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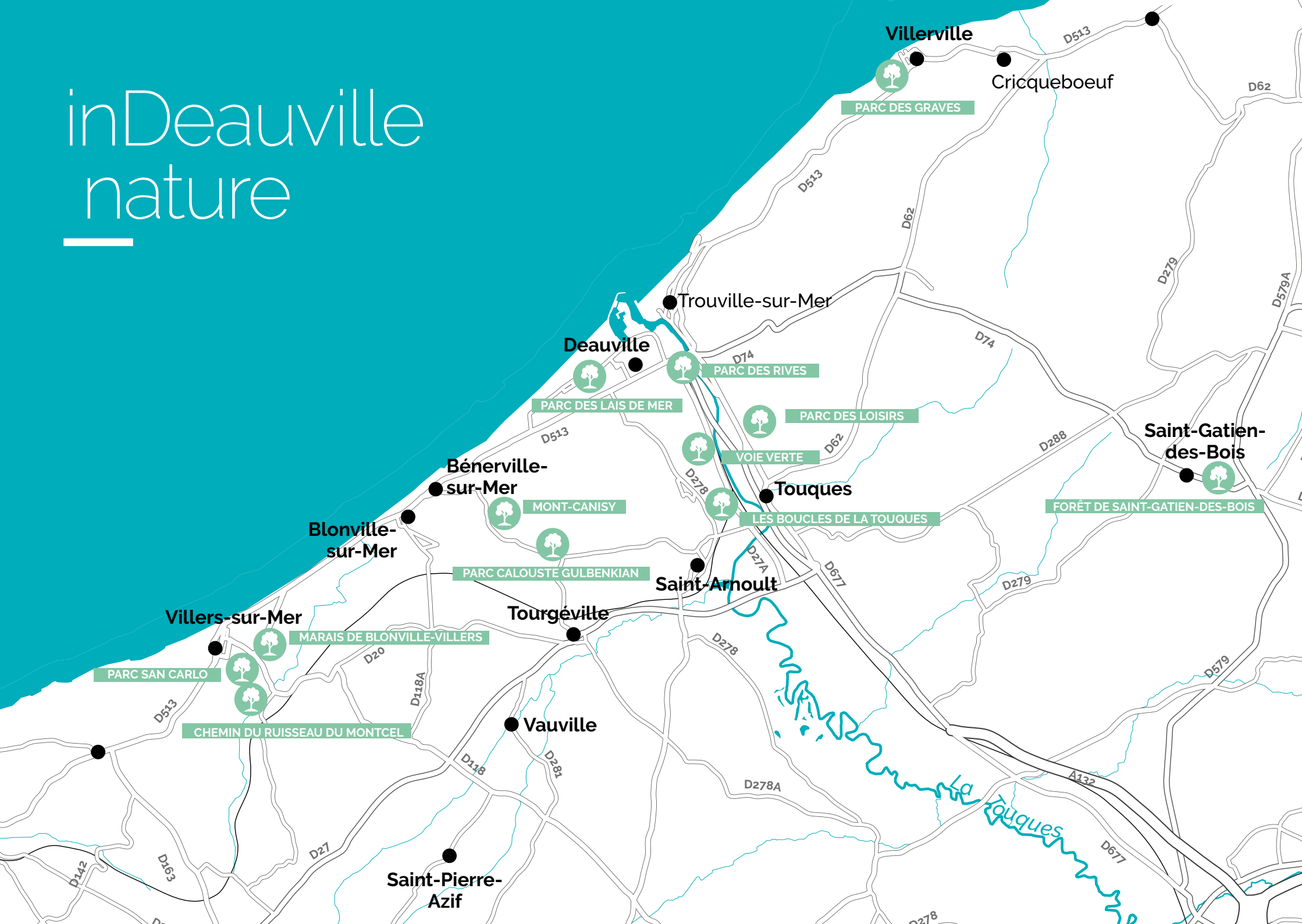
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Dream garden

PARC DES ENCLOS CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN, A GARDEN AS I WANT IT TO BE

Chemin des Enclos in Bénerville-sur-Mer

This extraordinary park, situated on the 33-ha Enclos domain, hosts rare plants and combines different atmospheres favouring meditation and relaxation, as its designer wished. Calouste Gulbekian, aesthete and businessman, acquired the "Domaine des Enclos" in 1937. At the time, there was just a house surrounded by a large park sunk into oblivion. He wanted to create here the garden he was dreaming of and entrusted Achille Duchêne to carry out this project.

