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BICYCLES, TRAINS & LANDSCAPES

#SlowTourism in the Province of Liege

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La Vecquée

Trois-Ponts — 37 km — Region of Butgenbach — 65 km — Aywaille

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THE CONCEPT

An alternative and environmentally friendly way of traveling

Landscapes to (re)discover by bicycle, as well as by train

Routes designed to require as little effort as possible

Diverse itineraries combining the RAVeL network and the points-nœuds network

Consider the most appropriate periods for discovering a region

Our unique highlights, which are available to anyone at any time

LA VECQUÉE

Between culture and nature, there is something for everyone on this two day-route. Leaving from the Trois-Points train station, you will take the RAVeL network to the towns of Stavelot and Malmedy, which are full of tradition. Cathedrals, an abbey, monasteries, museums and kiosks will delight art and history lovers. You will then cross the gorgeous Warchenne valley to reach Waimes, where there are plenty of brasseries and restaurants where you can take a break. The day ends near Bütgenbach and its famous lake. This village resembles a seaside resort and offers unspoilt nature, extensive forests, vast verdant expanses, magnificent bocage landscapes and numerous nature reserves. There are many accommodation options from Bütgenbach to Hockai.

The following day will take you to the High Fens and Signal de Botrange, the highest point in Belgium (694 metres). The route then continues, along a gentle slope, along La Vecquée, the ridge line which once separated the Principalities of Liège and Stavelot-Malmedy. You will pass close to the Fagne de Malchamps, which is dominated by its panoramic tower and Charmille, one of our highlights.

The charming Deigné... a village of note

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE JOURNEY

DETAILS

Starting point: Lier train station (Alt. 254 m)

End point: Liège-Guillemins train station (Alt. 131 m)

Distance:	**102 km**
Approximate duration (without a break):	**2 days/7 hours**
Difficulty:	**Medium**
Positive elevation:	**833 m**
Negative elevation:	**961 m**

PATHS TAKEN

RAVeL network and paths reserved for cyclists and pedestrians	**76 km**
Shared roads (cars & bicycles)	**26.4 km**
Asphalted roads	**81.8 km**
Unsurfaced roads and trails	**20.7 km**

