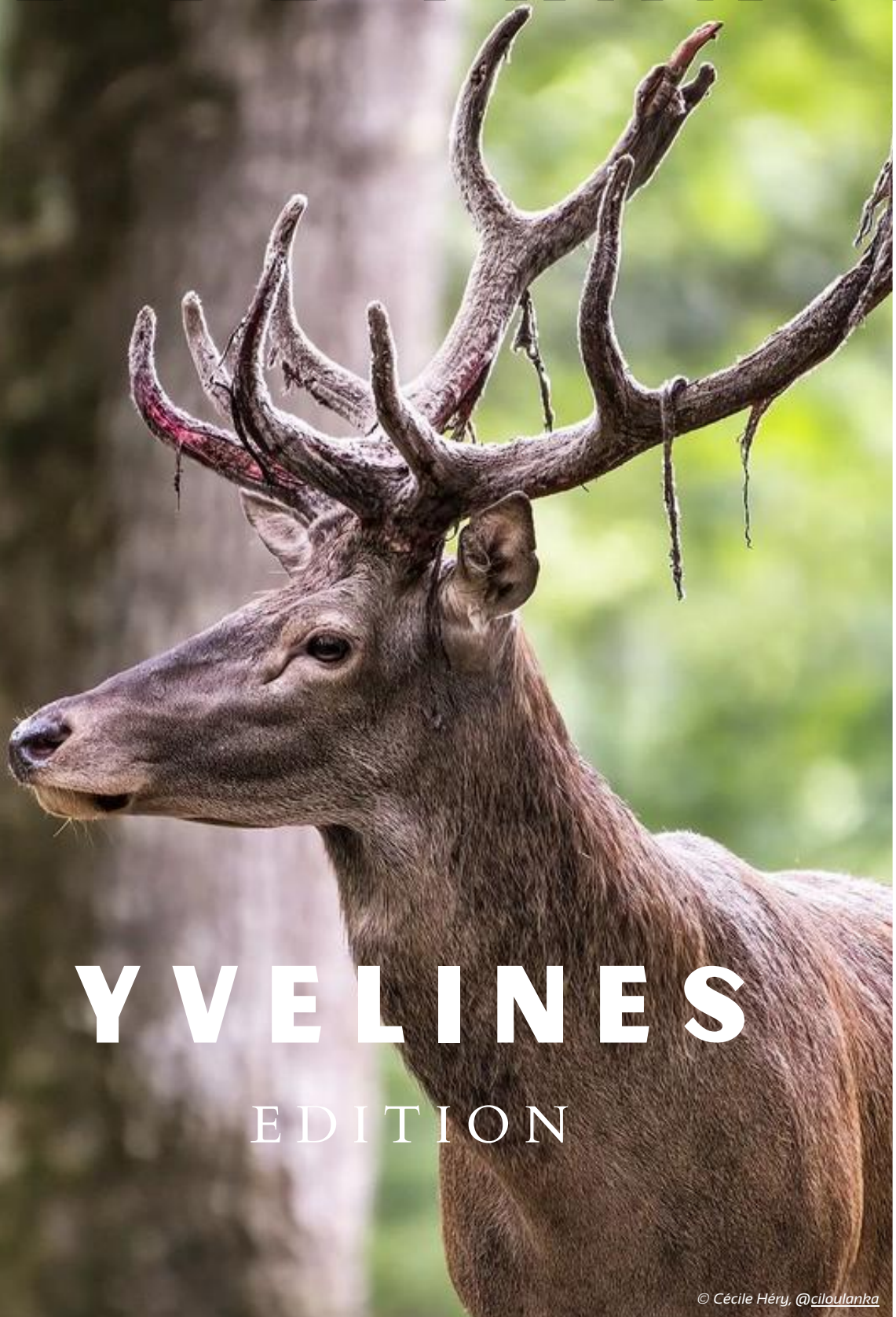


DON'T MISS ANYTHING ABOUT
ÎLE-DE-FRANCE

DISCOVER THE REGION THROUGH ITS 8 DEPARTMENTS



YVELINES

EDITION

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ENGLISH VERSION

ÉDITORIAL

Students in the fourth year of Biotechnology and Chemistry at the CYTech engineering school in Cergy, we spent several months to realize our project: the creation of a series of magazines highlighting the cultural and tourist heritage of the Île-de-France region. In total, we created 8 magazines, each corresponding to a department of this region.

Aware of the challenges involved in discovering such a rich territory, we have undertaken this project to promote our region during our student mobility in Italy. The magazines "Don't miss anything about Île-de-France" have the objective of listing the must-see sites of each department, while highlighting lesser known but equally interesting places to explore. Of course, this selection is not exhaustive!

This edition focuses on the department of Yvelines. As far as possible, **you will find the website of each place and its access on Google Maps by hovering over its title and address respectively.**

To find out more about the other departments of the region, we invite you to go to the last page of this magazine: you will find a list of all available magazines, as well as a link to our website and Instagram account.

Enjoy your reading!

Jordane & Lucas



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Rambolitrain Museum

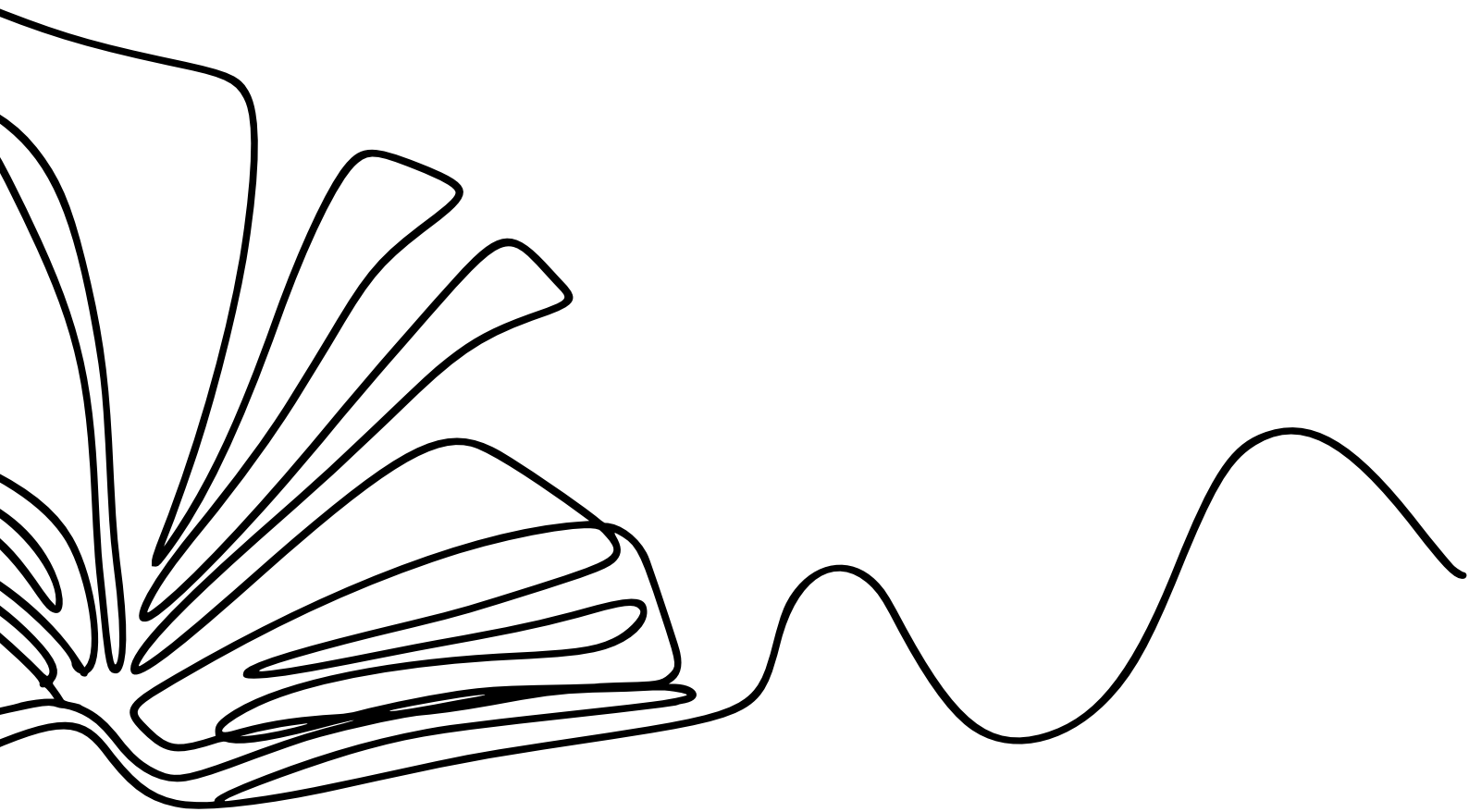
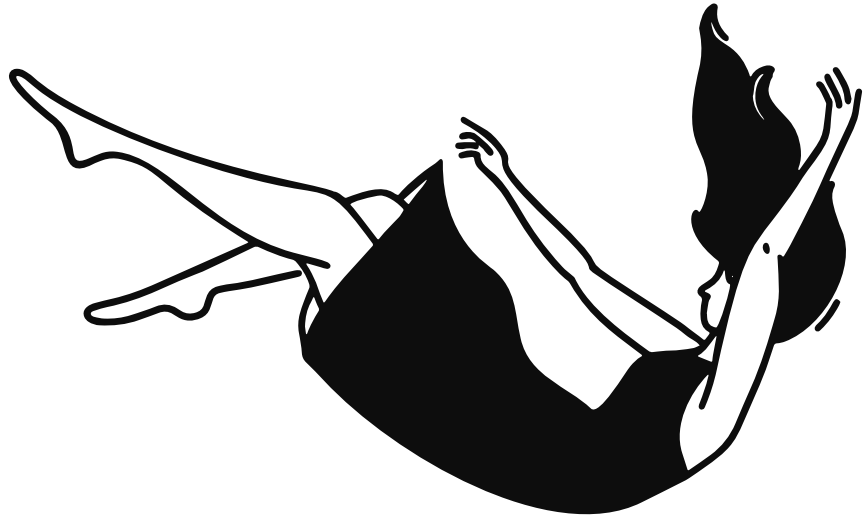
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HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

The current territory of the Yvelines has been populated since prehistoric times, about 400,000 years ago. Many sites attest to the presence of humans for thousands of years, such as collective graves, dolmens, shrines, Roman ways, etc.