The park combines the French classic-style gardens with geometrically disposed flower beds, the most irregular design of English gardens and Italian-style gardens with shaped yews and balustrades. Calouste Gulbenkian died in 1955 at the age of 86. The Parc des Enclos was managed by the Fondation Gulbenkian and donated to the City of Deauville in 1973.

"My desire is creating great harmony, excluding all small size objects, too common in style gardens (...), preserving its romantic soul and emphasizing it, decorating it without exaggerating."

Calouste Gulbenkian, Letter to Achille Duchêne, spring 1938

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The park is open from April to September: see dates on www.indeauville.fr

Entry fee excluding on May 1st.

Tickets are available on site or at the Tourist Information Offices of Blonville-sur-Mer, Deauville and Villers-sur-Mer.

Access: Follow the "Chemin des Enclos" from the church of Bénerville-sur-Mer. Parking on the grass in front of the park entrance.





In the middle of nature

THE MARSHES OF BLONVILLE-VILLERS: ECOLOGICAL RICHNESS

The 120-ha marshes of Blonville-Villers consisting of wet grasslands, canals and ditches are classified as "Zone Naturelle d'Intérêt Faunistique et Floristique". Though being close to the sea, it is a freshwater marsh fed by the water courses coming from the surrounding hillsides. This sensitive natural area is partially (about 40 ha) protected by the Conservatoire du littoral. The marshes have a varied fauna and flora. In the wet grasslands, hydrophytes plants (surviving to prolonged flooding) like phragmites, rushes and sedges are found. This "relaxing" environment shelters and nourishes over 150 species of birds that permanently live here or just pass by. The top of two poplars has been adjusted to favour storks' nesting. Nationally protected species of amphibians and reptiles are also found.

In Villers-sur-mer, playgrounds, benches, petanque grounds, a trail to discover fauna and flora and a 5-km furnished path welcome strollers and riders.

The Paléospace – Museum of France offers marsh-discovery tours awakening your senses, trips in the nature and birdwatching strolls. See www.indeauville.fr

