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de Liège

BICYCLES, TRAINS & LANDSCAPES

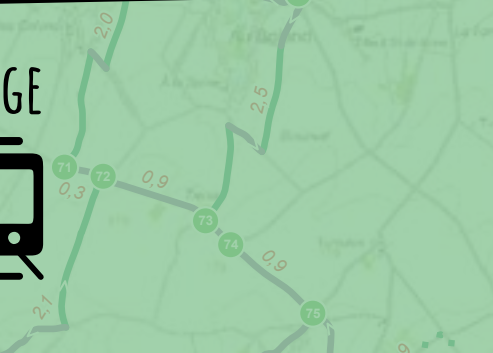
#SlowTourism in the Province of Liege

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 **GEER VALLEY**



51 KM





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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

GEER VALLEY

Depart from Lier station for an atypical route. This route will take you to some little-known places, such as Eben-Ezer Tower and its museum. This tower made of flint rubble is adorned with sculptures of winged animals, which depict the cherubs of the Apocalypse and Ezekiel's Vision. Inside, experience the adventure of this unique building and discover its dreamlike world.

There are numerous attractions along the route: Eben-Emael Fort and its museum and Broukay mill, as well as the remarkable natural site of Saint-Pierre mountain, which is known for its orchids and caves that house bats. This route ends peacefully by running along the Meuse to return to Liège, where you will see numerous "open-air cafés" where you can quench your thirst on the terrace (in Lanaye, in Visé, in Outremeuse and at the edge of La Boverie park). These are the special feature of this route.





GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE JOURNEY

DETAILS

Starting point: Liers train station (Alt. 166 m)

End point: Liège-Guillemins train station (Alt. 62 m)

Distance: 52 km

Approximate duration (without a break): 3 hrs 45 min

Difficulty: easy

Positive elevation: 172 m

Negative elevation: 73 m

PATHS TAKEN

RAVeL network and paths reserved for cyclists and pedestrians 35.4 km

Shared roads (cars & bicycles) 15.5 km

Asphalted roads 50.8 km

Unsurfaced roads and trails 0 km

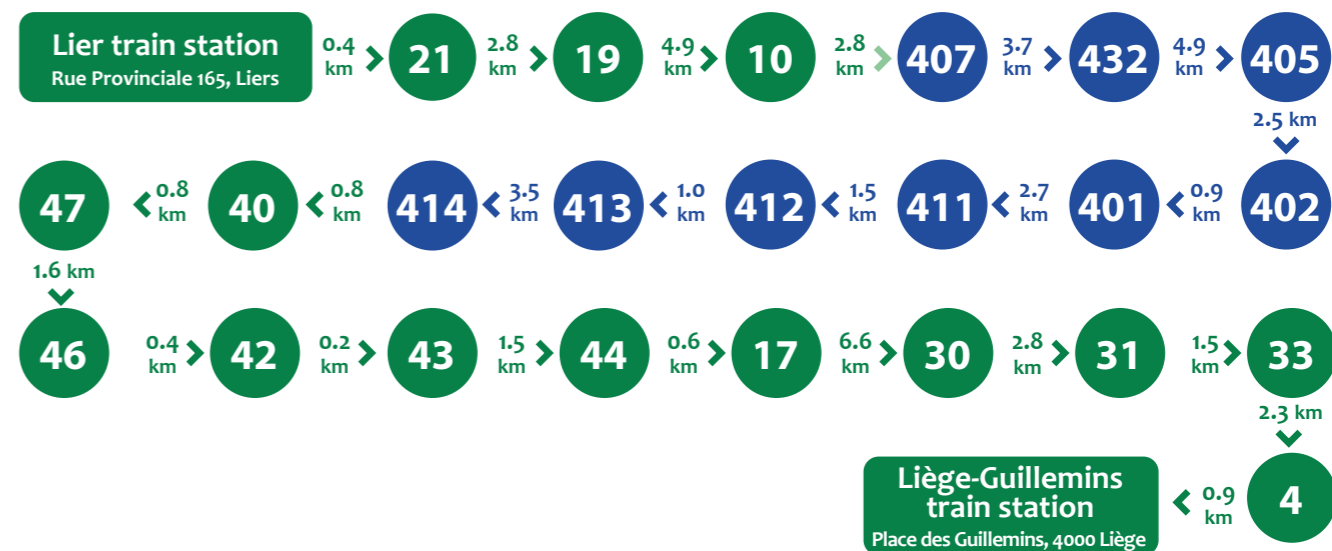
TYPES OF BICYCLE

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

RECOMMENDED PERIOD(S)