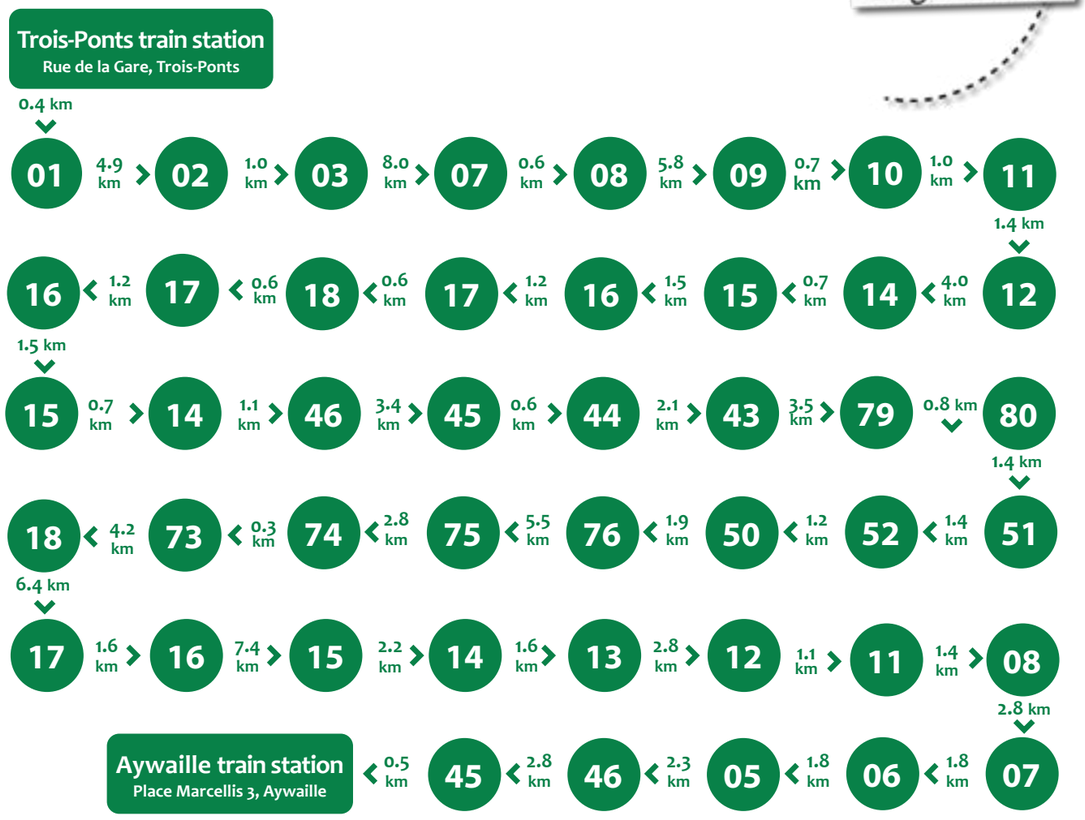
TYPES OF BICYCLE

✓ All-terrain ✓ All-terrain ✓ Electric ✖ Racing ✖ City ✖ Tandem ✖ Child trailers

RECOMMENDED PERIOD(S)

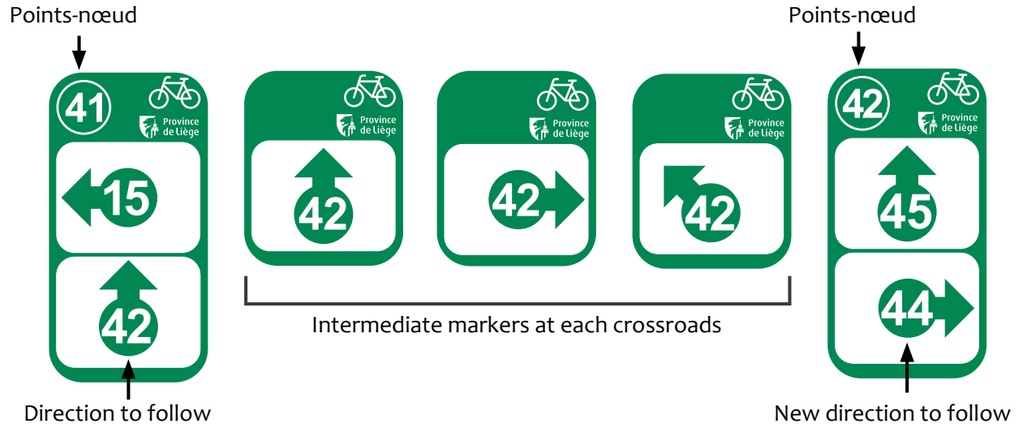
From late March to early May : the daffodil season, the first green leaves appear in October–November : the beautiful colors of fall

POINTS-NŒUDS TO FOLLOW:



PRINCIPLE AND INTERMEDIATE MARKERS

EXAMPLES OF POINTS-NŒUDS TO FOLLOW: 41 – 42



Nos coups de ♥

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Viewpoint over the Walloon Fens and Signal de Botrange

Welcome to the summit of Belgium! Since 1919, Signal de Botrange has been the highest point in Belgium, with an altitude of 694 meters. Baltia Hill allows you to reach the symbolic altitude of 700 meters.

Two hundred meters before Signal de Botrange (point-nœud 52), the viewpoint over the Walloon Fens allows you to admire the vast expanses of moors and peat bogs, which cover nearly 660 hectares. An exceptional biotope to preserve!

At the Maison du Parc (point-nœud 50), you will find everything you need: public toilets, a play area, cafeteria, charging terminals for electric bikes, indoor picnic tables, a large open fire for rainy or cold days, tourist information, an exhibition, and more.