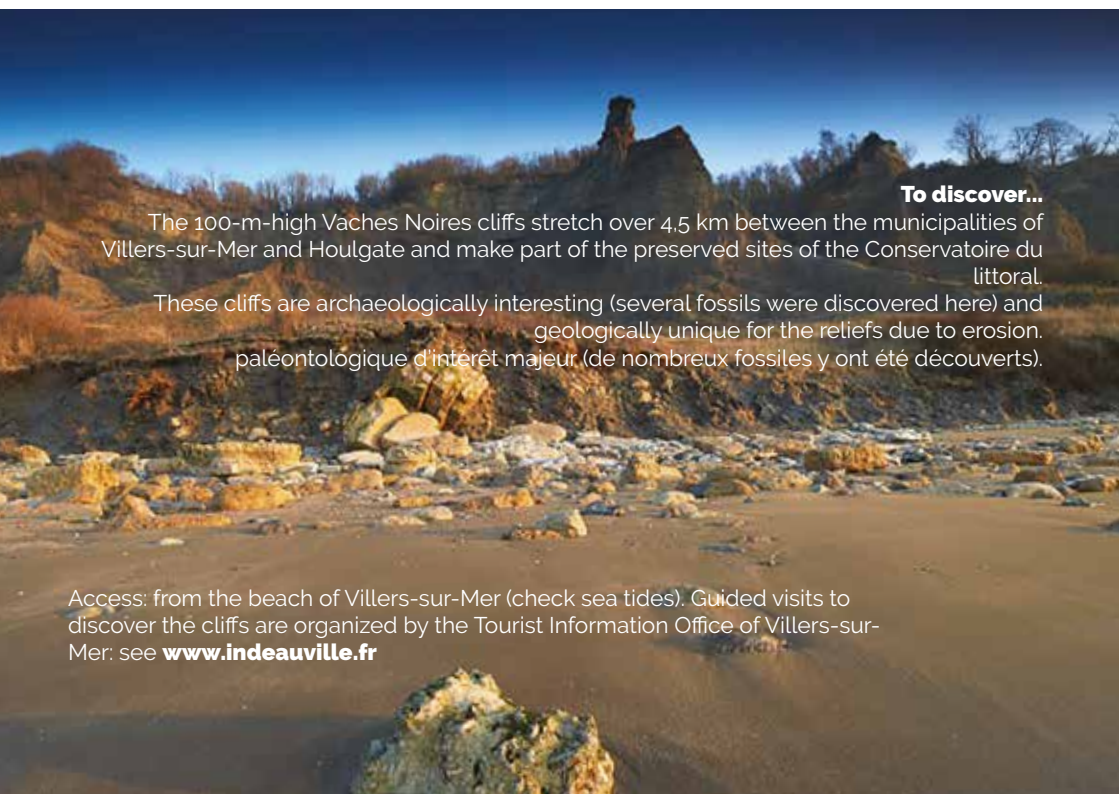


PRACTICAL INFORMATION

82 avenue Jean Moulin 14640 Villers-sur-Mer. Free access to the marshes of Blonville-Villers.

Access: Car park at the Paléospace in Villers-sur-Mer and close to the railway station in Blonville-sur-Mer.





To discover...

The 100-m-high Vaches Noires cliffs stretch over 4.5 km between the municipalities of Villers-sur-Mer and Houlgate and make part of the preserved sites of the Conservatoire du littoral.

These cliffs are archaeologically interesting (several fossils were discovered here) and geologically unique for the reliefs due to erosion. paléontologique d'intérêt majeur (de nombreux fossiles y ont été découverts).

Access: from the beach of Villers-sur-Mer (check sea tides). Guided visits to discover the cliffs are organized by the Tourist Information Office of Villers-sur-Mer: see www.indeauville.fr

PARC DES GRAVES EXTENDS FROM THE TOP OF THE CLIFF TO THE SEA

Coastal route in Villerville

Enjoy this area that spreads from the top of the Roches Noires cliffs (see box below) to the sea and discover 800 m of pedestrian paths, one of them directly leading to the beach, a playground and a belvedere with a view on the sea. A remarkable fauna and flora are found: rare plants (sea kale, annual beard grass, stinking hellebore), wild plant species, remnants of ornamental gardens of olden times, as well as recent flower beds and ponds. A pond surrounded by trees hosts ducks and moorhens. It welcomes ducks and moorhens, but also sheep and goats, called "chèvres des fosses". They are nicknamed "bramble crunchers" for their ability to eat all kinds of plants.

Under the Parc des Graves:

The Roches Noires cliffs

are 60-m-high cliffs stretching for 4 km along the coast between Trouville-sur-Mer and Villerville. Called "Black Rocks", these cliffs are partially classified as "Environmentally Sensitive Area". They constitute an excellent natural cut of the geological formations - the oldest date back to the Late Jurassic period (160 million years ago)-.

Access : from the beach of Villerville (check sea tides).



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Free access to the Parc des Graves. .
Access: Car park located at the entrance of Villerville from Trouville-sur-Mer.





MONT-CANISY, A NATURAL PLACE FULL OF HISTORY

Rue du Canisy in Bénerville-sur-Mer

The 110-m-high Mont-Canisy offers a breath-taking view that overlooks the "Côte Fleurie". The Mont-Canisy has been a seigniorial domain for centuries and is today a natural site protected by the Conservatoire du littoral and managed by the Conseil Départemental, which preserves its flora and fauna. It hosts over 200 species of plants, half of which are Mediterranean or mountain plants (juniper, dyer's greenweed...) and many regionally protected species (Chiltern gentian, Vincetoxicum and round-headed rampion). It's an oasis of orchids, with the fullest blooms of 13 species occurring from April to July. The park hosts 3 species of regionally protected birds (nightingale, grasshopper warbler and melodious warbler), several families of butterflies and a nationally protected snake: the Queen snake. Military facilities and natural caves favour the presence of bats.