Late June to early September: a holiday atmosphere by the water

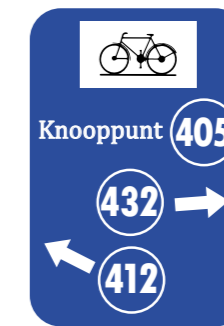
POINTS-NŒUDS TO FOLLOW:



TYPES OF PANELS ENCOUNTERED



Panels and markers for the Province of Liège points-nœuds network.

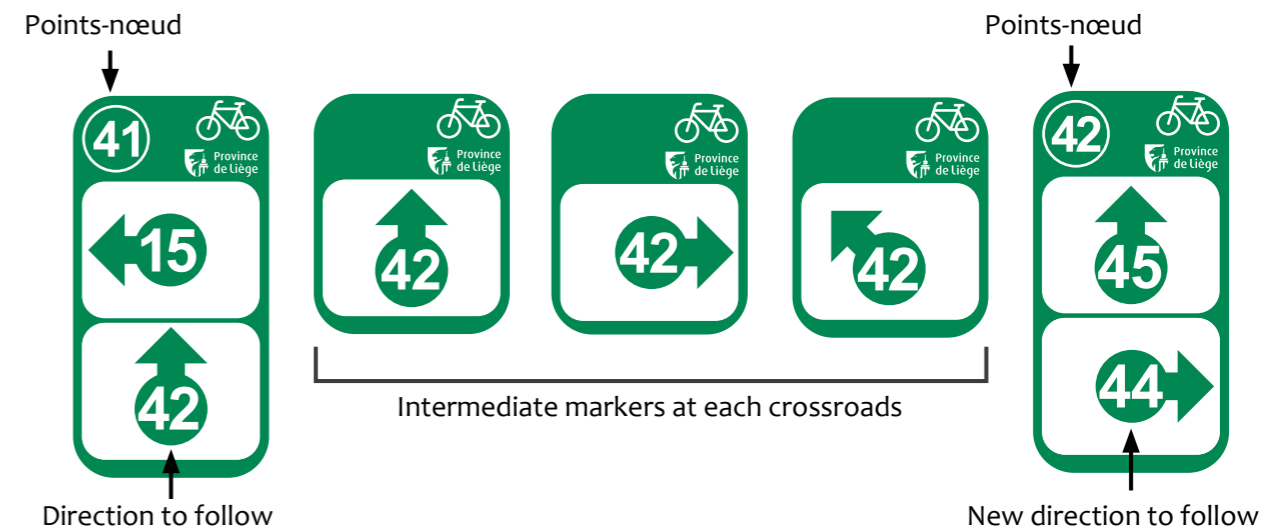


Panels and markers for the Flemish Limburg points-nœuds network.

