

The gorges of the Vingeanne

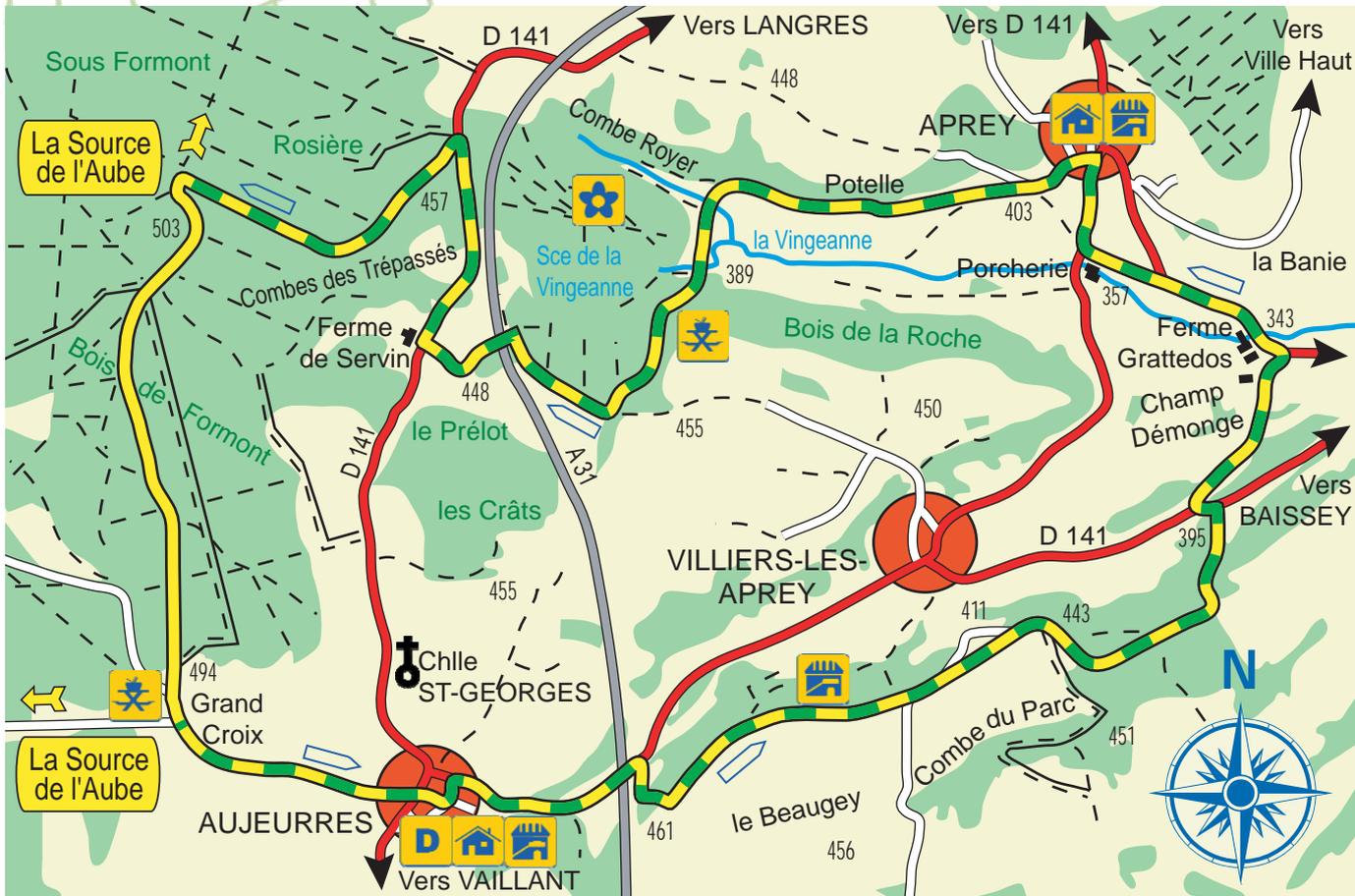
- ▶ Departure from Aujerres
- ▶ Route markers  and 
- ▶ IGN map of Langres area - Nr32
- ▶ Homologation P.D.I.P.R. - Nr71

 4h30

 17,5 km

 niveau difficile 2h30

 299 m



Of the fountain of "Peûte-Bête", pass on the side of the church to take a small path which leads to D141. Turn to the right and follow the direction of Villiers-les-Aprey. Just after the passage under the highway, turn to the right, be 0,09 miles, then to the left for arrive for the wood which it is necessary to cross. Once at the top, take to the left and follow the hillside up to a fork. Continue quite straight ahead along the wood (Dolmens below).