www.botrange.be

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The Hauts-Marais arbor

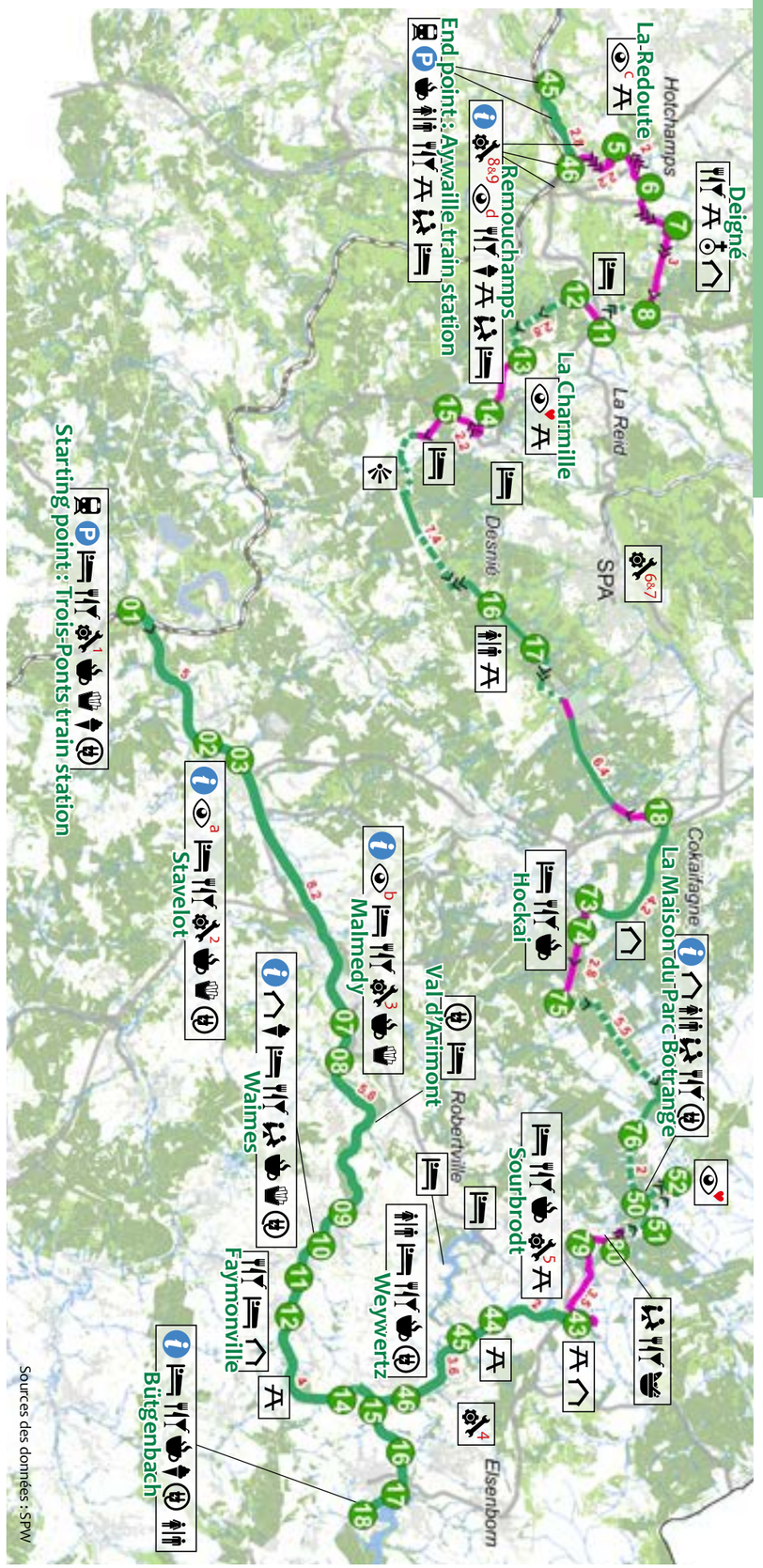
Discover this amazing tree tunnel at points-nœud 13. At 573 meters in length, the Hauts-Marais arbor is known as the largest and one of the most beautiful in Europe. It boasts no fewer than 4,700 charming plants, 60–70% of which are over one hundred years old, which form this arch. However, you must discover the arbor on foot.

lareid.be/la-charmille

Points-nœuds 13 in Vert-Buisson

ALONG YOUR ROUTE

For more information, visit : nodepoints-provinceofliege.be/bicycles-trains-landscapes/la-vecque-e.html



- Points-nœuds Province of Liège
- RAVeL network
- Unsurfaced paths
- Quiet shared roads (bicycles + cars)
- 3%–5% gradient
- 5%–8% gradient
- >8% gradient
- Railway station
- Free parking
- Paid parking
- Tourist Office
- Our highlights
- Bike repair
- Tourist attraction
- Viewpoint
- Village of note
- Public toilets
- Picnic area
- Bar/Restaurant
- Café/Bar
- Ice cream parlor
- French fries/snacks
- Play areas
- Accommodation
- Producers/artisans Local produce shop
- Charging terminals for electric bikes
- shelter

ALSO WORTHY OF A VISIT

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© Abbaye de Stavelot Michel Laboureur

The towns of Stavelot and Malmedy

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Feel free to leave the RAVeL network to discover Stavelot and Malmedy, two of the oldest towns in Belgium (648). The monasteries of Stavelot and Malmedy are the origin of the two towns and were founded at the same time. Together, they formed an abbey principality for 1,100 years. Roam the paved streets of the historic center of Stavelot to discover its small narrow houses, which are covered in slate, and its prestigious abbey with its museum complex. Visit the lively and welcoming town of Malmedy and visit its cathedral, the Malmundarium, and its kiosks.

