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GR® 16

Semois River Trail (Sentier de la Semois)



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AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE SEMOIS



[...] At the end of Rue Saint-Dié, turn left at the roundabout (Rue de Neufchâteau) (bus stop Delhaize). At this roundabout, keep left (N83, towards Reims, Virton, Etalle). Before the railway bridge, take the small road on the right along the railway line (it will soon become a RAVel). At the end of this path, cross the N40 (rue de

Neufchâteau) and continue along a semi-grassy path (signposted "Sentier du RAVel") [...]

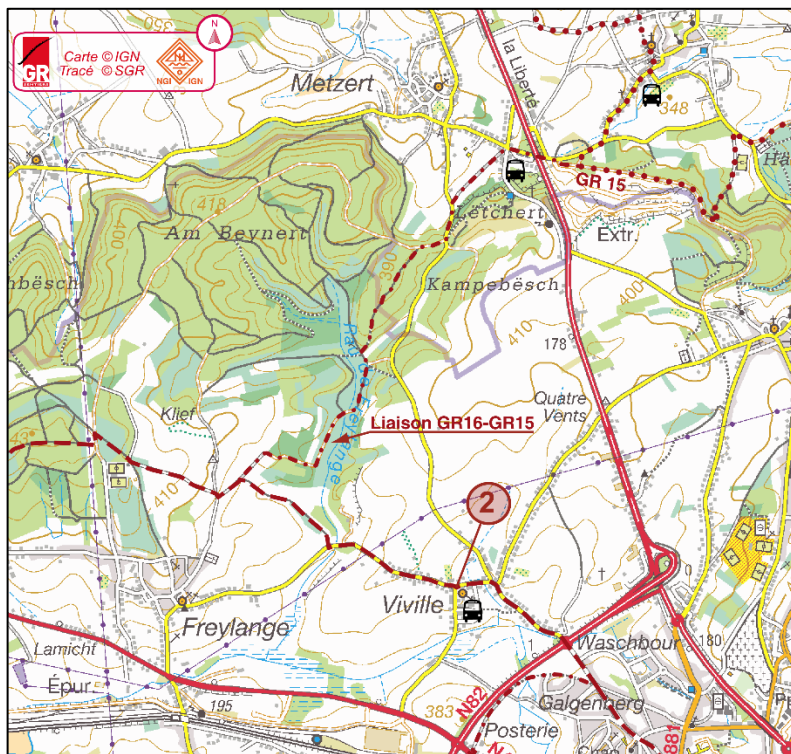
Addition of a connection to the GR 15: page 43, between waypoints 2 and 3

[...] As you climb, the GR joins a wider path - *from the right comes the GR 15 - GR 16 link and the GTPBVW.*

Connection between GR 16 and GR 15:

To reach the GR 15 (in the opposite direction to the GTPBVW), turn right into the countryside and, 250m further on (calvary), turn right again. Stay on this winding main path through the forest for a long time (1.1 km). At the large crossroads, turn left for 80m then right, follow a path for 750m. At the T-junction with a wide forest lane, turn right and join a road, following it to the left for 230m. Leave the forest and continue to the right on a stony path. At the crossroads, turn right. Pass under the N4. After about 100m, turn right into the woods via a dismantled local railroad track and join the GR 15.

Take this wider path on the left ~~it to the left~~ through a copse. When you come out of the grove, take a short right-left turn [...]



Addition of a connection to the GRP 151 : page 43, between waypoints 2 and 3

[...] Before the first houses in the hamlet of Tattert, the GR veers left onto a dirt path. It avoids the wide firebreak and bends right on a climbing sandy path. It leaves a footpath on the left. On the descent after the ridge, *arrive* at the edge of the wood ~~and~~ before the first houses in Lottert.

Connection GR 16 – GRP 151

Continue straight ahead and descend to the chapel dating from 1867. Turn right onto rue de la Chavée. After 300 metres, turn left and take a narrow path. You will arrive at a small square in the village of Thiaumont. Turn left onto rue du Marquisat towards Lottert and Habay. Pass a chapel. At the fork, turn right onto rue L'Orée du Bois. Ignore the side roads. Pass under a high-voltage power line and stay on this small road. Further on, at a right-hand

bend, continue straight ahead down a concrete slope. Cross a stream (the Drouatter) and then climb back up the gravel path. You will reach a small road. Follow it to the right. Enter Nobressart and you will arrive at the church. From the church, continue towards Habay along rue de la Schock for 1 km uphill. Turn right into the woods on a gravel path, then take a narrow track which widens to reach the N87. Cross the road and continue straight ahead along a wide forest track. Go through a game fence. Descend for 100 m to a crossroads. Leave it on your left and continue along the uphill path. Ignore a path descending to the right. Reach a flat area and then descend into the wide curve to the left. At the bottom, leave the forest track and take the wooden footbridge on the right to cross a stream (the Breedbaach). Immediately after, at the Y junction, take the left branch and follow a very narrow path through the undergrowth. Cross a second footbridge to cross the Rulles. A little further on, you will reach a T junction and the GRP 151. Follow the GR 16 and take a hairpin turn to the left. [...]