The blazon of the Yvelines is “of azure sown with flowers of gold lilies to the two bands of silver wavy pinning on the whole”.



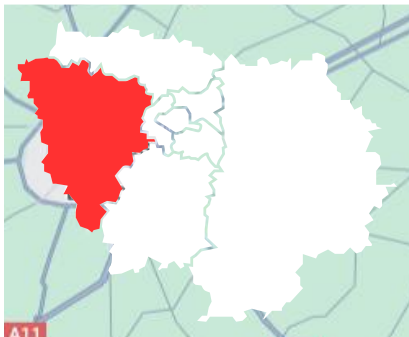
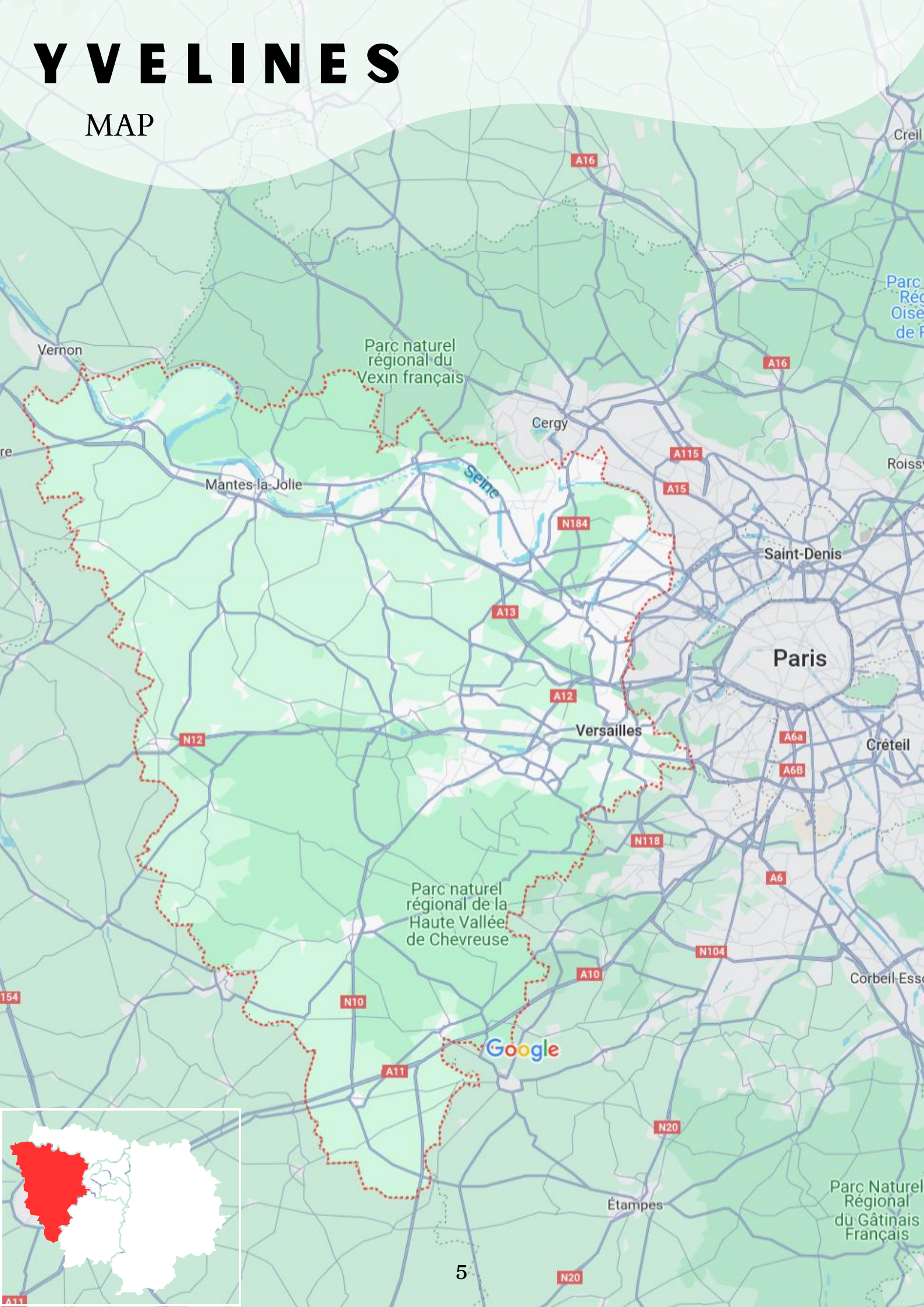
Located in the west of Île-de-France, the Yvelines department was created in 1968 following the division of the Paris region and the disappearance of the Seine-et-Oise. The name «Yvelines» was inspired by the poet Jehan Despert, evoking the natural landscape of the territory crossed by many rivers, in particular the forest of Rambouillet, formerly called Yveline. The addition of the "s" brings a touch of elegance and reflects the diversity of the places.

With an area of 2,284.4 km², Yvelines is the largest department in Île-de-France. Although the east and north of the department are part of the Paris agglomeration, the rest of the territory remains predominantly rural. Yvelines is home to 85% of natural and agricultural areas, including important wooded areas such as the forest of Rambouillet and the regional natural park of the upper valley of Chevreuse. This makes Yvelines the main forest department of the region, with more than 30% of its area covered by forests.



YVELINES

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MUST-SEE



MUST-SEE

Cultural and architectural heritage

Territory of museums, castles and artists, the Yvelines conceive culture, works of art or monuments as a living heritage. Contemporary and classical arts, literature and painting, music and sculpture... In the Yvelines, culture is expressed and animated!

The Palace of Versailles and its domain

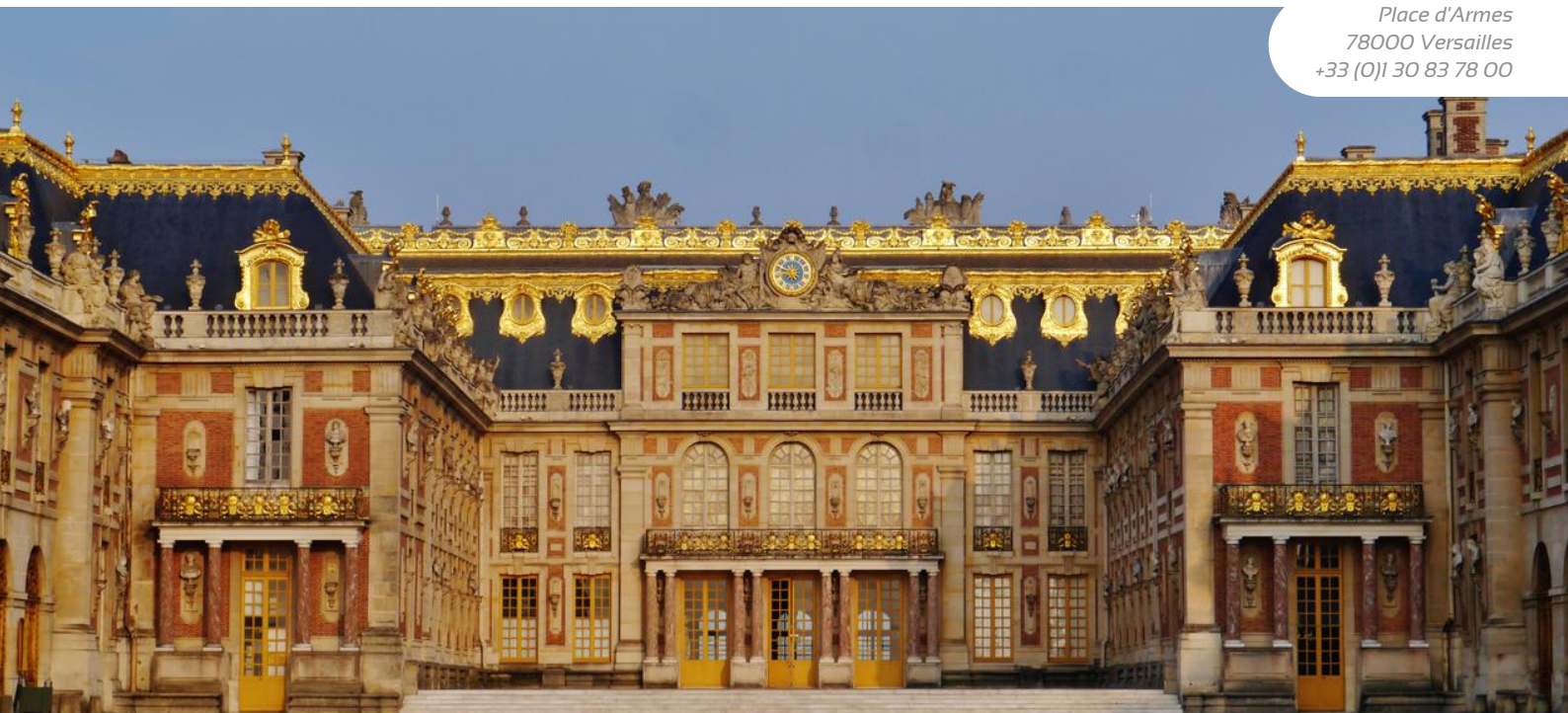
An emblematic marvel of France and a must-see destination for lovers of history, art and architecture, the Palace of Versailles was the main residence of the kings of France Louis XIV, Louis XV and Louis XVI.

Experience the grandeur of the royal apartments, lavish reception rooms, and beautifully maintained French gardens. You will pass by the famous Hall of Mirrors, masterpiece of baroque art.