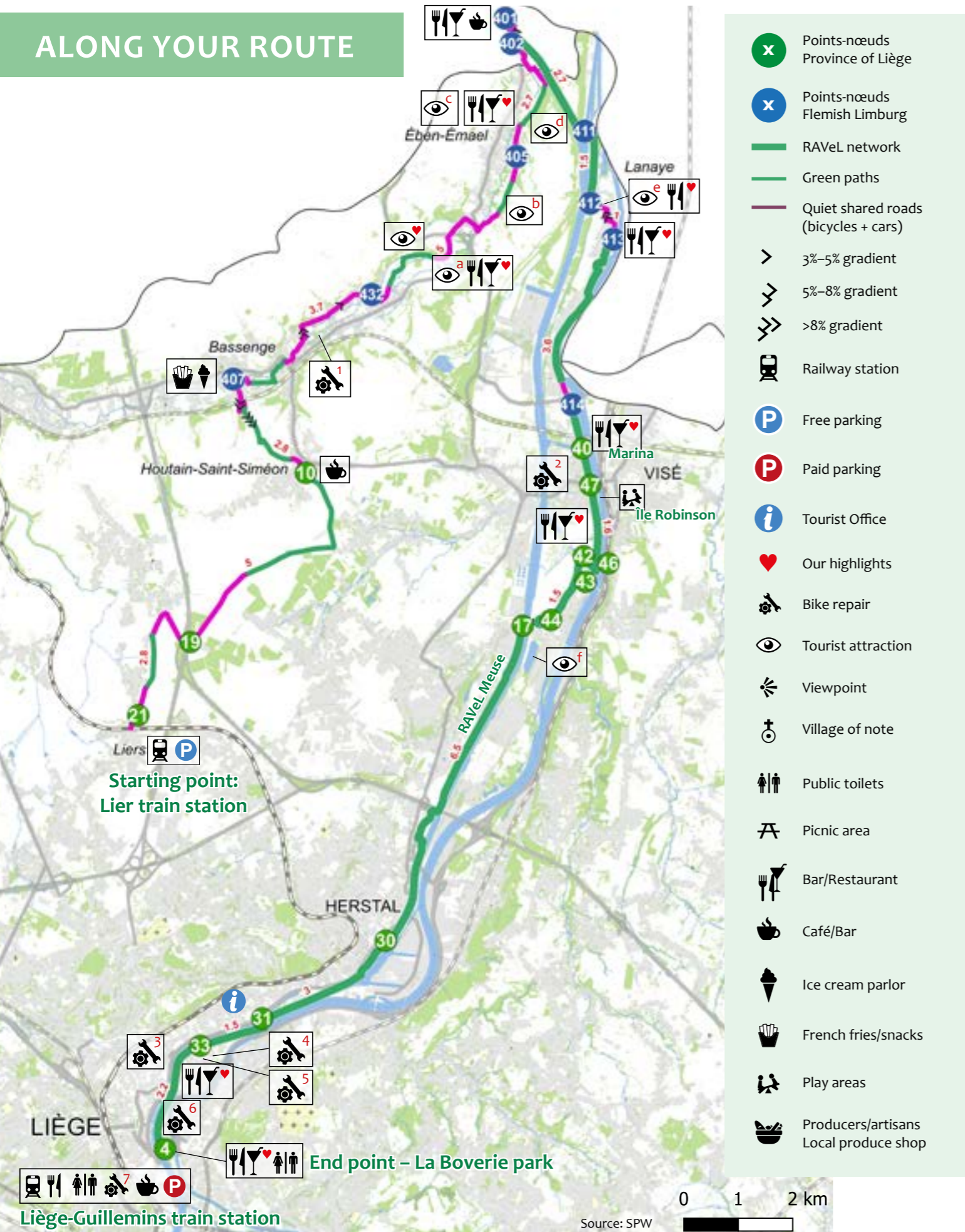
Same system as the Walloon points-nœuds network, just with a different design.

PRINCIPLE AND INTERMEDIATE MARKERS

EXAMPLES OF POINTS-NŒUDS TO FOLLOW: 41 – 42




ALONG YOUR ROUTE



Our highlights


Eben-Ezer Tower

 The spectacular Eben-Ezer Tower dominates the Geer Valley. This fantastic tower is 33 meters high, made of flint rubble from the nearby quarry and reveals well thought-out symbolism. Its architect, Robert Garcet, left nothing to chance when he built it between 1948 and 1963.

At the top, each corner is adorned with an immense concrete sculpture of a winged animal. The Bull, the Sphinx, the Lion and the Eagle represent the cherubs from Ezechiel's Vision. Inside, an exhibition allows you to experience the fabulous adventure of this unique building and immerses you in the pacifist action of its designer.

The garden, with its European Exhibition of Fantastic Art, the theme of which changes every year, is also accessible to end your visit with a mixture of dream and mythology.

A visit to the Geospadium (see Broukay mill) is included in the visit to the tower.