Mont-Canisy: a historic site

The strategic position of the Mont-Canisy, situated on the valley facing the Seine Bay, led it to be transformed into a coast artillery position: Pillboxes and cannon tanks, shelter-bunkers, protecting tobruks, shot direction post... as well as a unique underground structure on more than 150 m of coast placed 15 m under the ground, are the vestiges of that time...

Guided visits are organized by the Amis du Mont-Canisy.

See www.indeauville.fr



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Free access to the Mont-Canisy

Access: In front of the church of Bénerville-sur-Mer, follow "Batteries du Mont-Canisy" (take the Chemin du Mont-Canisy from Rue de Touques).

Park your car in the surroundings of the gate and reach the panoramic viewpoint on foot (250 m).

Another access: Chemin de la Fontaine Marie (from the Chemin des Enclos)



THE CALL OF THE SAINT-GATIEN-DES-BOIS FOREST

in Saint-Gatien-des-Bois

It covers 3500 ha and is the largest forest in Calvados. It was originally called "Touques forest" and had many owners throughout the centuries. It was a royal domain, it belonged to nobles (Louise de Bourbon, Mlle de Montpensier...) and was broken up and sold to several buyers. It was used by brioleurs transporting logs, bundle of sticks or ferns. Their workmates were «mazette» horses: small horses equipped with a small bell to be easily found at night. Ulrich Güttinger, Swiss writer, had a private wooden chalet that represented for him the oasis he was longing for. He often welcomed here the greatest names of literature and art of his time: Victor and Adèle Hugo, Alfred de Musset, Alexandre Dumas, Gustave Flaubert, Charles Baudelaire, Théophile Gautier, Frédéric Chopin... Today, this forest has several owners, who exploit it to produce wood or as a hunting domain. Before the Revolution, wolves, stags, roe deer, fallow deer and wild boars could be easily seen. Nowadays, only foxes, hares and rabbits may be found here. Roe deer, wild boars and woodcocks live here in winter. Take the 9.5-km hiking trail, accessible out of the hunting period, to discover part of it!

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Access : Start of the hiking path close to the Town Hall. Car park on site.





ECOLOGY AT THE HEART OF THE ÉCO-DOMAINE DE BOUQUETÔT

Chemin des Broches in Saint-Pierre-Azif

The domaine de Bouquetôt, covering 68 ha, is a large former breeding farm that bears evidence to the rural life and the Pays d'Auge heritage of the 17th and 18th centuries. The seven buildings, typical of the traditional half-timbering architecture, are scattered in a tree-filled meadow. The eco-domaine is since 2009 a benchmark in the innovative development of natural resources. The objective is enhancing lands and farms setting up ecological, economic and pedagogical activities. A shared garden and a bakehouse, an organic cattle farm, tree houses, a spirulina production area are found here.

A wide range of teaching activities are organized around aromatherapy, spirulina cultivation, natural beekeeping, permaculture, edible plants, but also walking tours in the nature and a paper chase.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Free access to the Éco-domaine de Bouquetot
Book the activities in advance: +33 (0)9 72 58 22 02 - ecopya.org
Car park on site.





5 green areas on the seaside

PARC DES RIVES AND PHOTOS

Quai de la Touques in Deauville

A green area was created along the Touques river with due respect for the surrounding natural environment. You can choose among two paths: the former is punctuated with a selection of Deauville images taken by the photographers invited every year to the Planche(s) Contact Festival; the latter explores vegetation through a 99-m ekki wood landing stage. The Walk also continues to the other side, heading to the town of Touques.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Free access.

Accès : from the Pont des Belges



THE GREENWAY ON FOOT, BY BIKE OR ON HORSEBACK

Between Deauville and Saint-Arnoult

The greenway covers 3.2 km from the city centre of Deauville to that of Saint-Arnoult. Walkers and sportsmen like striding along or driving on this pedestrian walk that crosses some of the main inDeauville leisure places: it stretches along the long straight track of the Deauville-La Touques racecourse, the local Parc de loisirs, the turf tennis fields of the Lawn Tennis Club Deauville Normandie, the Longines Deauville International Equestrian Complex and follows the banks of the Boucles de la Touques to let you enjoy the view of ducks and swans.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Access : from the Boulevard Mauger in Deauville or close to the tennis fields in Saint-Arnoult.





