

Nearby transport options

By bus

Line 610 Gournay-en-Bray > Beauvais
 > 8 stops in Saint-Germer-de-Fly (Douce rue, 27 rue douce rue, Centre, rue du Bray, Orsimont, cité Colozier, Guillenfosse, Sainte Denise)

Line 612 Formerie > Beauvais
 > 1 stop in Gerberoy (Carrefour)

Line 611 Villers-sur-Auchy > Beauvais
 > 2 stops in Villers-sur-Auchy (Orsimont, Centre) and 2 in Senantes (Centre, D1)

Line 73 Gournay en Bray > Vascoeuil > Rouen
 > Place d'Armes, Ancienne Piscine

By train

Line Paris > Gisors > Serqueux > Dieppe
 > Stop in Gournay-en-Bray.

Find all of this information at www.oise-mobilite.fr



In the event of an emergency

- > SAMU (urgent medical assistance) **15**
- > Police assistance **17**
- > Fire department **18**
- > Emergency/casualty department **112**

Tourist offices

Office de tourisme Intercommunal du Pays de Bray

- ① 1 place de l'Abbaye 60850 Saint-Germer-de-Fly
- ☎ 03 44 82 62 74
- 📧 ot-paysdebray.fr

Office de tourisme Picardie Verte et Vallées

- ① 3 rue Henri le Sidaner 60380 Gerberoy
- ☎ 03 44 46 32 20
- 📧 ot.picardieverte.free.fr

Office de tourisme des 4 rivières en Bray

- ① 9 place d'Armes 76220 Gournay-en-Bray
- ☎ 02 35 90 28 34
- 📧 tourismedes4rivieresenbray.com

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Car parks

- Ferrières-en-Bray** start of the Greenway
- Gerberoy** arriving at the village
- Guillenfosse** Parking (2 km from the Saint-Germer-de-Fly Abbey)
- Orsimont** Parking (2 km from the Saint-Germer-de-Fly Abbey)
- Saint-Germer-de-Fly**
 - > Saint-Germer-de-Fly Abbey
 - > Next to the school (100 m from the Abbey)

Shop renting & repairing bikes

- Beauvélo**
 - Rentals and repairs. Rental bike service available within 30 km from Beauvais.
 - 📍 Vélostation, ancien Buffet de la gare SNCF 60000 Beauvais
 - ☎ 03 60 29 55 35
 - 🌐 beauvelo.org

Accommodations

- Saint-Germer-de-Fly**
 - > **Le clocher du May**
 - ① 4 rue de Fla ☎ 03 44 82 12 43
 - > **Domaine de Garenne**
 - ① chemin des Sablons ☎ 07 67 17 62 69
 - > **Jardins de l'Abbaye**
 - ① 24 rue Jean Jaurès ☎ 06 52 17 92 98

Restaurants

- Saint-Germer-de-Fly**
 - > **Auberge de l'Abbaye**
 - ① place de l'Abbaye ☎ 03 44 81 59 56
 - > **L'Escapade**
 - ① Route nationale 31 ☎ 03 44 82 50 73
 - > **Pizza crousty**
 - ① 3 bis rue Jean Jaurès ☎ 03 44 04 10 10
 - > **Urban Food**
 - ① 9 place de Verdun ☎ 03 44 04 10 10



Roadbook #8

Ferrières-en-Bray > Gerberoy > Saint-Germer-de-Fly > Ferrières-en-Bray
 on the Avenue Verte London-Paris

42 km loop

This roadbook is recommended for experienced touring bicyclists*



Itinerary

Ferrières-en-Bray > Hécourt > Buicourt > Gerberoy > Les Pâtures de Villers-sur-Auchy > Saint-Germer-de-Fly > Ferrières-en-Bray



Level*

● **difficult**

* DGE cotation Direction Générale des Entreprises

Touring time

Full day including the suggested visits/tours.

📍 IGN topographical map reference code : 22115B/22105B



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While biking along, don't hesitate to stop, explore and have fun.

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1 Auchy's little chapel

Have a look at the little chapel.



2 **Hécourt** Stop by the potter Jean-Luc Noël's studio, to admire his magnificent enamelled works and hand-turned stoneware.
📍 51 bis, rue Pichelieu Haincourt, 60380 Hécourt ☎ 03 44 04 19 80 / 06 33 95 18 93

3 **Hécourt**
Have a look at the Rousselin Fountain.