Many other museums give you the chance to discover their histories, traditions, and local folklore. In fact, the two towns are also known for their carnivals: the blancs-moussis in Stavelot and the Cwarmê in Malmedy.

www.malmundarium.be - www.malmedy-tourisme.be - tourismestavelot.be

Stavelot at point-nœud 02
Malmedy at point-nœud 07

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Côte de la Redoute

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Famous for being one of the main challenges in the Liège-Bastogne-Liège cycling race, Côte de La Redoute is 1.7 kilometers long with an elevation of 161 meters. A disappointment for some and a relief for others, you will descend it as part of the La Vecquée route. A monument at the summit of the climb commemorates the French victory in the battle between the Imperial troops and the French Republicans.

Feel free to try a “Redoutable”, the artisanal beer of climbers, which is produced by the La Binchoise brewery. The alcohol content is the same as the average elevation of Côte de La Redoute: 9%. Cheers!

www.laredoutable.be

Point-nœud 05 in Sougné-Remouchamps

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Remouchamps caves

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If you want to combine walking with visits, discover Europe's longest underground river, which can be accessed by tourists at the end of your journey. You will no doubt be charmed by this boat trip along the river, which crosses the lower level of the cave over a distance of 700 meters. This is the end of the visit, during which you can admire a series of underground gems: spectacular galleries, marvelously decorated by nature, a room discovered in 1912 and the Cathedral, which is 40 meters high and could easily house a twelve-story building.

www.lesgrottes.be

Rue de Louveigné 3, 4920 Aywaille

EATING AND DRINKING

You can enjoy a meal or a drink in Trois-Ponts, Stavelot, Malmedy, Waimes, Faymonville, Weywertz, Sourbrodt, Botrange, Hockai, Sougné-Remouchamps, and Aywaille.

Find all the addresses on our website : nodepoints-provinceofliege.be/bicycles-trains-landscapes/la-vecque-e.html

BIKE RENTAL

At Bike

Delivery service (from 12 people)

11, Rue Coirville, 4950 WAIMES
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 67 83 82

www.atbike.be

Ardennes Cycling

Avenue du Doyard 5e, 4970 Stavelot
Phone no. : +32 (0) 476 47 17 40

ardennescycling@hotmail.com

Sport et Nature

(No delivery)

Place du Parc 21, 4960 Malmedy
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 33 97 01

www.sportsetnature.be

Coo Adventure

Delivery of bikes for a supplement

Petit Coo 4, 4970 Stavelot
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80/68 91 33

www.coo-adventure.com/vtt-mountainbike

Horizon bike

Rue Abbé Dossogne, 36
4970 Hockai-Francorchamps
Phone no. : +32 (0) 472 88 04 69

BIKE REPAIR

Garage Meesen (1)
Route de Coo 90, 4980 Trois-Ponts
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80/ 68 42 50
Tuesday to Friday : 7.30 am – 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm – 6 pm.
Saturday : 8 am – 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm – 5 pm.

North Bike (2)
Avenue des Démineurs 24, 4970 Stavelot
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80/ 77 19 00
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday : 10 am – 6 pm.

Sport et Nature (3)
Place du Parc 21, 4960 Malmedy
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80/ 33 97 01
Tuesday to Friday : 9 am – 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm – 6 pm.
Saturday : 9 am – 6 pm.

East Side Bike Shop (4)
Sourbrodter Straße 46, 4750 Bütgenbach
Phone no. : +32 (0) 494 87 03 57
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday : 2 pm – 7 pm.
Saturday : 9 am – 4 pm.

Buckardt (5)
Rue de la Station 29, 4950 Sourbrodt
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 44 64 36
Tuesday to Friday : 8.30 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 6 pm.
Saturday : 8.30 am – 3 pm.

Ardennes Bike (6)
Avenue Reine Astrid 191, 4900 Spa
Phone no. : +32 (0) 87 26 64 32
Tuesday and Wednesday : 10 am – 6 pm.
Friday : 10 am – 8 pm. Saturday : 10 am – 6 pm.

Urban Tri Sports Spa (7)
Boulevard des Anglais 8, 4900 Spa
Phone no. : +32 (0) 87 77 11 77
Tuesday to Friday : 10 am – 6 pm.
Saturday : 9 am – 6 pm.