Join the road and continue on the road opposite. In the following crossroads, continue quite straight ahead on a road with gravel which leads to a wood. Cross it and, in its border, turn to the left to borrow a path which comes down in undergrowth towards D141. Follow this road to the left on 0,06 miles, then turn to the right to take a road leading to the farm of Grattedos, then the road up to the village of "Aprey". In the entry of the village, set off which turns on the left then in 0,12 miles, the road to the left following the bottom of valley of Vingeanne.

From there, it is possible to go in gorges situated in 0,31 miles. Continue the circuit on the white road and, in border of forest, turn (shoot) to the right to arrive at an area of picnic. There, turn to the left, cross the forest and set to the right, two times in succession, to pass under the highway and arrive in it D 141 that we follow to the right on 0,50 miles.

In the crossing of two roads, to take that of the left-handler (left) up to a sommière may turn to the right up to a line marked out by big borders which we follow by the left. Cross the forest road and in 0,03 miles, turn to the left southward, on a path marked out by big borders. You arrive on a road with stones, then with tar, which conduce you towards Aujerres.



Departure of the circuit



Self-catering cottage



Natural site



Direction of the circuit



Interesting site



Picnic area

The gorges of the Vingeanne

► Not to miss !



► Sources of Vingeanne

The Vingeanne is constituted by the meeting of two brooks:

- in the North, the source of Coomb Royer, the only one "canyon" high - marnais dug by the water in the calcareous grounds. She is considered as the geographic source "official".
- in the South, the other source is mentioned on the map IGN.

In May, a carpet of garlic of the bears will accompany you during your discovery.

The path is covered, indeed, with stars white with the garlic as well as with its splendid flavour ... The Legend

In the time of the crusades, this wild valley was the place for walking of a Lord of Aprey and his wife Jeanne. The happiness stopped in Jeanne's death. The young man liked returning on the scene or he remembered himself of Jeanne.

J.G Gigot, former local archivist, disputes this origin in the CHM (n°39).

According to him, the name of the river, known about the Carolingian period, would come from Vindogena, white river



► The legend of Peûte-Bête (extrait)

" ... in the daytime, there were fewer wolves, we did not know at first why, but soon one realised that there was worse and that fabulous one animal, come of we do not know where and until then invisible, frightened them themselves. They had been destroyed or had run away towards other climates. Then we trembled more, because we did not know in which monster we had in front. It roared sometimes in wood of Forment, sometimes in that of Thin Fountain, sometimes up to the Average Mountain, sometimes in gorges of Vingeanne, sometimes in the Mountain Armet and even in the Val des Frais ... However the crackles in forests, howling were not the worst themselves. The most terrible were the snore heard in the air because the animal stole as well that it walked... We recognised on a meadow the bones of a veal, a girl was found

dead on a path having undergone all the insults. The animal was eager for flesh, made its delights of that of the men people and some more those of the women ... The isolated farms, the Room, the Thuillère, Servin, Dhuis and the others did not stop dreading it."



► Halls of Aprey

Halls of the XVIIth century

► Chape St-Georges near Aujeurres

Placed in border of the old Roman way of Langres to Autun and already given evidence at about the year One thousand, this chapel lining the cemetery was destroyed under the Revolution, and reconstructed in 1832. But again ruined in 1866, it was immediately reconstructed thanks to the liberality of the population and the priest of Aujeurres, and was blessed in 1868.

The architect Henner who realized it in the then fashionable neogothic style, endowed it with an elegant pinnacle and made represent on the eardrum of the door, St Georges's legend on horseback bringing down the dragon.



Other patrimony
Worth to see..