4 **Buicourt**

The church boasts a bronze bell dating from 1710, as well as frescoes dating from the 15th and 16th centuries. *Can be admired only from the exterior.*



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5 **Gerberoy**
No one is immune to the charms of picturesque Gerberoy in Oise, one of the most beautiful villages in all of France, with its cobblestoned lanes, traditional houses of cob and colourful timber framing, hollyhocks and wisteria set against old stones... Indeed, the village has seduced numerous French filmmakers with its romantic, yesteryear setting perfectly suited to period films.

An ever fragrant destination for a springtime excursion or a summer outing. In Gerberoy, roses reign and this beloved flower is celebrated every year. The remarkable garden of the post-impressionist painter Le Sidaner is home to numerous varieties of rare and antique roses. Real flower power! Also, be sure to visit the village's 11th-century collegiate church (open to the public).

6 **The town hall and town well**

On the ground floor of the town hall can be found Gerberoy's old market hall, immediately adjacent to the village's old well. The former municipal courtroom occupies the first floor; this room is still furnished with the old bench at which the judges once sat. Today, the municipal museum dedicated to the history of Gerberoy is located upstairs. For more information on this fascinating village, don't hesitate to stop by the tourist office.



7 **Henri Le Sidaner's Garden**

When, in 1901, the impressionist painter Henri Le Sidaner spoke of his desire to move to the countryside, following in the footsteps of his friend Claude Monet set up in Giverny, the sculptor Rodin suggested a village house in Gerberoy. A rose garden, a rampart walk, a tower, a pergola, balustrades, statues... the artist had an eye for detail in the designing of his Eden, not forgetting a small studio for his sketching. Listed as a "Remarkable Garden" and home to no less than 25 different varieties of rosebushes, the garden is at its loveliest in May and June. During your stroll, discover its white, yellow, blue and wildflower gardens, its Italian-style terraces and even its "Temple of Love".



► Contact any sites and shops of interest, for their opening days and hours.

Tips & recommendations

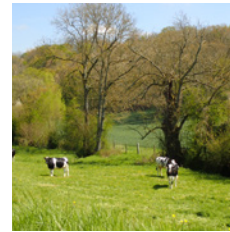
- > Best not to cycle the entire itinerary all in one go.
- > Check the weather prior to starting
- > Don't forget to bring food and water
- > Heading out early allows you to make the most of your day, with room for manoeuvre should the need arise
- > - Traffic rules and regulations also apply to bicyclists. Respect all road signs and keep right (in France), for the route is frequented by users travelling in both directions.



8 **The Jardin des Ifs garden**

This historic French-style garden, listed as a "Remarkable Garden" and "Remarkable Trees", dates back to the early 18th century, as does its house. Green and graphic all year round, the garden impresses visitors with its giant centuries-old yew trees, with their impressive volumes and curious shapes. A veritable outdoor salon, with its views and playful symmetry, the garden is also a peaceful haven for pleasant meditation among the rosebushes and hydrangeas, viburnums and Mexican orange trees... A permacultural garden supplies the on-site restaurant. The "If-igloo" tree as been celebrated as "2017 Tree of the year".

📍 impasse du Vidamé 60380 Gerberoy
☎ 07 66 20 51 41



9 **The pasturelands of the Pays de Bray**

In the heart of the Pays de Bray lowlands, discover the wet meadows straddling the municipalities of Saint-Germer-de-Fly and Villers-sur-Auchy. Comprising vast pastures dotted with wet heaths and moors, this exceptionally rich ecosystem is home to the dwarf gorse, the common lousewort, the northern crested newt, the Eurasian curlew and the common snipe.

Eco-friendly practices

- > Respect the environment and throw nothing on the ground (including your trash and waste).
- > Many plant species are fragile and protected, so gathering them is forbidden. Learn to recognize them.
- > Remain on paths, trails and roads, so as not to harm the flora nor bother the fauna.



10 **The abbey church of Saint-Germer-de-Fly**

Benedictine abbey founded in 661. The 12th-century abbey church wonderfully illustrates the transition from the Romanesque to the Gothic style. Its adjoining 13th-century Sainte-Chapelle, a replica of the Sainte-Chapelle of Paris built by Saint Louis, is an excellent example of High Gothic architecture.

📍 1 place de l'Abbaye 60850 Saint-Germer-de-Fly
☎ 03 44 82 62 74



11 **The Museum of Popular Arts and Traditions**

Located at the foot of the Saint-Germer-de-Fly abbey church, this rural museum immerses visitors in the artisanal activities of Bray's small villages of yesteryear. The permanent exhibition comprises a late-19th-century classroom, a village grocery, a bakery and its oven, and artisanal crafts such as blacksmithing and carpentry. A fascinating heritage tour for young and old.