 Haie de Wonck, also known as "Krokay Thier" – 4690 BASSENGE (When you leave the little asphalt road leading to Chemin du Broukay, don't follow sign 432 but turn left straight away onto the small stony track. Don't go under the bridge. There is a climb up to Eben tower. Then retrace your steps.)

01/04 to 31/10: 11 am – 6 pm during the week and 11 am – 7 pm on weekends.


01/11 to 31/03: 1.30 pm – 5 pm during the week and 1.30 pm – 6 pm on weekends.


Phone no.: +32 (0) 4 286 92 79.

www.musee-du-silex.be - www.visitezliege.be/en/offre/la-tour-d-eben-ezer



"Open-air cafés"

 You will pass numerous "open-air cafés" to quench your thirst on terraces along the Meuse. These are the special feature of this route.

 In Eben, Lanaye, Visé and Outremeuse and at the edge of La Boverie park.



ALSO WORTHY OF A VISIT



Broukay Mill

Broukay mill takes us back to another time in human history: the 1950s.

It is currently a center for culture, leisure, public events, seminars, and recreational and educational activities. Discover the “Geospadium”, an interactive educational space, which takes you to the Cretaceous period and to discover flint from its formation to its use, in all its forms, throughout human history.

You can enjoy a meal here.

📍 Chemin du Broukay, 8 – 4690 Eben-Emaël
Phone no.: +32 (0) 4 286 92 70 – +32 (0) 499 21 38 75
www.gmvloisirs.be



👁️ Mushroom fields in the Heyoule nature reserve

b Established in 1973, the Heyoule natural reserve in Eben-Emael is the oldest protected site on Saint-Pierre mountain.

The underground tuffeau stone and flint galleries, where the inhabitants sought refuge during the wars, house various colonies of bats during the winter months. However, it is also a great place for growing mushrooms, thanks to the darkness and the constant temperature and humidity rate.

📍 Rue du Vicinal, 4690 Bassenge
www.natagora.be/reserves/heyoule



👁️ Loverix Mill

c Located across from Eben Fort, Loverix Mill is a watermill on the Geer River. This mill has been around since the 1800s and was damaged by the Stuka dive bomber in 1940. Since 2005, the mill has been restored and now offers a wide range of sweet and savory crêpes, as well as a limited restaurant service.

Phone no. : +32 (0) 436 928 98 – +31 (0) 64 616 03 12
www.loverix.be



👁️ Eben-Emael Fort

d Visit Eben-Emael Fort, which was considered the jewel of the Belgian defense in 1940. Located along Albert Canal, Eben-Emael Fort had strategic importance for the defense of Eastern Belgium. Its main objective was to prohibit access to Albert Canal and the Meuse River.

Discover how it was attacked and neutralized by an enemy with superior training and equipment. If you wish, you can extend your visit by climbing the hill, from which you will get a better view of the theater of operations.

📍 Rue du Fort 40, 4690 Eben-Emael – +32 (0) 4 286 28 61
www.fort-eben-emael.be



👁️ Saint-Pierre mountain center

e Located in the heart of the village of Lanaye, the permanent "A natural gem in a thousand-year-old oasis" exhibition is the ideal starting point to discover the Saint-Pierre mountain natural site, which is known for its special geological, climatic and ecological features. The many marked trails allow you to discover this oasis of biodiversity, where nature has reasserted its authority. Some 6,000 bats from thirteen different species have found refuge in the former chalk-extraction galleries, which provide ideal conditions for hibernation.

📍 Place du Roi Albert, 4600 Lanaye – +32 (0)4 374 84 93
www.vise.be/loisirs/espace-tourisme/mmmsp



👁️ Gravière Brock Lake

f Not far from points-nœud 44 is Gravière Brock. This former gravel-extraction site, which has now been fully redeveloped, is home to an area of great biological interest, thanks to its body of water, which attracts many birds and amphibians. Equipment can be found along the route (vantage points, benches, tables, information panels, etc.) to help you make the most of the flora and fauna in this little-known locale.