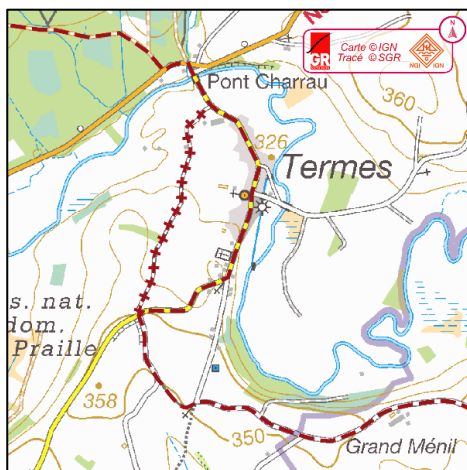


Modification page 45, between waypoints 4 and 5

[...] In a grove, the GR jumps over the Hachy stream and, a little further on, the Rodenbach, two tributaries of the Semois where it crosses the Vance marshes nature reserve. Near a metal cross, the route crosses *first the Habay–Vance road. Further on, at a crossroads flanked by another, more imposing metal cross, the GR crosses another road, this one less travelled,* and continues along the old Roman road.. [...]

Modification in Termes: page 49, between waypoints 8 and 9

[...] The GR overlooks a path on the right. Further on, as the road bends to the right in a hairpin bend, it takes a grassy path to the left and passes a calvary. It soon comes to a small road and follows it without changing direction. ~~Cross the road that links Termes to Frenois and turn right onto an old asphalt lane. On the right, the bell tower and houses of the village of Termes.~~



~~At the T junction, next to a farm, turn left. At the T-junction, next to a farm, turn left. At the junction with a larger road, turn right and enter Termes. After the church, continue along the main village street up to towards the Charrau bridge over the Semois.~~ [...]

Temporary modification in Les Bulles: page 50, between waypoints 8 and 11

[...] Turn left onto a small tarmac road towards Les Bulles. The steeple of the village church can be seen ahead, with the white church of Jamoigne in the distance. As you enter the village, *it is advisable to take the alternative route to reach the iron bridge, as the local road between Jamoigne and Moyon is closed to traffic (including pedestrians) during the roadworks.* *The duration of the project is unknown but will be substantial.*

Modification in Jamaigne : pages 51, between waypoints 9 and 10

[...] Walk past the *former* police station and continue along the narrow gravel path. [...]

Modification at the edge of Ste-Cécile: pages 61, between waypoints 18 and 19

1st paragraph after the St Cécile header:

[...] and come out onto a road. Follow it to the right *for a few metres and, between n^{os} 16 and 18, turn left into an alleyway closed to traffic. At the junction with rue du Terme, go straight into rue du Lambrai [bench]. Just after No. 23, before entering the forest, turn right onto a grassy path between the fields.*

At the corner of a wood, continue in the same direction until you reach a gate (bench). Go through it and continue along the edge of the field (fence on your right). At the end of the path, turn sharp left onto a path close to the Semois. Follow it for a long way.

Modification in Conques: pages 61 to 64, between waypoints 19 and 20

Bottom of page 61

[...] winds right to the N884. *(To see the priory of Conques, turn right for around 100 metres).*

*Carefully cross the main road and go straight along the edge of the meadow. You will pass several ponds (set back on your right). After a bend to the left, continue into the forest. At the T junction, turn right. Further on, the path skirts another pond (visible on the right)  Take care! At a stream, start climbing steeply on a path running alongside the stream through a spruce forest. At the T-junction with an old railway line, follow it for a long way to the right until you reach a **junction with the GRP 161** (the viaduct over the Semois is visible straight ahead).*

8.1 km

JUNCTION WITH GRP[®] 161

(20)

Map 6A

Another GR[®] : le GR[®] 16 merges with GRP[®] 161 « Tour du Pays de Bouillon en Ardenne »

VARIANT FROM CONQUES 20 TO MORTEHAN 21 VIA HERBEUMONT WITH THE GRP® 161

(To get to Herbeumont, take Avenue des Combattants opposite). After turning left, continue along the old railway line that has become known as the "Way of the Talking Stones".