Castle open from Tuesday to Sunday from 9am to 5:30pm from 01/11 to 31/03 and from 9am to 6:30pm from 01/04 to 31/10. **To access the castle, booking a time slot is mandatory: only online purchase guarantees entry to the Castle within half an hour following the reserved time slot.**

Full price: 21€. Discover the reduced rates and free conditions [here](#).

Place d'Armes
78000 Versailles
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It is also possible to visit the Trianon estate, the Carrosses gallery, the Sculptures and Casts gallery, the Marly estate and the Jeu de Paume hall.

Estate of Trianon

The estate of Trianon is a part of the park of the Palace of Versailles, located in its northern part, and which includes the Grand Trianon, the Petit Trianon, and the Queen's Hamlet.

Not far from the castle, Louis XIV gave free rein to his love of architecture and gardens by creating this domain reserved for his personal use.

Open from Tuesday to Sunday from 12pm to 5:30pm from 01/11 to 31/03 and from 12pm to 6:30pm from 01/04 to 31/10.

Full price: 12€. Check the reduced rates and free conditions [here](#).



Grand Trianon



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Hameau de la Reine



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Petit Trianon

Allée des deux Trianons
78000 Versailles
+33 (0)1 30 83 78 00

Carrosses Gallery

The Carrosses Gallery houses real jewels designed by the most talented artists of the time. These carriages also represent a remarkable testimony of the technological progress of their time, illustrating the constant evolution of the techniques and innovations of the time.

Open every Saturday and Sunday from 12:30pm to 5:30pm.

Free access.



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Gallery of Sculptures and Casts

The current gallery of Sculptures and Casts, was originally occupied by the stalls of horses. Since 1970, the gallery hosts the Gypsothèque of the Louvre Museum, but also original marble statues directly from the Gardens.

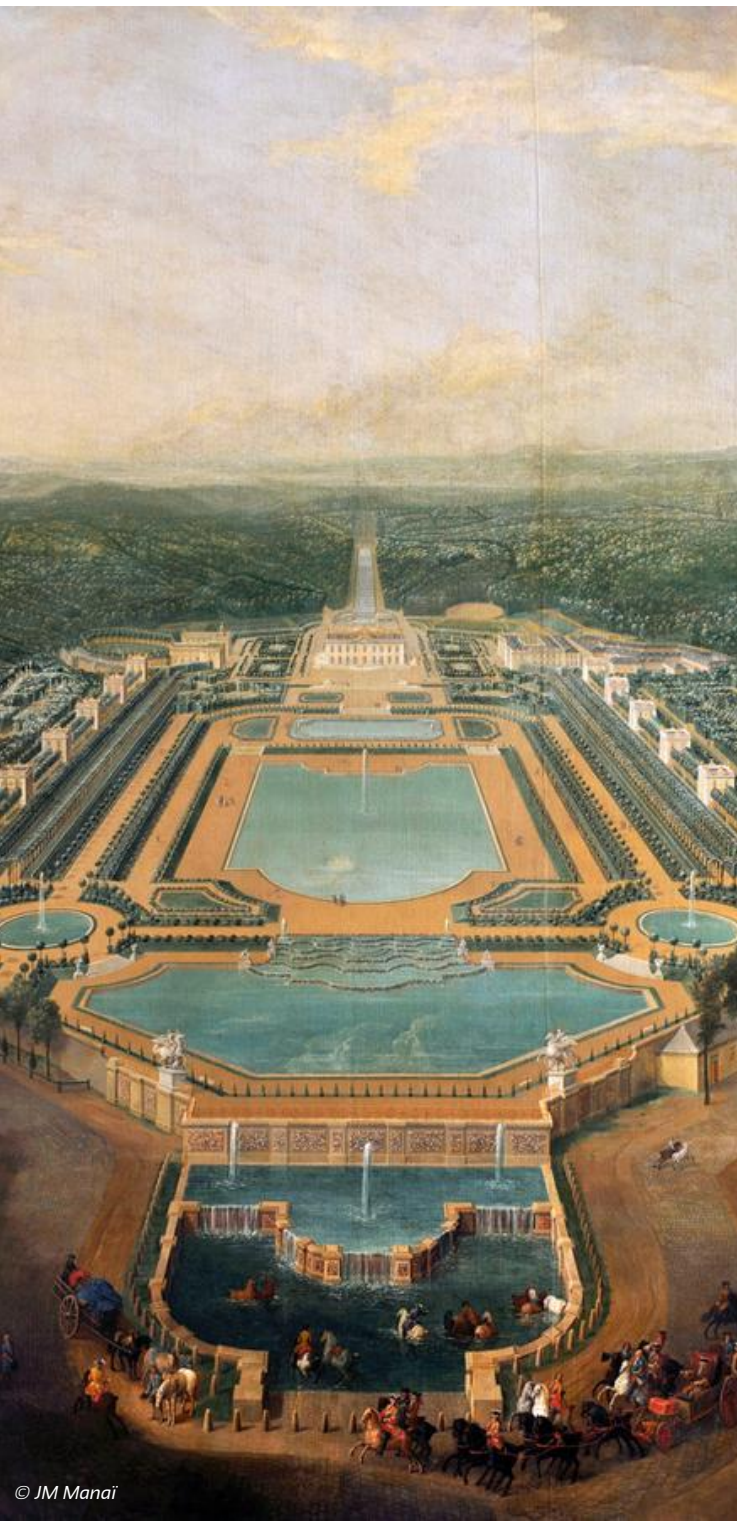
Open every weekend from 12.30pm to 6.30pm from 01/04 to 31/10.

Free access.



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The estate of Marly

Another major achievement of Louis XIV who made it his residence of pleasure, it remains today the park and elements like the Abreuvoir, with its two basins. In 2022, the estate of Marly received the "Jardin Remarquable" label. The Domain Museum also brings the site to life with its paintings, drawings, statues, engravings and archaeological furniture.

Open every day from 7am to 7:30pm. Extended opening until 9:30pm on weekends from 14/05 to 29/08, and until 8:30pm on weekends from 03/09 to 18/09.

Free access through the Porte du Bourg, the grille Deux portes, the grille Royale, the grille Coeur Volant, the porte du Roi and the porte du Stade.

Domaine National de Marly
78000 Versailles
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Hall of the Jeu de Paume

Built for the Parisian masters-paumiers, the Court and the royal family to practice, the Jeu de Paume hall became the symbol of the Revolution of 1789.

On 20 June 1789, the deputies of the Third Estate took an oath not to separate before giving France a written constitution, a scene immortalized by the painter Jacques-Louis David.



Open for free visit every first Sunday from April to October from 12.30pm to 6.30pm and guided tour only on the rest of the time.

Free access except guided tour. Guided tours are at the rate of 10 € (many free provisions and reduced rates available).

1 Rue du Jeu de Paume
78000 Versailles
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Le Serment du Jeu de Paume
(Jacques-Louis David, 1789)



Le Podcast du Château de Versailles
: Le Serment du Jeu de Paume





UNUSUAL FACTS ABOUT
THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

The gardens and the castle were open to the public during the time of Louis XIV.

The Versailles construction site caused thousands of deaths (accidents, malaria).

A village, the Queen's hamlet, was created for the pleasure of Marie-Antoinette.

We sold the remains of the king's table on the outskirts of the Palace of Versailles.

The king often ate his cold dishes, so far away was the kitchen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Castle of Breteuil

Nestled in the Chevreuse Valley Natural Park, Breteuil Castle offers a captivating immersion into the daily life of a family during the history of France, thanks to a collection of 50 wax characters. The outbuildings also house the presentation of eight Perrault tales.

Stretching over 75 hectares, the park offers a variety of attractions, including several gardens, a labyrinth, a medieval dovecote, as well as spaces dedicated to games and picnics.

Opening of the park at 10am and closing at 7pm in winter and 8pm in summer. Free visits of the castle every day from 11am to 12pm and from 2pm to 5:30pm. Guided tours organized the week at 12pm and 4.30pm, and weekends at 12.30pm and 4.30pm.

Full price: 19€ (castle, gardens and fairy tale scenes) or 13€ (gardens and fairy tale scenes). Discover the reduced rates and free conditions [here](#).



Storyteller at 4:30 pm on weekends, holidays, and every day of school holidays in the region.



Château de Breteuil
78460 Chevreuse
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contact@breteuil.fr

Collegiale Church of Mantes-la-Jolie

Listed as a Historical Monument in 1840, the Collegiate Church of Mantes-la-Jolie is an old collegiate church of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. It appears as the most important medieval church of the Yvelines, and as one of the major buildings of Île-de-France, with Notre-Dame de Paris, Saint-Denis and Meaux.



© Agenda Culturel des Yvelines

Opening of the church every day from 8.30am to 7pm.

Free access.

Place de l'Étape
78200 Mantes-la-Jolie
+33 (0)1 30 52 05 11

Saint-Germain-en-Laye Castle & National Archaeology Museum

The castle of Saint-Germain-en-Laye, houses the National Archeology Museum since 1862, which became the National Archeology Museum in 2005.

The National Archaeology Museum preserves, studies and exhibits objects dating from the Palaeolithic to the First Middle Ages and includes a collection dedicated to Comparative Archaeology.

Open every day, except Tuesdays, from 10am to 5pm. **Some rooms are closed due to renovations.** Closed on 25/12, 01/01 and 01/05. Click [here](#) to check room openings.

Single rate (due to work): 6€. Find out how to get free [here](#).