Bicyclic (8)
Square Philippe Gilbert 3, 4920 Remouchamps
Phone no. : +32 (0) 4 23 41 116
Tuesday to Saturday : 8.30 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 6 pm.

Cycle Matagne (9)
Avenue de la Porallée 21, 4920 Aywaille
Phone no. : +32 (0) 4 38 44 288
Tuesday to Friday : 10 am – 6.30 pm.
Saturday : 10 am – 6 pm.

TOURIST OFFICE

Trois-Ponts Tourism Info

Rue Traverse 9
4980 Trois-Ponts
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 68 40 45

tourisme@troisponts.be

Monday, Wednesday : 10 am – 12.30 pm and 1 pm – 4 pm.
Tuesday, Thursday : 9 am – 12.30 pm and 1 pm – 4 pm.
Friday : 10 am – 12.30 pm and 1 pm – 5 pm.
Saturday : 9 am – 12.30 pm and 1 pm – 5 pm.

www.troisponts-tourisme.be

Stavelot Tourist Office

l'Abbaye de, Cour-de-l'Abbaye 1
4970 Stavelot
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80/ 86 27 06

info@tourismestavelot.be

Open daily 10 am – 1 pm and 1.30 – 5 pm.

tourismestavelot.be

Hautes Fagnes Eastern Cantons Tourist Office

Place Albert Ier 29A
4960 Malmedy
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80/ 33 02 50

info@ostbelgien.eu

16/04 – 30/06 : Monday to Thursday : 10 am – 6 pm. Friday and Saturday : 10 am – 7 pm. Sunday and public holidays : 10 am – 6 pm.

01/07 – 15/09 : Monday to Thursday : 9 am – 6 pm. Friday and Saturday : 9 am – 7 pm. Sunday and public holidays : 9 am – 6 pm.

www.ostbelgien.eu

Waimes Tourist Info

Rue du Centre 21
4950 Waimes
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80/ 32 98 67

tourisme@waimes.be

Wednesday and Saturday : 10 am – 4 pm.
Friday : 2 pm – 6 pm

www.waimes.be/tourisme

Bütgenbach Tourist Info

Marktplatz 13a
4750 Bütgenbach
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80/ 86 47 23

touristinfo@butgenbach.be

September to June: Tuesday to Friday: 9 am – 4 pm. Saturday : 9 am – 3 pm. Sunday and public holidays : 10 am – 1 pm.

July to August : Monday to Saturday: 9 am – 4.30 pm. Sunday and public holidays : 9 am – 3 pm.

www.butgenbach.info

Haute Fagnes Natural Park – Eifel

Route de Botrange 131
4950 Waimes
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 44 03 00

Monday to Friday : 9 am – 5 pm.
Weekends and public holidays : 10 am – 6 pm.

www.botrange.be

Ourthe-Vesdre-Amblève Tourist Office

Rue Magritte, 1
4920 Aywaille
Phone no. : +32 (0) 43 84 35 44

Monday to Friday : 8.30 am – 5 pm.
Saturday and Sunday : 10 am – 5 pm.

www.ovatourisme.be

CHARGING TERMINALS

Syndicat d'initiative de Trois-Ponts

Rue Traverse 9
4980 Trois-Ponts

Val d'Arimont Resort

Chemin du Val 30
4960 Malmedy

Esplanade de l'Abbaye de Stavelot

Avenue Ferdinand Nicolay
4970 Stavelot (above the abbey)

Chez Gerty

Rue de la Gare 25
4950 Waimes

Camping Worriken

Worriken 9
4750 Bütgenbach

Butgenbacher Hof

Marktplatz 8
4750 Bütgenbach

Centre Nature Botrange

Route de Botrange 131
4950 Waimes

Need to fill your can or inflate your tires? Head to Butgenbach Tourist Info where you will find everything you need + good advice (at no charge). You can also buy a repair kit and other accessories.

ACCOMMODATION

All the accommodation below has the "Bienvenue Vélo" or "Bed & Bike" label and is located along or close to your route. They guarantee services and equipment for cyclists (repair, charging, cleaning equipment, maps, etc.), as well as a safe place to store your bike overnight.