The variant here takes in a short section of the "Talking Stones Trail". Further along, in the company of the GRP 161, this 7-kilometre walk invites you to discover the Aise valley and its past, based on eight slate stones placed along the former 163A railway line. Posters on these stones tell the story of the region's slate quarries.

After a second bridge over the road, turn right down a tarmac footpath that leads to the N884 Herbeumont - Bertrix. Cross the main road and take the tarmac path opposite. After the last house, a gravel path takes over to reach the top of the hill (Sainte-Barbe chapel is below, on the right). Stay on this main path, which curves to the left. After 500 metres, on an off-GRP trail, leave the path for , which leads to  de la Roche des Corbeaux. Retrace your steps and find the forest track and GRP to the left.

Once back on the GRP, after 600 metres, reach a road at the junction of the N884 and 865.  stop "Linglé". Follow the N884 to the right for 160 m. Take the path on the left towards the former Linglé slate quarries. After the ruins, hidden in the vegetation, the path comes to a small tarmac road that leads to a house. Go downhill to the left and join the Morteihan - Bertrix road.

There are two options for the next stage: Junction with GRP 161



- to the left to reach Morteihan and the alternative route via the old cemetery of Morteihan and Cugnon: cross the bridge over the Semois; at the chapel, turn left into rue des Minières and continue with the alternative route via rue de la Cherreau;
- to the right: follow the GR directly towards Cugnon, via Le Mergire.

Read more at  Morteihan.

At this junction, turn left, then right, and drive down a lane with degraded asphalt. Rejoin the N884. Follow the main road to the left for around 100 metres. At kilometre point 17, just before the [...]

Modification to Belvédère d'Auclin: pages 76-77, between waypoints 29-30

The Auclin lookout. 180 metres above the Semois, a 31.60-m-high glulam tower. 162 steps lead up to the top, where you can enjoy a panoramic view.

~~At the next junction~~ *Walk along the left side of the viewpoint and take a path lined with maple trees. At the T-junction behind the viewpoint, turn left down the steep track. After approximately 100 m, climb the embankment to the right and, 40 m further on, reach a crossroads. Continue left along the dirt track. At the nearby Y-junction, turn right. Go down the track, which undulates through the forest. Pass through the first stand of conifers (spruce and Douglas fir). After a second stand of conifers, continue on the balcony path through the deciduous trees (oak and chestnut grove). At a well-marked left turn, continue straight on the path. At the nearby Y-junction, climb left to reach the viewpoint overlooking the Semois and Cordemois Abbey.*

Notre-Dame de Clairefontaine Abbey, in Cordemois, continues the tradition of Clairefontaine Abbey, near Arlon, which was destroyed during the French Revolution. It was built between 1930 and 1935 to plans by Henri Vaes, also an architect from Orval. A community of nuns lives there according to the rule of Saint Benedict.

Follow the ridge path to the viewpoint of the Moulin de l'Épine. Go right down the wide winding path. Come to a gravel road and turn left. After a few metres, you will reach the Moulin de l'Épine (and the footbridge to the GR 14 on the left bank).



1.9 km

MOULIN DE L'ÉPINE

(30)

Map 7

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The GR 16 continues to the right towards Botassart, just after the electricity pole, and runs alongside a house on the right. Go past a few cottages [...]

Correction : pages 80, 83 and 85, between waypoints 32 - 36

Page 80

VARIANT ROCHEHAUT LADDERS

2,3 km

Map 8

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FRAHAN VARIANT

1,7 km

Map 8

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LAFORÊT VARIANT

7,7 km

Maps 8 et 9

Modification to Les Hautes-Rivières: pages 91-92, between waypoints 41 - 42

[...] Reach the D13. Cross the bridge over the Semoy. Turn left and enter Les Hautes Rivières along the main street (Grande Rue)

1.9 km

LES HAUTES-RIVIÈRES

(41)

Map 9



After the town hall, continue along the eponymous street. Follow the low stone walls on the left. After 50 metres, descend some rustic steps on the left at the corner of a house. Retrace your steps towards the river and turn right onto the path on the right bank of the Semoy, behind houses. After 400 m,

turn right into a lane between two fences. Cross the road and turn left.

At the next crossroads, turn right onto the Route de Linchamps (D13) and [...]

4.5 km

LE CHAMP BERNARD

(42) Map 9