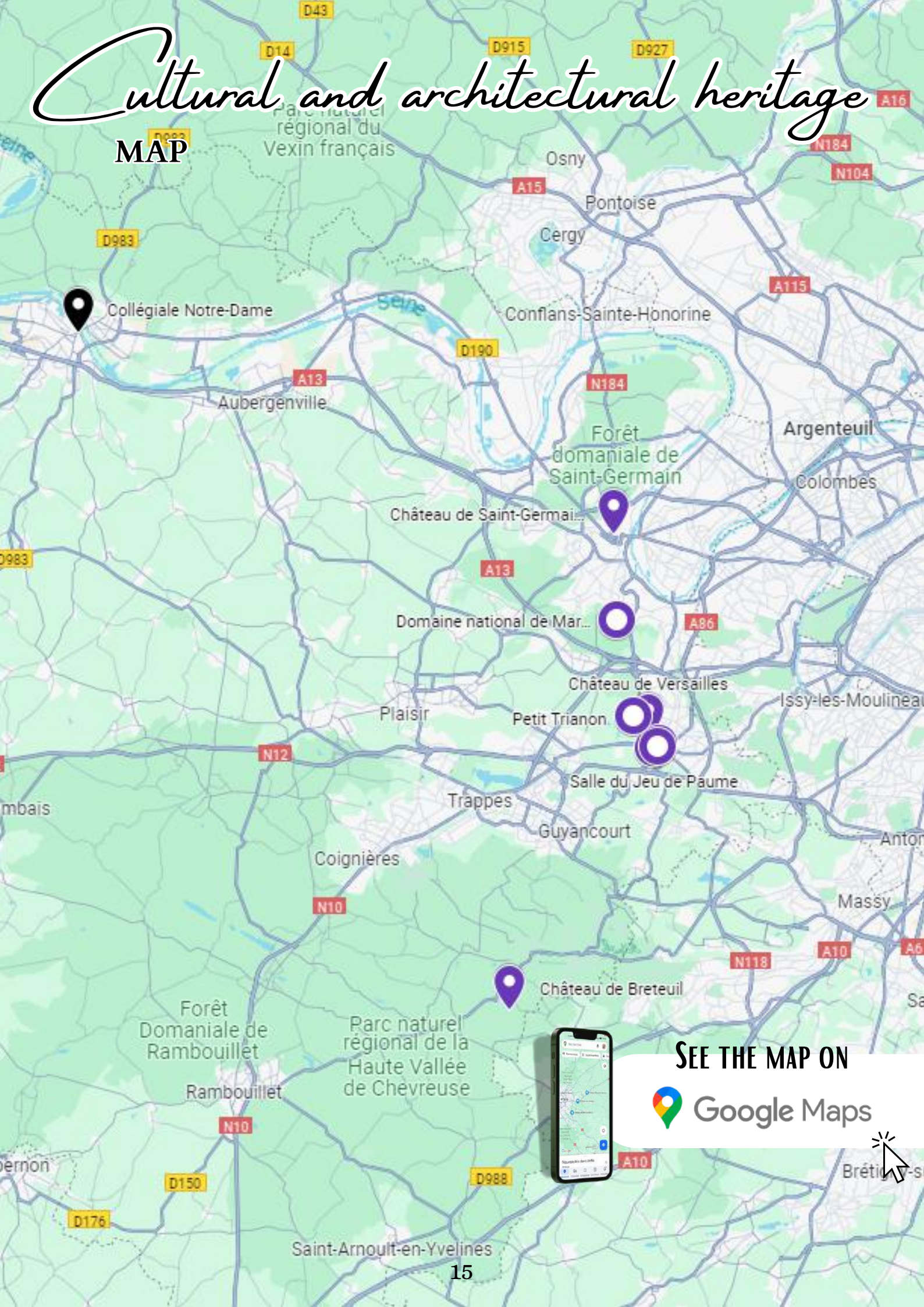


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Cultural and architectural heritage

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With nearly 85% of its territory dedicated to natural and agricultural areas, the Yvelines are distinguished by the predominance of vast green areas and remarkable wooded areas.

The Yvelines are a true paradise for nature lovers, offering landscapes of striking beauty and endless possibilities of wonder and rejuvenation.

Natural Park of the Haute Vallée de Chevreuse

A preserved natural sanctuary where green landscapes, winding waterways and majestic forests blend, the park is renowned for its exceptional biodiversity. It offers visitors scenic hiking trails through wooded valleys and hills, as well as remarkable historical and cultural sites.

Take a walk in the park

The park offers many hiking trails, but also walks with guides. You can also rent bikes or book horse rides.



Map of the hiking circuits



Walks with the guides of the Park



Bike rides



Horse riding



To see, to do

Charming villages, heritage and castles, art workshops, lively farms, enchanting valleys, shimmering and discreet waters, there is something for everyone in this valley with its flamboyant landscapes.



Natural sites



Castles



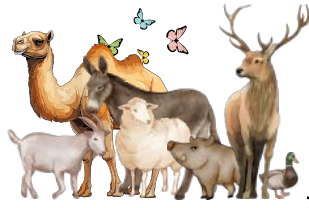
Museums



Parks and gardens



Farms



Animal parks



Villages



Appeal to children



NATIONAL SHEEPFOLD

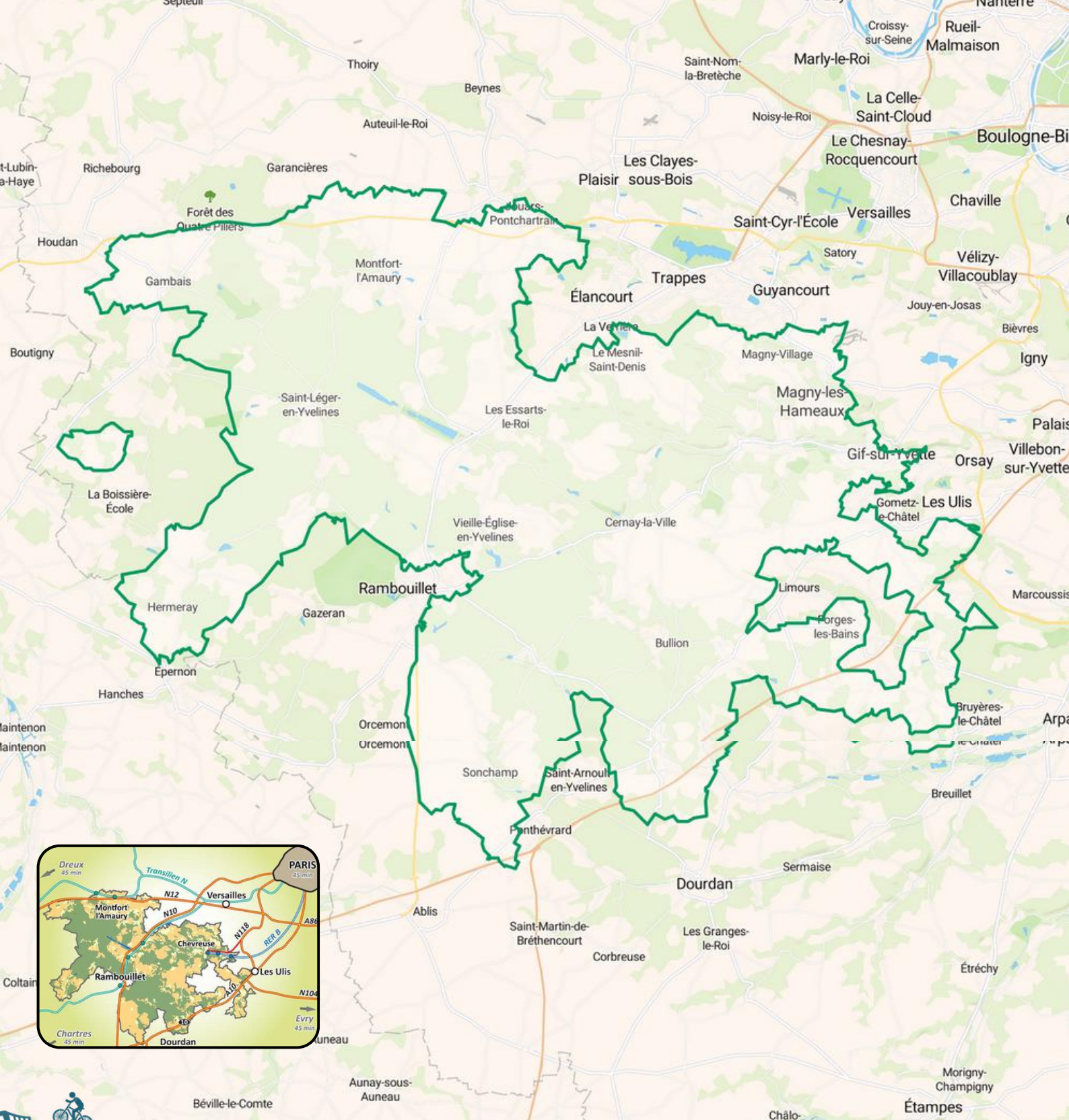


RAMBOUILLET SPACE



Haute Vallée de Chevreuse

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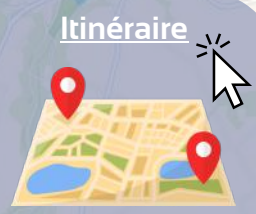


GOING TO THE NATURAL PARK

1h50 by train from Paris

1h by car from Paris

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Thoiry Safari Zoo

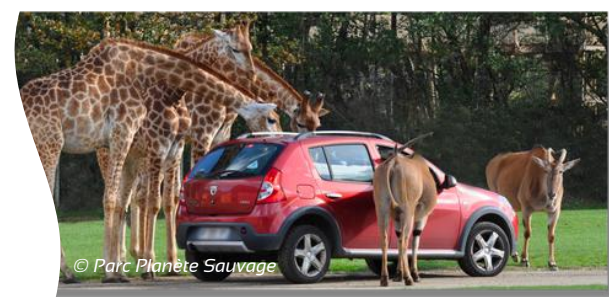
Discover the Zoo Safari of Thoiry and go on an adventure during a safari by car through natural habitats recreated for emblematic species such as lions and giraffes.

You will also have the opportunity to walk through thematic areas with a fascinating variety of exotic animals.

Schedules vary according to the season. Find all schedules [here](#).

Full price: 28€ (dated ticket) or 32€ (undated ticket). Many discounted rates are available, as well as extras (bush truck, stroller, wheelchair, electric scooter rental...). See all rates [here](#).