BOUCLES DE LA TOUQUES AND LOCAL FAUNA

Avenue Michel d'Ornano in Saint-Arnoult

The La Touques river, flowing into the sea in Deauville/Trouville-sur-Mer, was displaced in the 1860s to construct the railway line coming from Paris. The irregular course of the river was adjusted to avoid building a bridge and the meander currently known as "la rivière morte de la Touques" progressively abandoned. The pedestrian-only banks are great to recharge your batteries in the middle of nature. You can relax on a bench, play petanque or just enjoy the children's playground. Fishing-lovers can enjoy the view of ducks and swans, but also fish carps, as this activity is permitted.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Car park on site.



PARC SAN CARLO AND BRIDGES

Route de Dives in Villers-sur-Mer

This oasis of nature, covering more than 600 m on the heights of Villers-sur-Mer, is a vestige of the great domain that belonged to the Béarn Countess until its death in 1929 and invites to a nice shady walk that crosses several small bridges over the San Carlo stream.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Free access.

Access : from the Chemin de San Carlo (next to the Virgin statue)





THE MONTCEL STREAM PATH AND ITS WATERFALL

Avenue de la Brigade Piron in Villers-sur-Mer

This path stretches for 2 km along the Montcel stream up to the marshes of Blonville-Villers. Try not to miss trout that may appear after a bend or at the bottom of a small waterfall! Two small wooden bridges have been added to cross the stream. The path is bordered by a drop on the left and a hill on the right. This topography favours the stream flowing into the marshes and the water environment.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Free access to the Montcel stream path.

Access : from Avenue de la Brigade Piron



Artistic path

FAUTEUILS EN SEINE

Around the marshes of Blonville-Villers, but also on the 12 municipalities of the Communauté de Communes Cœur Côte Fleurie, 52 urban benches designed by 24 amateur and professional artists invite you to discover the territory under a different point of view.

Bench map on www.indeauville.fr



Fun gardens

PARC DES LAIS DE MER, A GARDEN ALONG THE BEACH

Boulevard Cornuché in Deauville

This 4-ha vast seaside park is now the favourite playground for bathers, holidaymakers and sports lovers. You can relax under the sun on a bench, take a long stroll, go jogging on the fitness trail or stretch on wooden equipment. You can spend time with your family at the children's playground or walk around with your lover in the «jardin des cœurs» and seal your love, make promises or share secrets.

You can also meet your friends at the skate park or in one of the two playgrounds to play basketball and football in the open air.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Free access to the leisure park.
Car park on site.



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LOCAL LEISURE PARK, HOT SPOT OF COLLECTIVE SPORTS

Chemin de la Briqueterie 14800 Touques

The leisure park is an 11-ha landscaped park. It was designed in an environmental strategy aimed at preserving the existing biotope (several amphibians and birds nest in the most humid areas of the park) and planting a high amount of plant species considered typical of the pond (various species of trees and reedbeds). It is a nature-watching, fishing, walking and relaxing place, including playgrounds and sports fields: three grass football fields, two synthetic turf fields, a children's playground, petanque areas, a 1-km fitness trail, a skating and cycling track for children



