hot meal under tent, in the heart of the swamp



FOR COMPANIONS

No accommodation but optional stroll along the same route in traditional skiffs.

Stroll: 14,00 €

Meal : 16,00 €



SEAT RENTAL

60 seats available, 18 €/day



SAFETY

Supervision : 25 people

Safety boats : 7



PROVISIONAL PLANNING

22 km between 9.30am and 1pm



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