Wow Safari Thoiry
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Paths of the Impressionists

The Paths of the Impressionists offer a captivating experience through the landscapes that inspired the great masters of art. Following these picturesque paths, you can explore the places that have been immortalized on canvas by Monet, Renoir, Pissarro, Corot, Sisley or Cassatt, plunging into the luminous and evocative universe of Impressionism.

Find all the paths available on [this site](#).



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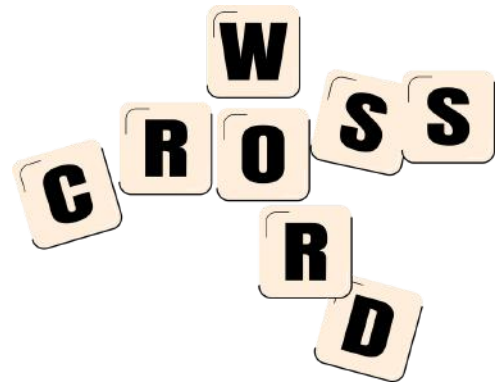


Le podcast de Giverny : Les Enfants de l'impressionnisme



Impressionism

CROSSWORDS



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Vertical

- 2. The action or skill of using paint, either in a picture or as decoration.
- 3. Someone who has a sense of beauty and is able to create a work of art.

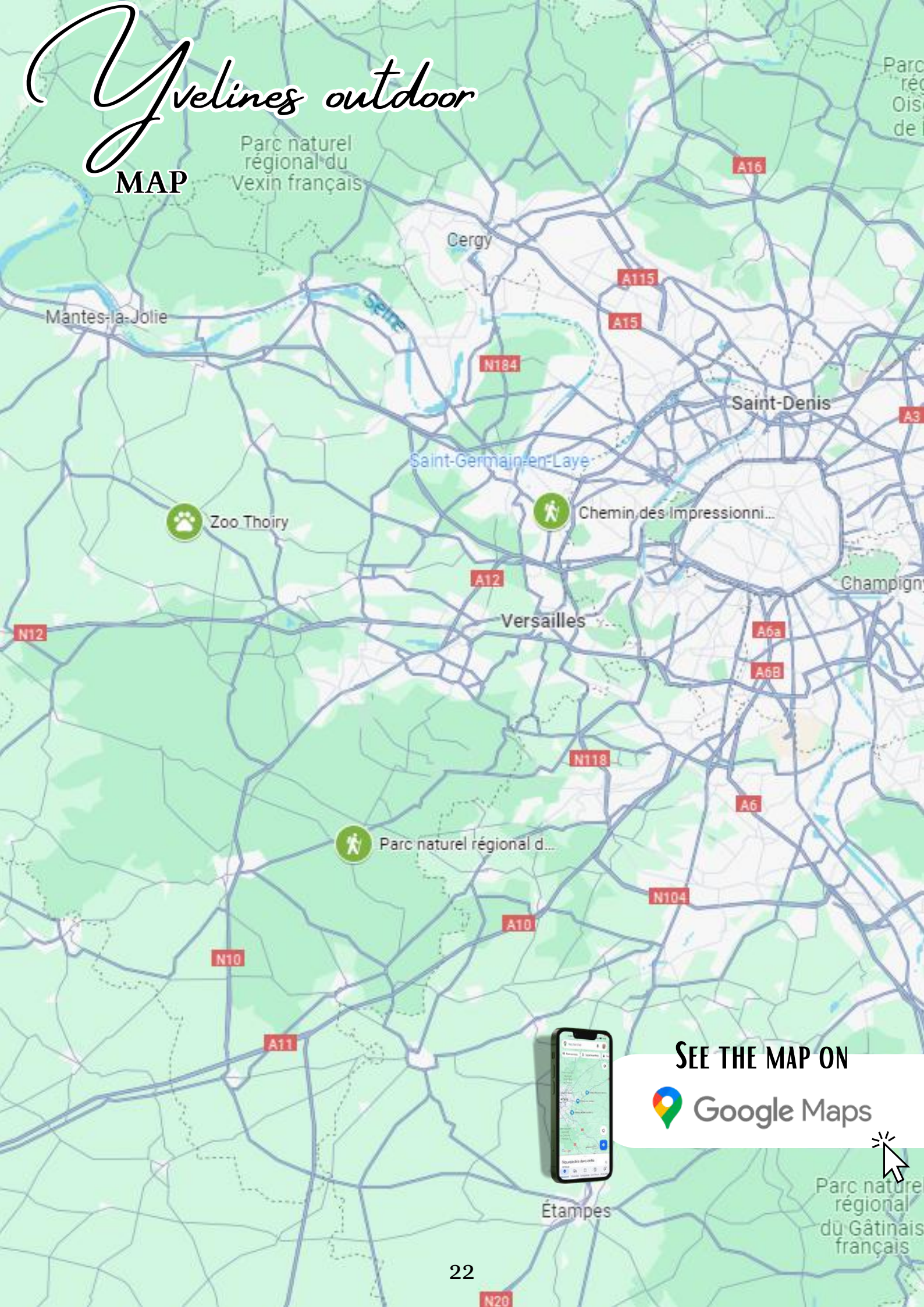
Horizontal

- 1. Island country located in the Pacific Ocean, east of China, Korea and Russia.
- 4. The natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible.

[Click here to discover the solution!](#)

Yvelines outdoor

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Leisure activities in the Yvelines

By taking advantage of its abundant natural spaces, the Yvelines offer unique and singular attractions, capturing the very essence of the region through experiences that stand out for their originality.

France Miniature

France Miniature offers a fascinating experience where you can explore a faithful 1/30th scale reduction of France, with meticulous reproductions of its most famous monuments

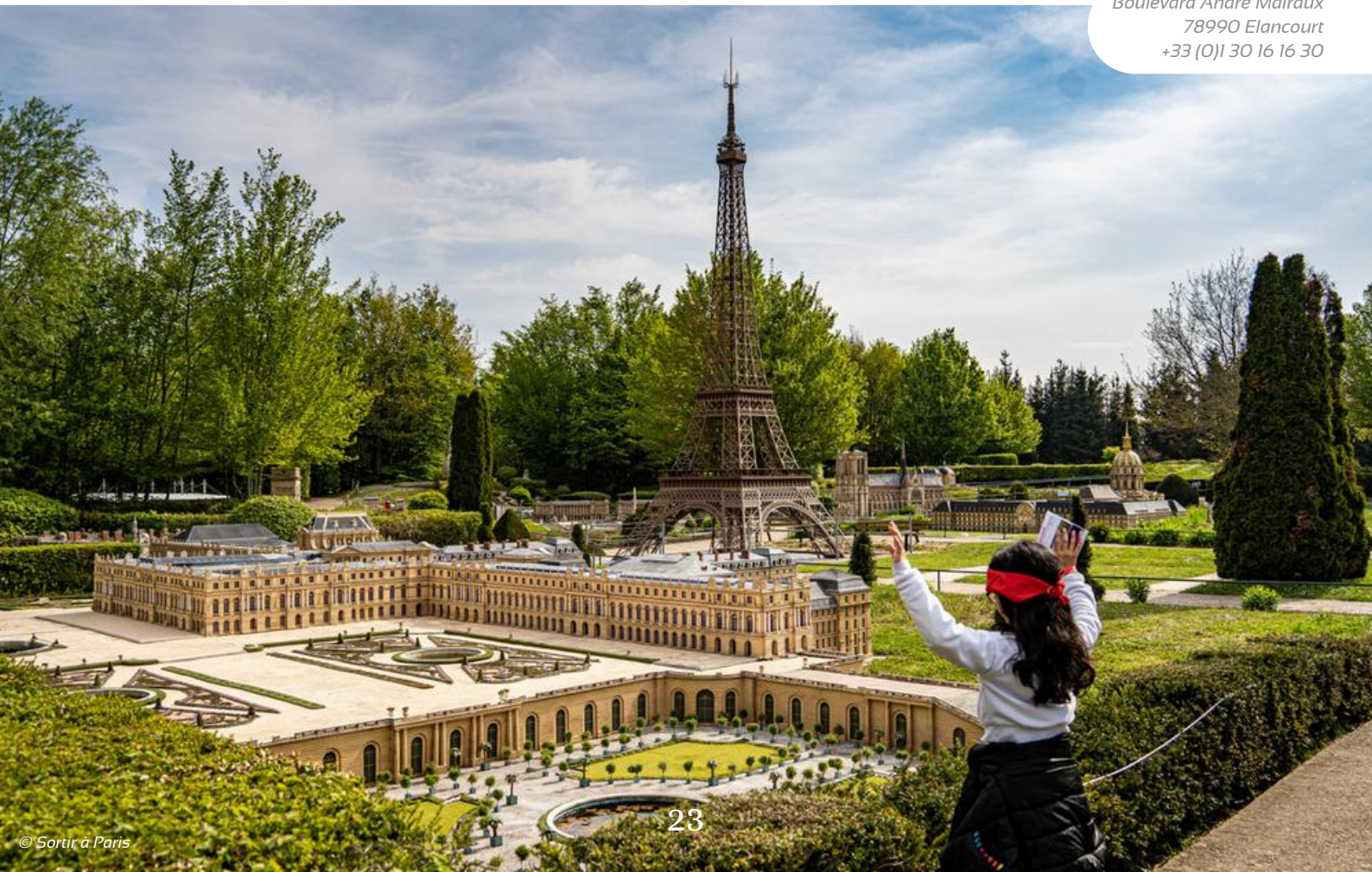
This immersive theme park offers a fun day of discovery, allowing visitors to travel around the country without leaving the Yvelines. The park also offers several attractions that will amuse young and old.

Schedules vary according to the season. Find all schedules [here](#).

Full price: 27€. Child rate (from 4 to 11 years): 21€. Enjoy a single rate (21€) if you book at least 5 days before your visit. Book your tickets [here](#).



Boulevard André Malraux
78990 Elancourt
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Leisure island of Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines

Vast recreational area offering a variety of outdoor activities such as sailing, golf, cycling or hiking, the leisure island of Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines knows how to delight young and old.