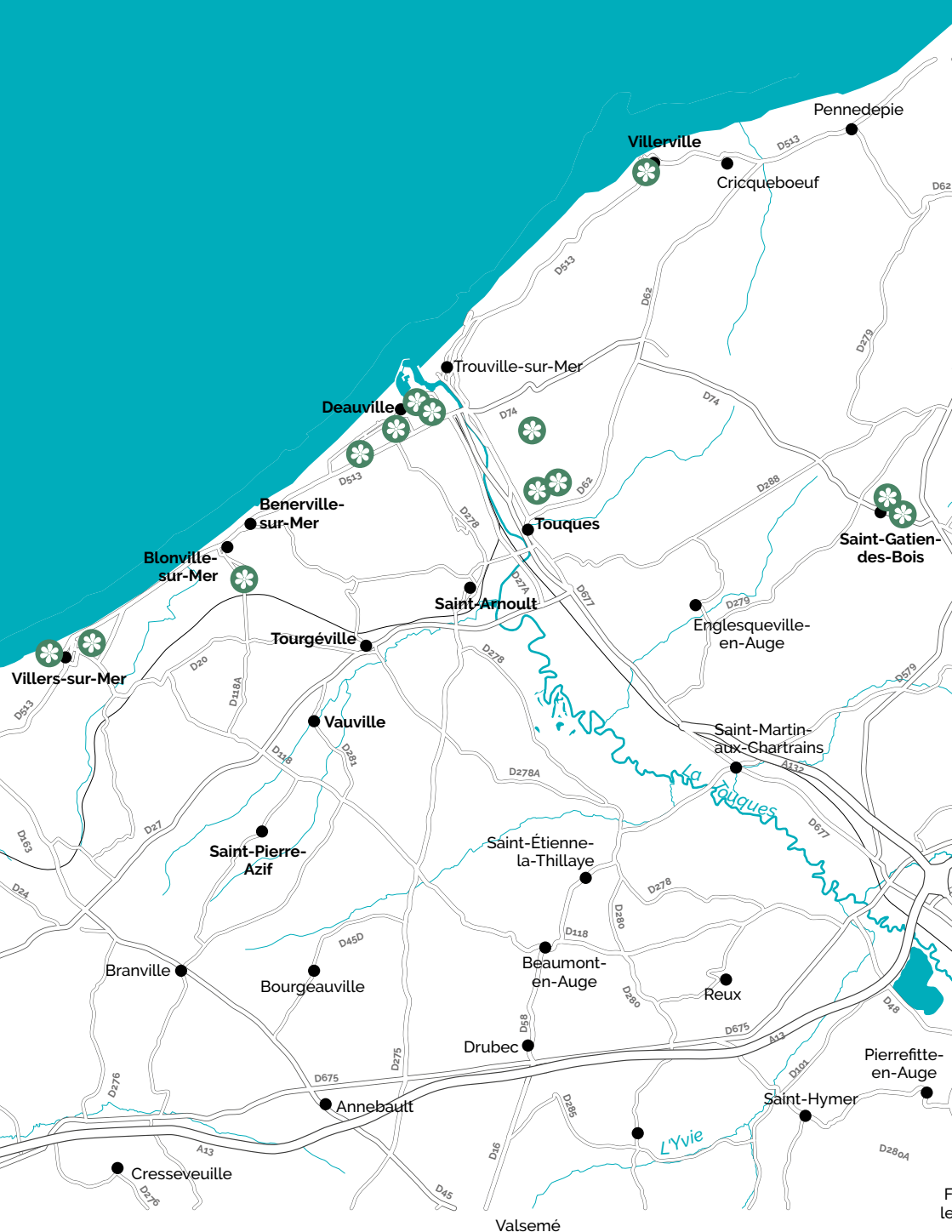
PRACTICAL INFORMATION



Free access to the leisure park.
Access: Route des Créateurs from
Deauville. Car park on site







Squares and gardens

Several urban atmospheres and differently equipped natural landscapes are widely appreciated by walkers. Squares and public gardens are some of them: just sit on a bench and relax.