Find all the accommodation (with the bike label or not) and their locations on our website : nodepoints-provinceofliege.be/bicycles-trains-landscapes/la-vecque-e.html

Daft Hôtel

Route de Waimes 19b, 4960 Malmedy
Phone no. : +32 (0) 2 899 79 78

hello@dafthotel.be

www.dafthotel.be

My Hôtel

Rue Devant les Grands Moulins 25, 4960 Malmedy
Phone no. : +32 (0)80 78 00 00

info@myhotel.be

myhotel.be

Auberge de Jeunesse de Malmedy

Route d'Eupen 36, 4960 Malmedy
Phone no. : +32 (0)80 33 83 86

malmedy@lesaubergesdejeunesse.be

lesaubergesdejeunesse.be/malmedy

Val d'Arimont Resort

Chemin du Val 30, 4960 Malmedy
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 33 07 61

Info@val-arimont.be

www.val-arimont.be

Hôtel Hotleu

Rue de Hottleux 106, 4950 Waimes
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 67 97 05

info@hotleu.be

www.hotleu.be

Au Cheval Blanc

Rue du Centre 20, 4950 Waimes
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 67 09 10

info@hoteldesbains.be

www.robert-hotels.com

RAVeLHotel – Cyrano

Rue de la Gare 23, 4950 Waimes
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 67 99 89

info@cyrano.be

www.cyranohotel.be

B&B Maison Ruthier

Ruthier 13, 4950 Waimes
Phone no. : +32 (0) 43 84 35 44

info@maison-ruthier.be

www.maison-ruthier.be

La Nuit d'Or

Rue des Hauts-Sart 17, 4950 Thirimont
Phone no. : +32 (0) 494 81 58 33

bernadette@lanuitdor.com

www.lanuitdor.com

Maison de vacances Arnika

Lindenallee 4, 4750 Bütgenbach
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 44 59 45

info@ferienhaus-arnika.be

www.ferienhausarnika.be

Butgenbacher Hof

Marktplatz 8, 4750 Bütgenbach
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 444 212

info@hbh.be

www.hotelbutgenbacherhof.com

Hôtel Eftelland

Seestrasse 5, 4750 Bütgenbach
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 44 66 70