With its lakes, green areas and sports facilities, it is an ideal place for families, sports enthusiasts and nature lovers looking for relaxation and entertainment.

Open 24/7. Access to vehicles is allowed from Monday to Sunday from 8am to 6pm. The opening hours of the activities are variable and can be found [here](#).

Free access (paid parking: 5€). Activities are charged: find all rates [here](#).

Rond point Éric Tabarly
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Leisure activities in the Yvelines

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CASTLES

TO ADMIRE



CASTLES

TO ADMIRE

The architectural heritage of the Yvelines is an exceptional showcase of French history and art, with treasures such as the Castle of Versailles, the Castle of Rambouillet or the Castle of Saint-Germain-en-Laye, testifying to the elegance and architectural diversity of the region.

Castle of Thoiry

Built in the 16th century, the castle of Thoiry was the residence of the La Rochefoucauld family for several generations. It is renowned for its Renaissance architecture and richly decorated interior.

The park of the castle of Thoiry is also remarkable. Designed by Achille Duchêne and Henry Vaughan, it features a variety of French gardens, fountains, ponds and wooded walkways.

Throughout the year, the estate hosts events such as outdoor concerts, art exhibitions, but also escape games.

Opening hours of the castle vary according to the season. Gardens open from June to August (accessible exclusively with [Zoo Safari Thoiry tickets](#)). Find all schedules [here](#).

Full price: 5€ (free visit) or 10€ (guided visit). Free for under 3 years. **Free admission on presentation of the [zoo](#) ticket dated the same day.**



THOIRY

FESTIVAL OF WILD LIGHTS

The Thoiry festival of wild lights is an annual event held at the Château de Thoiry. This festival offers a unique immersive experience, mixing light art, nature and spectacle to create a magical and magical atmosphere.

The event usually takes place between October and March, and offers visitors a special opportunity to experience the castle of Thoiry park in a new light.

The Thoiry festival of wild lights aims to offer an immersive sensory and artistic experience for the whole family. In addition to light installations, it often offers entertainment, light and music shows, as well as activities for children.

Exact dates to come (October - March).

Tickets for the festival can be purchased at the [Zoo Safari de Thoiry](#) during the festival period.



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Castle of Rambouillet

Built in the 14th century, the Castle of Rambouillet was a royal and imperial residence before becoming a presidential residence. Surrounded by a vast forest park, this Renaissance-style castle now hosts official events and offers visitors the opportunity to discover its sumptuous interiors, French gardens and rich cultural heritage.

Open every day, except Tuesday, from 10am to 6pm depending on the season. Closed on 01/01, 01/05 and 25/12. Opening of the park every day from 8am to 9pm depending on the season. Find all schedules [here](#).

Full price: 11€. Free access to the park. Find the reduced rates and free conditions [here](#).



Château de Rambouillet
78120 Rambouillet
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Madeleine Castle

Nestled in the middle of a spectacular natural setting, the Madeleine castle, a medieval building dating from the 11th century, is a major historical site in the region, offering the opportunity to discover the fascinating history of the area and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding valley.

Open from Tuesday to Sunday from 11am to 8pm from 01/04 to 30/09 and from 11am to 6pm from 01/10 to 31/03. Closed on 01/01 and 25/12.

Free access.

Château de la Madeleine
78460 Chevreuse
+33 (0)1 30 83 69 56



Castle of Médan

In 1878, Émile Zola bought the Castle of Médan and lived there for several years. It is in this castle that he wrote some of his most famous works, including his emblematic novel *Germinal*.

This castle is a fine example of 19th century architecture, with its elegant facades and well-kept gardens.

Today, it testifies to the importance of the writer in the French cultural landscape and offers visitors the opportunity to discover the place that inspired some of the most significant works of French literature.

Visit possible only on certain dates and on reservation by mail or phone. To access all available dates, please click [here](#).

Full price: 12€. Free for children under 12. Reduced rates during Heritage Days: 5€ for 12-18 years and 10€ per adult.

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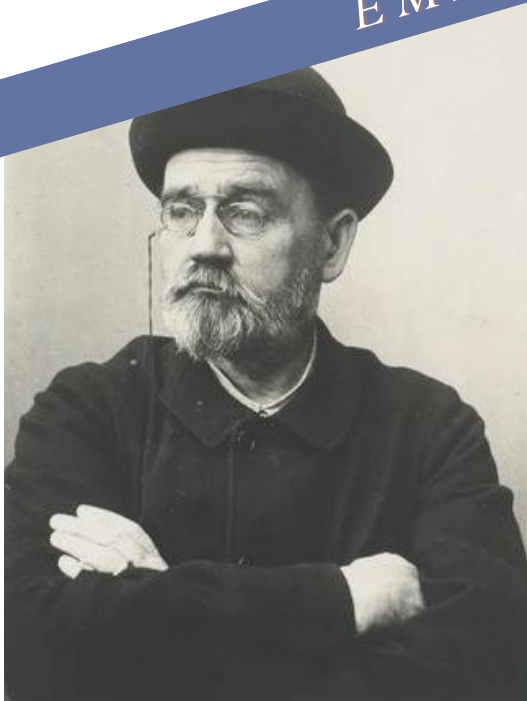
ÉMILE ZOLA : PORTRAIT

French writer
of the nineteenth century,

Émile Zola is widely recognized as one
of the greatest writers of French literature.

Zola was a committed writer, known for his naturalistic approach to literature, in which he sought to portray social and human reality with raw and uncompromising realism.

In addition to being a writer, he was also an influential journalist and art critic. He played a major role in the Dreyfus affair, a political and judicial scandal that shook France in the late 19th century. Zola published her famous article "I accuse...!" in 1898, denouncing injustice and anti-Semitism in the Dreyfus case, which led to legal proceedings and exile.



Autoportrait avec chapeau, les bras croisés

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PASS DESTINATION

(former PASS MALIN)

What is it?

The Pass Destination is a **free discount application** created by the departments of Yvelines and Hauts-de-Seine. Enjoy at least 15% discount in more than 90 tourist sites of the west francilien. But also... Advantageous offers offered throughout the year!



Shows and events



Nature, sports and leisure



Museums and houses of artists



Castles and monuments



Download the Pass Destination

Castle of Maisons-Laffitte

A magnificent example of 17th-century classical French architecture, the Castle of Maisons-Laffitte is famous for its elegance and architectural harmony.

The interior of the castle is also remarkable, with its sumptuously decorated lounges, painted ceilings, period furniture, hall of mirrors and guard room.

The castle is surrounded by French gardens designed by André Le Nôtre, the famous landscaper who worked on the gardens of Versailles.

Open every day, except Tuesday, from 10am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 5pm or 6pm depending on the season. Closed on 01/01, 01/05 and 25/12. Opening of the park every day from 8am to 9pm depending on the season. Find all schedules [here](#).

Full price: 9€ (many free and reduced rates available). See all rates available [here](#).

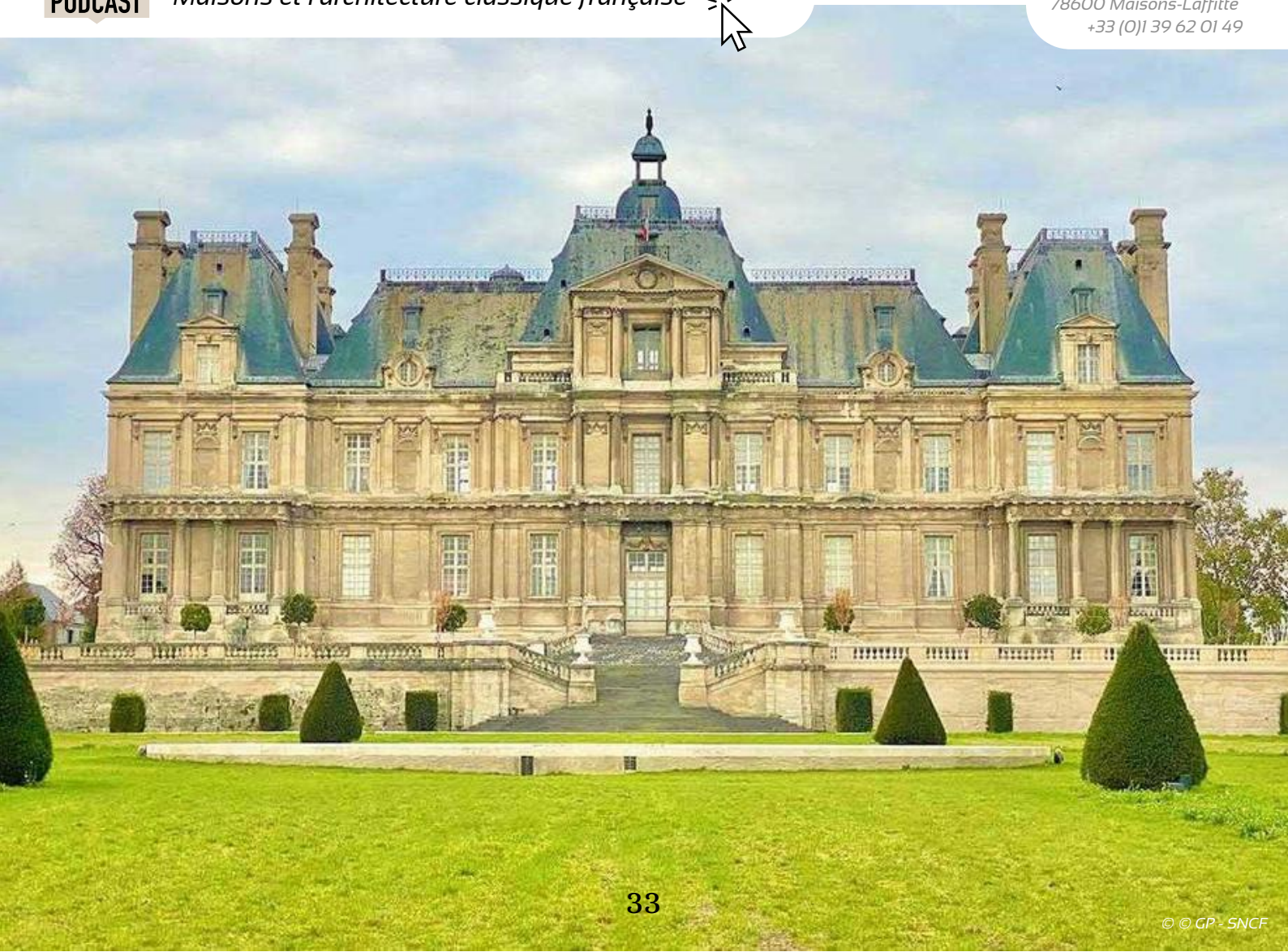


PODCAST

Com d'Archi Podcast : Le château de Maisons et l'architecture classique française



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78600 Maisons-Laffitte
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Monte-Cristo Castle

In 1844, at the height of his fame, following the successes of the *Trois Mousquetaires* and the *Comte de Monte-Cristo*, the writer Alexandre Dumas aspires to find a refuge conducive to literary creation.