📍 Rue Fachard, Hermalle-sous-Argenteau

Find all the activities on our website: nodepoints-provinceofliege.be/bicycles-trains-landscapes/geer-valley.html



EATING AND DRINKING

You can enjoy a meal or quench your thirst in Houtain-Saint-Siméon, Bassenge, and Eben-Emael, as well as the many "open-air cafés" along the Meuse River and in Outremeuse. These are the special feature of this route.

Find all the addresses on our website : nodepoints-provinceofliege.be/bicycles-trains-landscapes/geer-valley.html

TOURIST OFFICE

Liège Tourist Office

Rue de la Boucherie 4 B
4000 Liège

Phone no. : +32 (0) 4 221 92 21

info@visitezliege.be

Monday to Saturday : 9 am – 5 pm Sunday: 9 am – 4 pm.

www.visitezliege.be

BIKE RENTAL

Pro Vélo Liège

Place des Guillemins 2 – 4000 Liège
Phone no. : +32 (0) 4 222 99 54
liege@provelo.org

Monday : 1 pm – 6 pm, Tuesday to Friday: 10 am – 6 pm.
Saturday : 10 am – 4 pm.

www.provelo.org (reservation required)

CycloLibre

Rue Saint-Pholien, 12 - 4020 Liège
Phone no.: +32 (0) 478 67 25 43
info@cyclolibre.be

Rentals are available 7 days a week by appointment.

www.cyclolibre.be

BIKE REPAIR

Cycle Radoux (1)

Grand Route 22, 4690 Bassenge
Phone no. : +32 (0) 4 286 10 99

Tuesday – Wednesday – Friday : 9.30 am – 6 pm.
Thursday: 1 pm – 6 pm Saturday : 9.30 am – 5 pm.

Le Ravito (2)

Allée verte 4, 4600 Visé
Phone no. : +32 (0) 4 374 01 31

Monday – Wednesday – Friday : 9 am – 6 pm.
Saturday : 9 am – 5 pm.

Bicyclic (3)

Rue Saint-Michel 16, 4000 Liège
Phone no. : +32 (0) 4 388 00 31

Tuesday to Saturday : 10 am – 6 pm.

La Cyclerie (4)

Rue de la Commune 7, 4020 Liège
Tuesday and Friday : 10 am – 7 pm.

CycloLibre (5)

Rue Saint-Pholien, 12 - 4020 Liège
Phone no.: +32 (0) 478 67 25 43
info@cyclolibre.be

Wednesday and Friday : 12h00 - 18h00.
Thursday : 12.00 - 20.00. Saturday : 10.00 - 17.00

Galerie du cycle (6)