info@hoteleifelland.be
www.hoteleifelland.be

Beverly week-end

Worriken 3, 4750 Bütgenbach
Phone no. : +32 (0) 80 21 51 36

info@beverlyweekend.com
www.beverlyweekend.com

Camping Worriken

Worriken 9, 4750 Bütgenbach
Phone no.: +32 (0) 80 44 69 61

info@worriken.be
www.worriken.be

Sporthouse Worriken

Worriken 9, 4750 Bütgenbach
Phone no.: +32 (0) 80 44 69 61

info@worriken.be
www.worriken.be/fr/se-loger-a-buetgenbach/sporthouse/

Lindenhof Hôtel – Restaurant

Neuer Weg 1, 4750 Weywertz
Phone no.: +32 (0) 495 53 54 34

www.lindenhof-weywertz.com

Le Domaine des Hautes Fagnes

Rue des Charmilles 67, 4950 Ovifat
Phone no.: +32 (0) 80 44 69 87

info@dhf.be
www.dhf.be

Camping des Charmilles

Rue des Charmilles 66, 4950 Ovifat
Phone no.: +32 (0) 80 21 41 75

hello@domaine-charmilles.be
www. domaine-charmilles.be

Gîtes Kaleo Ovifat

Rue des Charmilles 69, 4950 Ovifat
Phone no.: +32 (0) 80 44 46 77

ovifat@kaleo-asbl.be
www.kaleo-asbl.be/fr/gites/ovifat/

R Hôtel

Square Philippe Gilbert 1, 4920 Aywaille
Phone no.: +32 (0) 4 247 55 55

contact@r-hotel.be
www.r-hotel.be

La Couette de l'Ours

Chemin de la Fosse 20, 4920 Aywaille
Phone no.: +32 (0)4 97 43 09 86

contact@couettedelours.be
www.couettedelours.be

Welcome To My Garden

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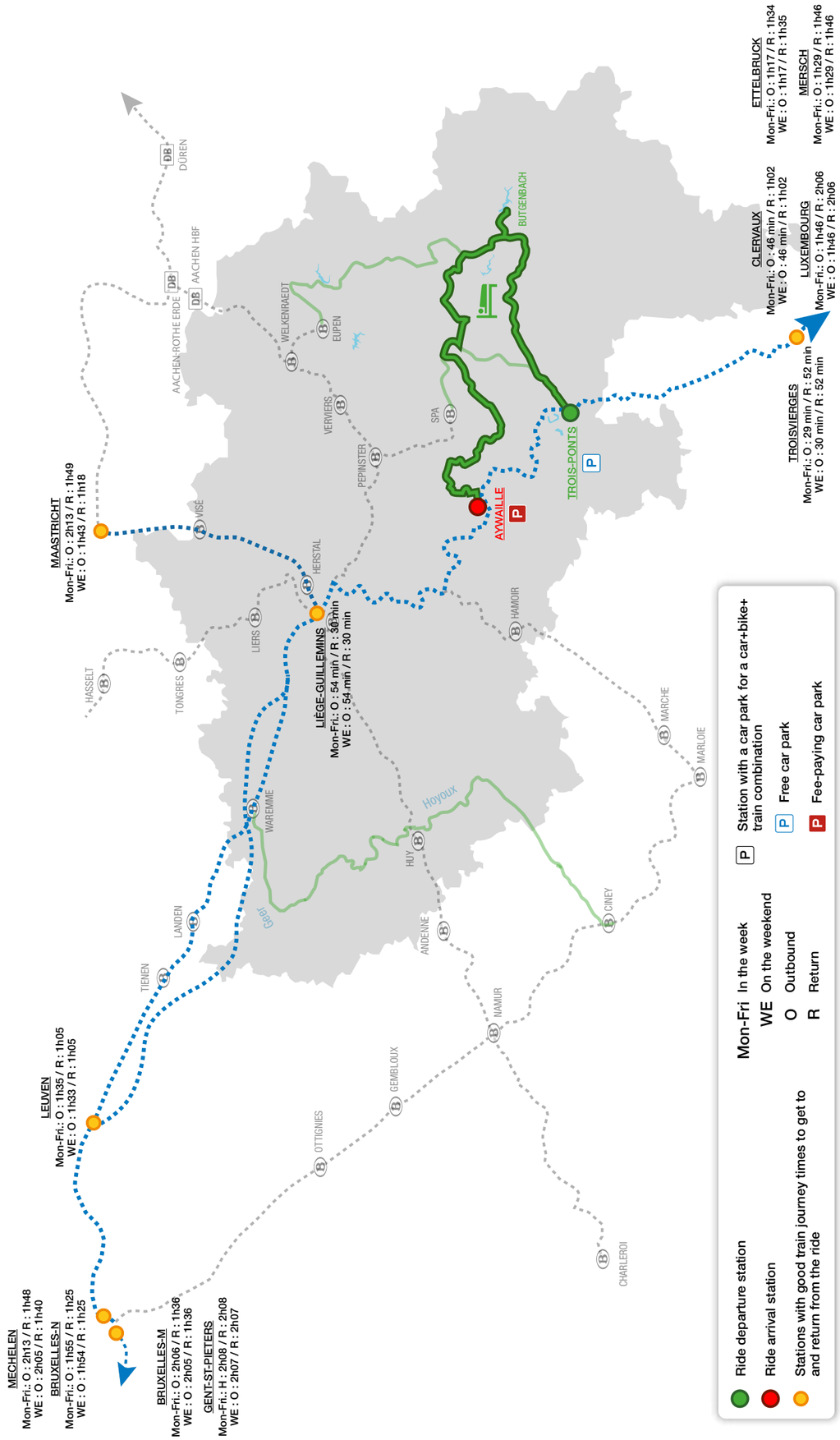
GREAT TRAIN + BICYCLE COMBINATIONS



TRAVEL BY TRAIN

Traveling by train and, in particular, with a bicycle are not things everyone does every day. Find step-by-step advice below, so that your getaway runs as smoothly as possible.

Check the details of your journey before you leave on the SNCB website or app. A change caused by works or delays may affect your plans.

1 USE the map above to make sure that the 100% train + bicycle combination departing from the station closest to you works for you. Please note that you may not load a bicycle at the following stations: Bruxelles-Central, Bruxelles-Chapelle, and Bruxelles-Congrès.

2 Depending on the estimated duration of your journey, plan your return by train using the mobile application or via the SNCB website (www.belgianrail.be). Remember to plan enough time for any breaks, drinks, or to discover local curiosities. Don't rely on the last train, as there may be an incident on the route. Tickets purchased are valid for the whole day and do not have a specific time.

3 Select the best fare.

Children?

Children under 12 years of age travel by train for free when accompanied by an adult. However, a ticket is required for their bicycle.

Teenagers and those aged under 26?

If the cost of the one-way trip is over €6.60, choose YOUTH TICKET (one-way ticket for €6.60) or YOUTH MULTI, €55 for 10 journeys (€53 on the app) if there are several of you traveling under 26 years of age.