To realize his project, Dumas called on the architect Hippolyte Durand, to whom he expressed his desire for a Renaissance style castle facing a Gothic castle, surrounded by a lake. He also imagined an English-style park, embellished with caves, rockeries and waterfalls.

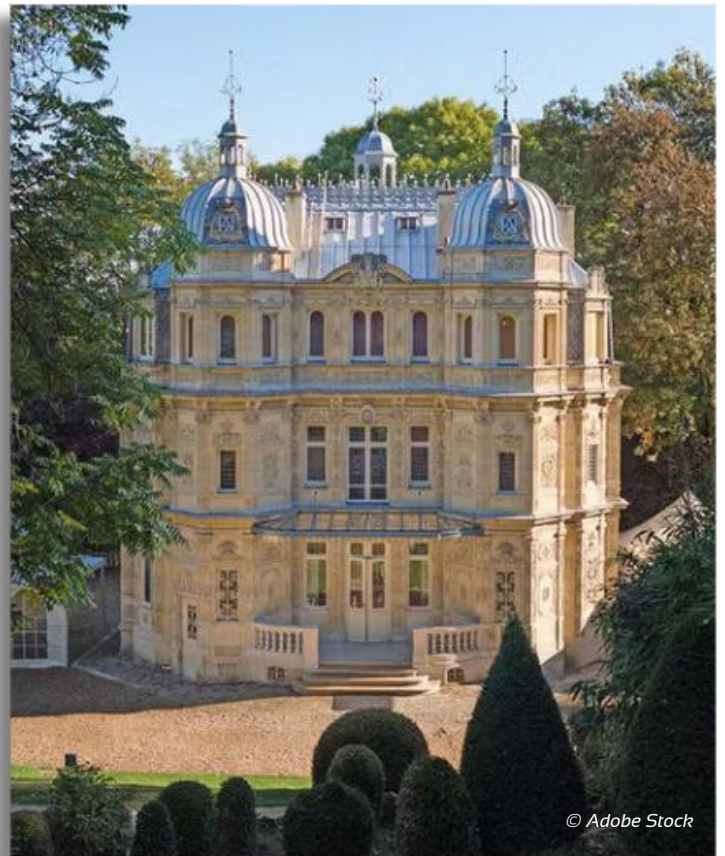
Today, Monte-Cristo Castle functions as a museum dedicated to the life and work of the writer.

Opening hours vary according to season and day. Find all opening hours [here](#).

Full price: 8€. Free for children under 8 years old. Exclusive access to the park is available at 4€. Find the reduced rates and free conditions [here](#).



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ALEXANDRE DUMAS

T R U E O R F A L S E ?

Alexandre Dumas had a parrot as his writing companion.



Dumas had a very large collection of...puppets!



Dumas invented the story of his novel *Les Trois Mousquetaires*.



The grandmother of Alexandre Dumas was a slave.



[Click here to find the answers!](#)

Castle of Dampierre

Built in the 17th century by the architect Jules Hardouin-Mansart, one of the greatest architects of the time, it belongs to the Luynes family since the 16th century and has been considerably enlarged and embellished over the centuries.

The gardens, meanwhile, were designed by the famous gardener André Le Nôtre, and are among the most beautiful in France. They include flower beds, groves, shady alleys, fountains and pools, offering an enchanting setting for strolling and relaxing.

Open from Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 5.30pm and on weekends from 10am to 6.30pm. During school holidays in Zone C and on public holidays, the castle is open every day from 10am to 6.30pm.

Full price: 30€ (guided tour only). Exclusive access to the domain is available at the full price of 10€. Check out all available discounted rates and free conditions [here](#).

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Vast green forests, preserved natural parks or winding rivers: the Yvelines have a rich natural heritage. Discover remarkable biodiversity, varied landscapes and a wide range of outdoor activities suitable for all interests.

Gally Farms

Gally farms are farms that offer a unique experience of proximity to nature and the rural world.

The farms of Saint-Cyr-l'Ecole and Sartrouville offer the visit of the farm and the meeting of animals, but can also offer workshops such as the picking of seasonal fruits and vegetables in the fields, walks to discover the fauna and flora, or gardening and cooking workshops.

Open between 10am and 6pm depending on the days and time of year. Find all the schedules [here](#) (the schedules of the two farms of Yvelines are the same).

Full price: 5€30. Discover the reduced rates available and the free conditions [here](#) (the rates of the two farms of Yvelines are the same).

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Butterfly greenhouse

An enchanting place in the heart of nature, the butterfly greenhouse offers an immersive experience in the colorful world of tropical butterflies, and in a luminescent jungle.

Inside the greenhouse, visitors can walk through different habitats recreating the natural conditions of tropical regions, discovering the diversity of butterfly species present. Information panels also provide information on their life cycle, behaviour and natural habitat.

Open every day from 9:30am to 6pm.

Full price: 11€. Child rate (from 3 to 14 years): 8€

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Walk the winding trails of the forest and explore wildlife with a variety of words to decipher.

Will you be able to find them all?

Words can be placed horizontally or vertically.

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Desert of Retz

Created in the eighteenth century by the Marquis François Racine de Monville, the Desert of Retz is an amazing garden is famous for its extravagant architectural elements and unique landscape design.

The Desert of Retz is an exceptional example of the English landscape style, characterized by winding paths, ponds, caves, factories and picturesque ruins scattered in a naturally hilly landscape.

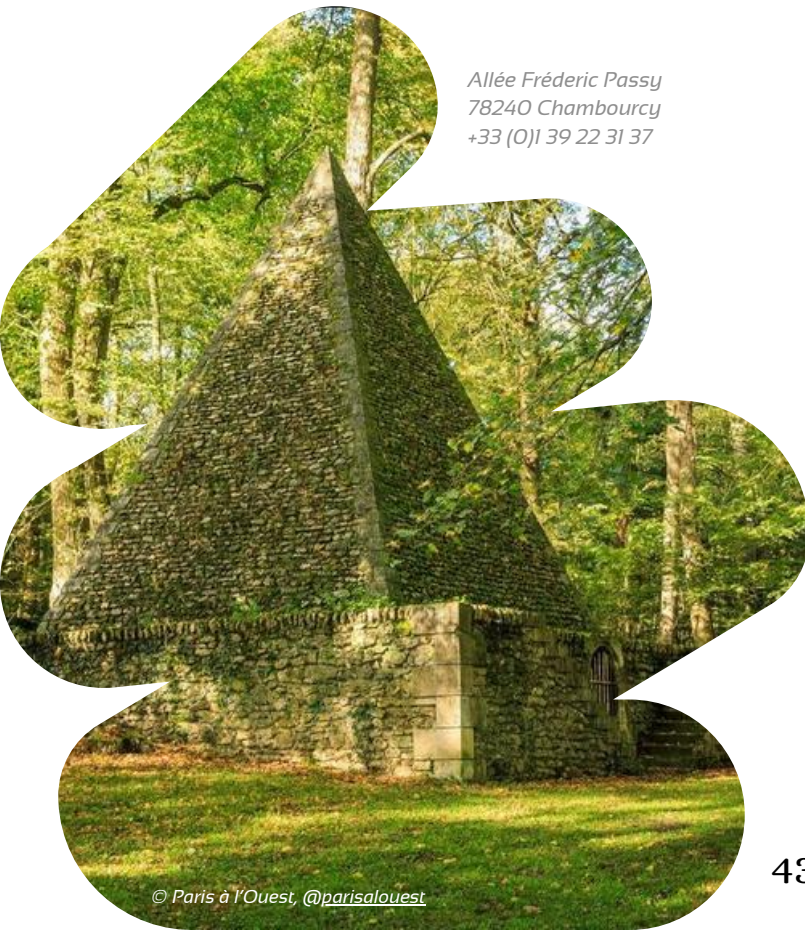
Among the most remarkable elements of the Retz Desert are the broken column, the ruins of the abbey, the temple of Pan and the pyramid of Bricks.

Open from 06/04 to 26/10 from 2pm to 6pm.

Full price: 10€ (self-guided tour with audio guide) or 14€ (guided tour). Free for children under 6 years old. Check out all the discounted rates offered [here](#).



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NOTRE-DAME MARKET

A crossroads of colours and flavours, the Notre-Dame de Versailles Market was elected “the most beautiful market in the Ile-de-France region”.

Built under Louis XIII, the second market in France is full of fresh and regional products. Established in the same location since the 17th century, its creation responded to the royal request to create a practical space, including halls, stalls and benches, to offer merchants adequate shelter for their goods.

The market square is lively every day and is one of the most important commercial hubs of Versailles.

The Halles Notre-Dame are open every day except Monday.

The Notre-Dame open-air food market is open on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays morning.