📍 Place de Niedenstein 60850 Saint-Germer-de-Fly
☎ 03 44 82 62 74

F **Finish Start of the Avenue Verte London-Paris in Ferrières-en-Bray**

La Fromagerie Jean-Marie Beaudoin Villers sur Auchy

Jean-Marie Beaudoin is an organic cheese maker for almost 30 years. Passionate, from his installation as a cheese producer, he researches the old recipes of the Pays de Bray in order to recreate them. Shop located in Orsimont to discover the Bray Picard or even a Tomme with cider..

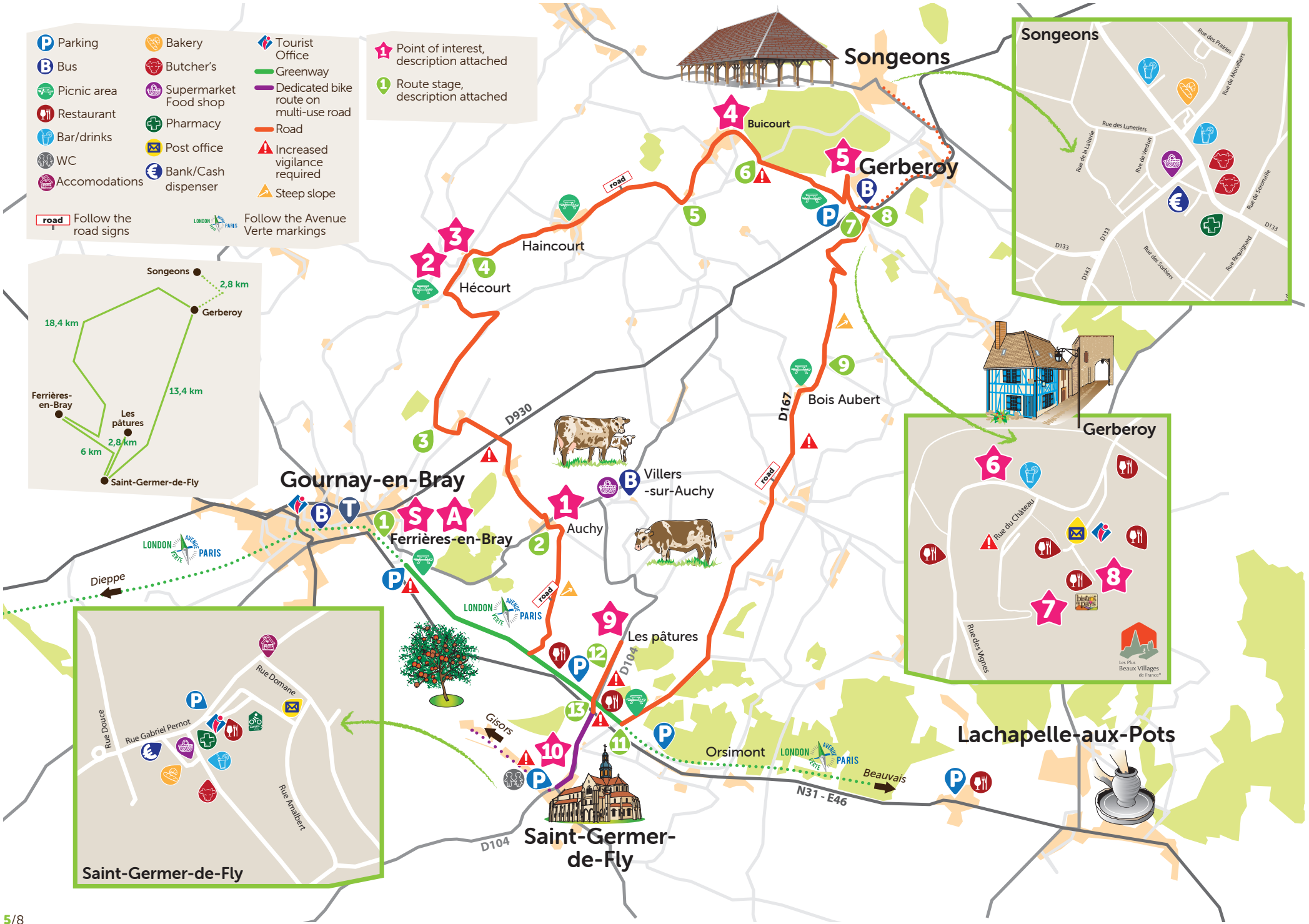
📍 6 rue du Grand chemin ☎ 09 71 20 83 40 🌐 fromageriebeaudoin.com

The Gournay-en-Bray market

Tuesday mornings (the principal market, with live fowl sold) and also Friday mornings.