Adults traveling by train occasionally

A RAIL PASS costs €87 for 10 journeys (€84 on the app). It is not attributed to a single person and can be used for other journeys. If you are traveling in a pair, check that buying two return tickets is not more expensive than a RAIL PASS on the machine.

Over 65?

For one-day or even two-day cycling trips, if you are using a long-distance train, select the Senior ticket (return on the same day for just €7.20; note that, during the week, this is only valid after 9 am).

A folding bike?

This can be loaded onto the train for free.

A bike ticket?

A bike ticket for one journey costs €4, including departures from, or arrivals to, the border stations of Maastricht and Aachen.

You no longer need to get two tickets and attach one to your bike. You just need to indicate the departure and arrival train stations when buying from the machine or via the SNCB app. At the machine, select "Other products" – "Add-on" – "Bike ticket". On the SNCB app or website, select the "Bike add-on" product or ticket.

You only need one ticket to transport a bike and its child trailer.

4 Where can I buy one?

Buy your tickets and bike add-on at the machine, at the ticket counters, at sncb.be, on the SNCB app or from approved vendors. The bike ticket is found under "Add-on". If you buy your tickets on the train, the price will be increased by the "on-board fare" add-on.

5 Loading your bike on the train

Discover the travel planner dedicated to bikes.

BikeOnTrain helps you choose the best route to travel on trains with your bike.

Check in a few clicks :

- the number of bicycle spaces on board your train
- whether boarding requires the intervention of the train controller
- the floor height of the train

Plan your journey with bikeontrain.belgiantrain.be/

Reminder:

- the bike must be loaded and unloaded by the passenger and remains their sole responsibility from entry to the train station to departure;
- the number of spaces is limited and the passenger may be asked to board the next train;
- it is not possible to make a reservation for groups traveling with bikes. If you wish to travel in a group of more than five people, consider using more than one train. Some routes offer 2–4 trains per hour during the week.

However, loading conditions for bikes have improved in recent years. Some trains have a bike compartment (the logo is displayed on the window), which is freely accessible and where you can sit near your bike.

Types of trains and their different bicycle compartments

DESIRO

Bicycle compartment located in the centre of the train

IC trains : Ostend-Eupen

Coach with freely accessible bicycle spaces located in the middle of the train

Train Liège-Namur-Brussels

Bicycle compartment located in the first class carriage, accessible on request to the train attendant

IC trains : Liège-Quiévrain and S trains : Hasselt-Maastricht

Bicycle compartment located in the in the middle of the train, freely accessible

Older railcars : S, L and P trains

Bicycle compartment located at one end of the train if not coupled, accessible on request to the train attendant

Train Welkenraedt - Kortrijk

Mixed lower deck for bicycles and passengers, located in the middle of the train, accessible on request
to the train attendant

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ARRIVING BY CAR

If the 100% train + bicycle combination departing from the station closest to you doesn't work for you, you can choose from these two solutions:

Park in Trois-Ponts (starting point) and return from Aywaille (end point) by train (free).

Station parking : Place de la Gare, 1, 4980 Trois-Ponts

Park at Aywaille (end point) and take the train to the starting point in Trois-Ponts (paid).

Station parking : Place Marcellis, 4920 Aywaille

All details available at belgianrail.be

CHECKLIST BEFORE DEPARTURE

- ☐ Adjust the size of the seat and handlebars and check the condition of the tires, brakes, lights, and gears.
- ☐ Choose saddlebags over a backpack (sweating, discomfort, etc.) for carrying your clothes, picnic, etc. A handlebar bag is useful for important items.
- ☐ A comfortable seat if you are traveling for more than a day.
- ☐ A repair kit: punctures, a suitable pump, a spare inner tube, an Allen key.
- ☐ A good lock (always attach your lock to the frame of the bike, passing it through a wheel).
- ☐ Clothes suited to the weather:
  in summer: sunglasses, hat, sunscreen;
  in winter: gloves and hats.
- ☐ For electric bikes: charge your battery fully the day before. Pack your charger.

ESSENTIAL ADVICE

- On the RAVeL network, speed is restricted to 30 km/h and pedestrians have right of way. Be polite!
- Always keep to the right (even on the RAVeL network, in case of an intersection or if you are being passed).
- Keep a safe distance from others to avoid an accident.
- Beware of any curbs or rails approached at an angle (risk of falling!)

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