  **Square du Général Leclerc**
Avenue du Général Leclerc
14910 Bénerville-sur-Mer

  **Square du Marais**
Avenue de la Brigade Piron
14910 Blonville-sur-Mer

  **Square de la Mairie**
Place de la Mairie
14800 Deauville



  **Square François André**
(in front of Le Normandy
Barrière Deauville)

Rue Jean Mermoz
14800 Deauville

  **Square de l'Eglise
Saint-Augustin**
Avenue de la République
14800 Deauville


  **Square Morchard Bishop**
10-12 rue des Bricleurs
14130 Saint-Gatien-des-Bois

  **Square de la Mairie**
18 rue des Bricleurs
14130 Saint-Gatien-des-Bois




  **Square Charles Roffé**
Route de Honfleur
(behind the André Malraux
schools)
14800 Touques

  **Parc des Valasses**
Rue Camille Saint-Saëns
14800 Touques

    **Square Pierre Wagone**
Rue Jean Monnet
14800 Touques

  **Place Jean Mermoz**
Place Jean Mermoz
14640 Villers-sur-Mer

    **Jardin public**
Avenue de la Brigade Piron
14640 Villers-sur-Mer

    **Square Kiribati**
Boulevard Pitre Chevalier
14640 Villers-sur-Mer

    **Place du lavoir**
Place du Lavoir
14113 Villerville

For more information

1 Les jardins du Château de Boutemont
14100 Ouilly-le-Vicomte

2 Jardins du Pays d'Auge
Avenue des Tilleuls 14340 Cambremer

3 Parc et Jardins du Château de Canon
Avenue du château
14270 Mézidon Vallée d'Auge

4 Jardin des plantes
Place Blot 14000 Caen

4 Parc de la colline aux oiseaux
Avenue Amiral Mountbatten 14000 Caen

5 Jardins Suspendus
Rue du Fort, Rue Albert Copieux
76600 Le Havre

5 Parc de Rouelles
Rue de la Bouteillerie 76610 Le Havre

6 Jardins et Maison de Claude Monet
Fondation Claude Monet, 84 rue Claude
Monet 27620 Giverny



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Jardins d'Étretat
Avenue Damilaville 76790 Etretat
Landscape architect Alexandre
Grivko took inspiration from the flora
of the Norman coast to design an
enchanted path of plant sculptures.
A contemporary art collection
perfectly fits the architecture of this
garden with a breath-taking view on
the sea, the beach and the cliffs.
+33 (0)2 35 27 05 76 - etretatgarden.fr



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Jardins du Château de Vendevre
Château 14170 Vendevre
Its French gardens were created in the
mid-eighteenth century at the same time
as the castle. In the 19th century, they
were converted into a landscaped park.
The park was restored after 1970: the
project of the 18th century was simplified
and completed adding water sources and
topiaries.
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Opening hours of the Deauville Tourist Information Offices

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> From January to March and from October to December: from Monday to Saturday 10 am - 1 pm / 2 pm - 6 pm.

Open every day from April to June and in September: 10 am - 1 pm / 2 pm - 6 pm

Open every day in July and August: from Monday to Saturday 10 am - 7 pm and on Sunday and national holidays 10 am - 6 pm

DEAUVILLE TOURISME

Quai de l'impératrice Eugénie - 14800 Deauville - +33 (0)2 31 14 40 00

> From January to June and from September to December: from Monday to Saturday 10 am - 6 pm, on

Sunday and national holidays 10 am - 1 pm / 2 pm - 6 pm. In July-August: from Monday to Saturday 9:30 am - 7 pm, on Sunday and national holidays 10 am - 6 pm

TOUQUES TOURISME

20 place Lemerrier - 14800 Touques - +33 (0)6 82 91 67 53

> Ouvert du jeudi au lundi 10h-13h / 14h-18h

TOURGEVILLE - BENERVILLE TOURISME

Promenade Louis Delamarre - 14800 Tourgéville

> Open from Thursday to Monday 10 am - 1 pm / 2 pm - 6 pm

VILLERS-SUR-MER TOURISME



Place Mermoz - 14640 Villers-sur-Mer - +33 (0)2 31 87 01 18

> From January to March and from November to December: from Monday to Saturday 10 am - 1 pm / 2 pm - 6 pm and on Sunday during C zone school holidays.

From April to June and in September and October: every day 10 am - 1 pm / 2 pm - 6 pm

In July-August: from Monday to Saturday 9:30 am - 7 pm, on Sunday and national holidays 10 am - 6 pm

VILLERVILLE TOURISME

40 rue du Général Leclerc - 14113 Villerville - +33 (0)2 31 87 77 76

> Open from Thursday to Monday during C zone school holidays: 2 pm - 6 pm and in the weekends 10 am - 1 pm / 2 pm - 6 pm. In May, June and September: in the weekends 10 am - 1 pm / 2 pm - 6 pm

In July-August: from Saturday to Wednesday 10 am - 1 pm / 2 pm - 6 pm and on Thursday-Friday 2 pm - 6 pm

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