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- Parking
 - Bus
 - Picnic area
 - Restaurant
 - Bar/drinks
 - WC
 - Accommodations
 - Bakery
 - Butcher's
 - Supermarket
 - Food shop
 - Pharmacy
 - Post office
 - Bank/Cash dispenser
 - Tourist Office
 - Greenway
 - Dedicated bike route on multi-use road
 - Road
 - Increased vigilance required
 - Steep slope
 - Point of interest, description attached
 - Route stage, description attached
- Follow the road signs
- Follow the Avenue Verte markings




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Roadbook description

With its cobblestoned lanes, colourful timber-framed houses and fragrant rosebushes set against old stones, the picturesque village of Gerberoy charms all visitors! Here, Oise rubs shoulders with Normandy, borrowing its "bocages" (hedged farmlands) planted with apple trees and its gently rolling dales. A perfect loop for lovers of history and bucolic landscapes. You'll first pedal along the Avenue Verte London < > Paris (enjoying right-of-way), before cycling the backroads of the Pays de Bray and "Green Picardy".


S Start of the Avenue Verte London-Paris in Ferrières-en-Bray





1 Starting out along the Ferrières-en-Bray greenway, take the Avenue Verte London < > Paris towards Lachapelle-aux-Pots and Beauvais. The bike path is lined with trees, with occasional openings onto Bray's typical pastures. 1 km further on, an agricultural road crosses the greenway (careful!); continue a further 700 m, then turn left onto a small municipal lane. At the end of this lane, turn left. You can see, off in the distance, the hamlet of Auchy (birthplace of the famous Petit-Suisse cheese); head towards this hamlet. 

2 Once in Auchy, turn right onto the D1 secondary road. Continue some 100 m, then take the second road on the left. Pedal past a farmstead and head towards the small chapel. Continue on until the next intersection, where you turn right. Follow this road for about 4 km, passing through the hamlet of Le Forêt and carefully crossing the D930 secondary road. In Laudencourt, admire the surrounding landscape of pastures dotted with cider-apple trees, typical of the region. Continue straight on until the D145 intersection.

3 Turn right onto the secondary road and continue 3 km. Bear first left, then right,  heading ever in the direction of Hécourt. You're once again in the Oise department.

4 Upon leaving the village, you'll see the Rousselin Fountain on your right  – don't hesitate to stop and admire its little impluvium-style wash house. Follow this road to Haincourt (boasting a wealth of old cider presses, all painted red), then continue straight on to reach the D143.

5 At the intersection, turn left and continue along the secondary road. Enter the hamlet of Renicourt, then continue on to Buicourt , where you'll be able to take advantage of a lovely rest stop near the wash house. Continue on towards the bell tower. After the church on the edge of the national forest of Caumont, turn right to reach the secondary road.

6 Carefully cross the D143, then head towards Gerberoy. Cycle through a bucolic, tranquil landscape of forest and cultivated fields all the way to the D930 intersection. Turn left onto the road climbing up to one of the most beautiful villages of France: Gerberoy.    




7 Return to the D930 crossroads, then carefully cross the intersection in the direction of Wambez.

8 Continue straight on for 500 m, then turn right at the entrance to the village. Cycle past the front of the church. The road now snakes its way between hills and dales, with a few climbs requiring a little more pumping of the pedals. But you're eventually rewarded with a lovely view of the valley from atop Mont de l'Épine (altitude: 209.3 m).

9 Upon reaching the water tower, turn right onto the D167. Pass through the hamlet of Le Bois Aubert and by a small pond, then continue along the D167 towards Senantes. At the calvary, carefully cross the intersection and take the opposite road (on your left, view of the village of Senantes).

10 At the next crossroads, carefully cross the D1 and continue 6 km to rejoin the greenway..

11 Turn right onto the Avenue Verte London < > Paris and pedal some 600 m along the path.

12 At the D104 intersection (behind the restaurant L'Escapade), you can turn right towards Orsimont and Senantes to admire the typical pasturelands of the Pays de Bray , or turn left towards Saint-Germer-de-Fly, carefully crossing the very busy N31 trunk road.  .

13 Returning to the greenway, turn left to return to the point of departure.

F Finish : Start of the Avenue Verte London-Paris in Ferrières-en-Bray



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