Quai de la Boverie 78, 4020 Liège
Phone no. : +32 (0) 4 223 66 32

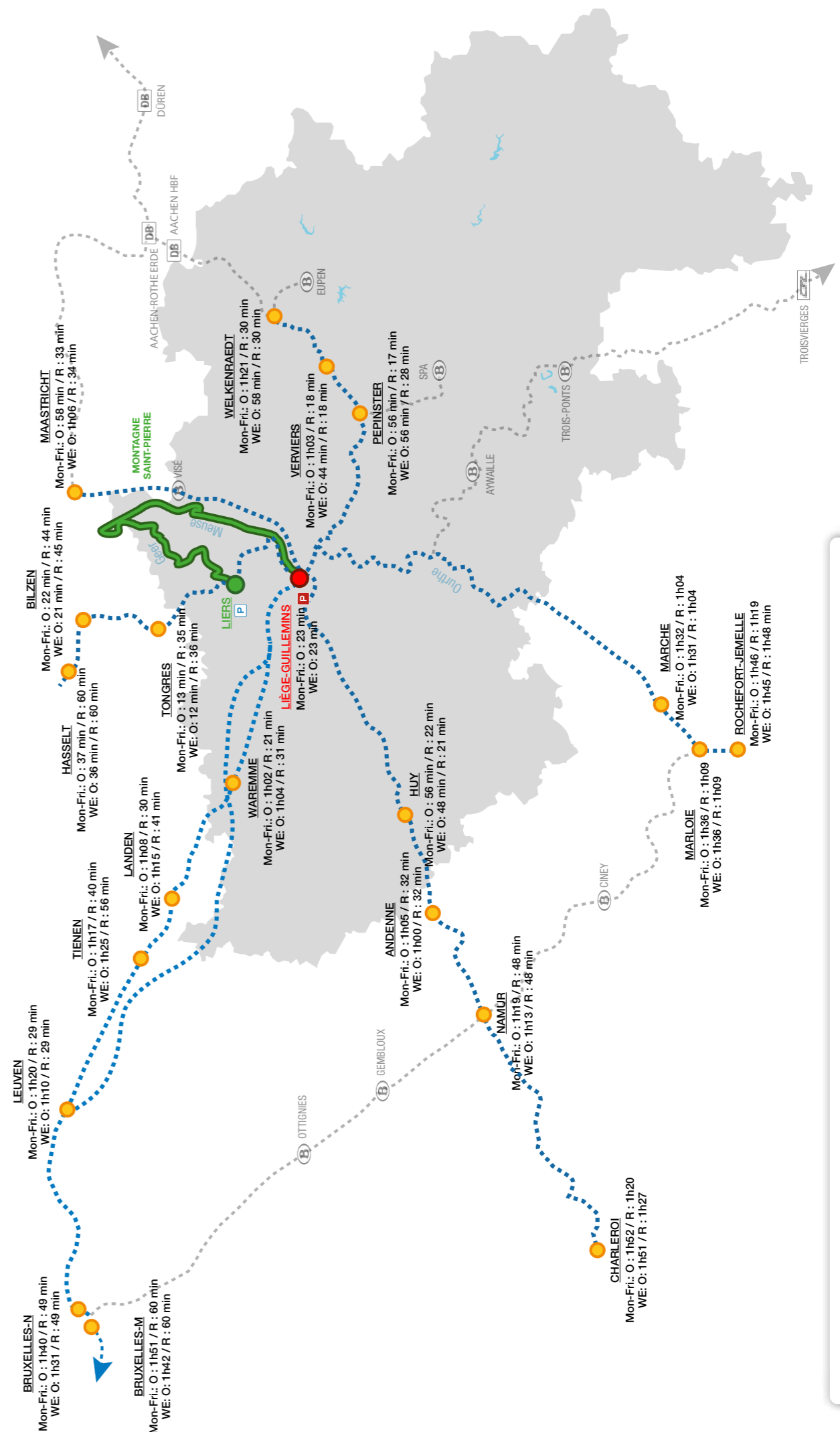
Tuesday to Saturday : 9.30 am – 6 pm.

Pro Vélo Liège (7)

Place des Guillemins 2, 4000 Liège
Phone no. : +32 (0) 4 222 99 54

Monday : 1 pm – 6 pm, Tuesday to Friday : 10 am – 6 pm.
Saturday : 10 am – 4 pm.

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 snbc.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 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

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 Liers (starting point) and return from Liège-Guillemins (end point) by train (free).

Station parking : rue Provinciale, 165, 4450 Liers-Juprelle

Park at Liège-Guillemins (end point) and take the train to the starting point in Liers (paid).

Car park P1 : Av. de l'Observatoire, 4000 Liège

Type : underground – Access: 24/7 – Free height: 2.10 m – Number of parking spaces: 503

Car park P2 : Rue Sclessin, 4000 Liège

Type : open air – Access: 24/7 – Free height: no limit – Number of parking spaces: 156

Car park P3 : Rue du Plan incliné, 4000 Liège

Type : multi-story car park – Access: 24/7 – Free height: 2 m – Number of parking spaces: 700

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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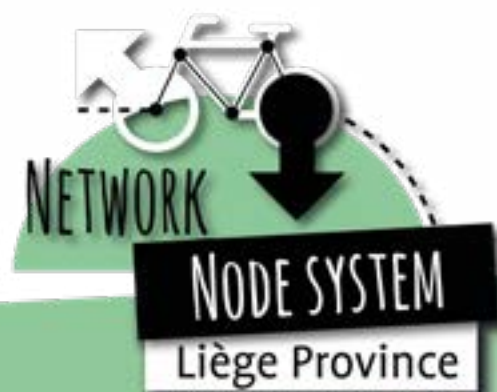
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