Place du Marché Notre-Dame
78000 Versailles



Leisure center of the Ponds of Holland

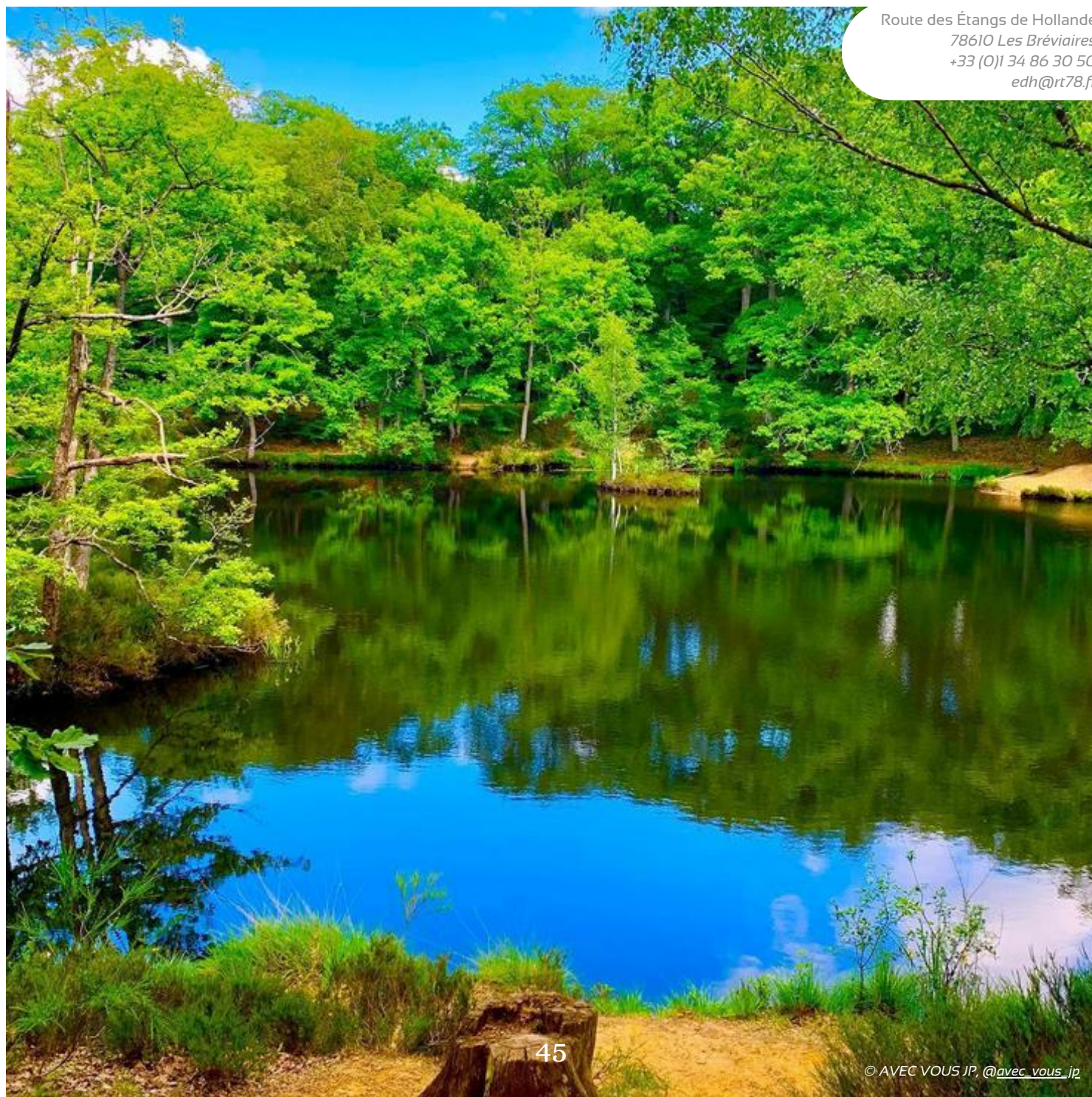
True haven of relaxation and leisure in the countryside, the Leisure center of the Ponds of Holland extends over a vast green area dotted with ponds.

The base offers a multitude of activities for all ages and tastes. Water sports enthusiasts can enjoy supervised swimming in summer, canoeing, pedalo or windsurfing.

Hiking and cycling trails also offer the opportunity to discover the natural beauty of the place on foot or by bike.

Opening from 16/06 to 31/08 from Wednesday to Sunday, from 11am to 7pm.


Free access. Activities and access to swimming are charged: all rates are available [here](#).



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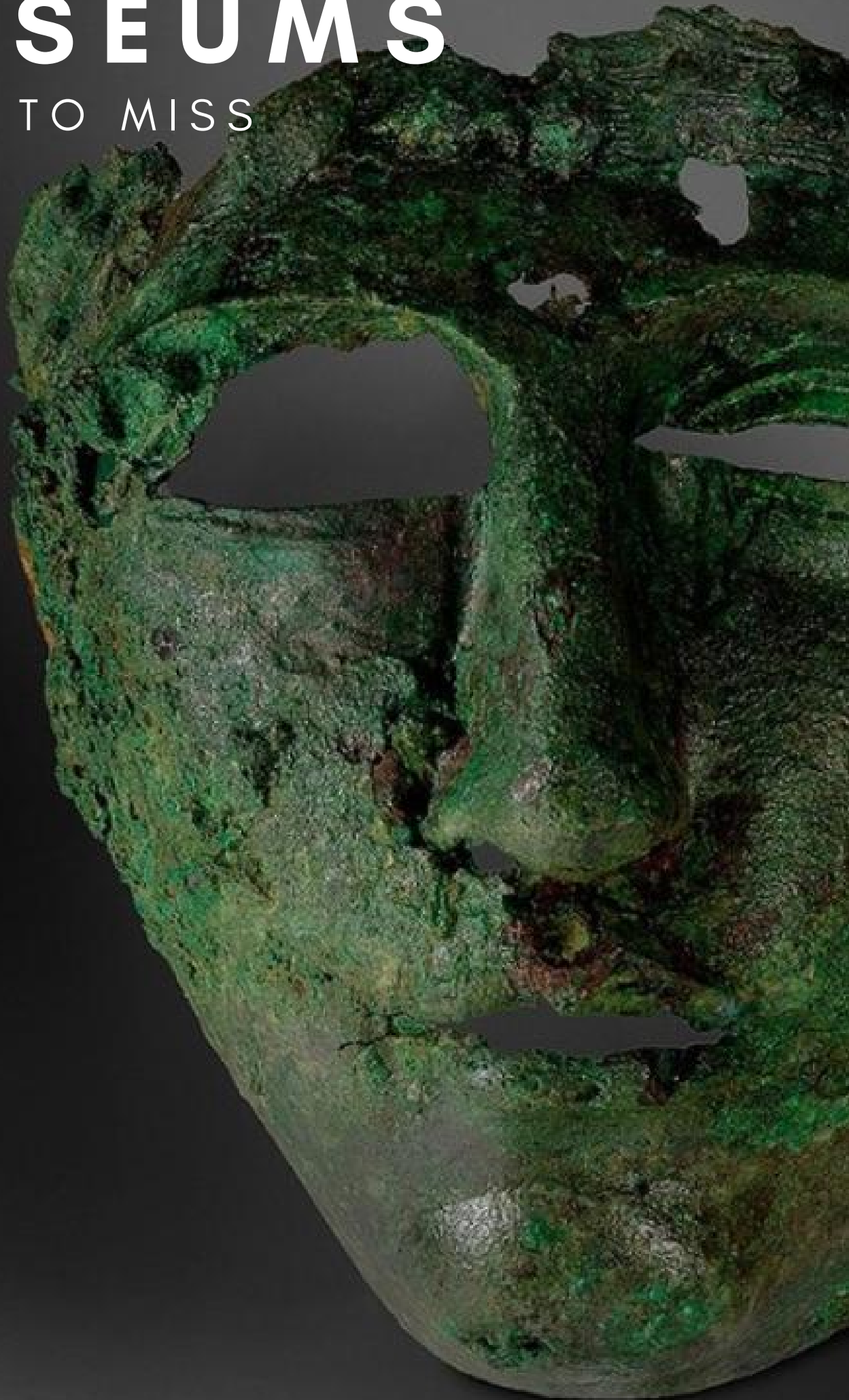


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The museums of the Yvelines offer an exciting immersion in history and local culture, through varied and captivating exhibitions. These cultural institutions are essential stops for visitors wishing to discover the rich artistic and historical heritage of the region.

Rambolitrain Museum



A must-see attraction for fans of miniature trains and railway history, the Rambolitrain Museum houses an impressive collection of miniature trains, models and railway objects, offering an immersive dive into the captivating world of railways.

Discover the evolution of trains through the ages, from the first steam locomotives to modern trains, through detailed reproductions of railway stations and landscapes.

Workshops for children and game escapes are also offered by the museum.

Open from Wednesday to Sunday, from 10am to 12pm and from 2pm to 5.30pm. Closed the 2 weeks of January after school holidays, as well as 25/12 and 01/01.

Full price: 4,50€. Book your ticket [here](#).

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Birth house of Claude Debussy

A place dedicated to the life and work of the famous French composer Claude Debussy, the house in which he was born was transformed into a museum offering an immersion in the musical universe of Debussy through exhibitions highlighting original manuscripts, period musical instruments and personal memories.

A visit to the Birth house Claude Debussy is a unique opportunity to discover the artistic heritage and influence of this great composer on modern music.

Temporarily closed. Reopening in autumn 2024.

The ground floor and the courtyard of the museum are free, while access to the floors is at the rate of 5€. A reduced rate of 3€50 is available (under 26 years, job seeker, group from 10 people). Free for children under 12, people with disabilities and their companions.

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Museum of Water Transport and Waterways

A must-see place to discover the fascinating history of river navigation in France, the Museum of Water Transport and Waterways offers a captivating journey through the centuries, highlighting the techniques, trades and issues related to boating and waterways.

Explore unique collections of objects, models and historical documents, while enjoying the beauty of traditional boats on display, offering an immersive and enriching cultural experience for all sailing and maritime history enthusiasts.

Open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and weekends from 10am to 12pm and from 2pm to 5:30pm; and Wednesdays and Fridays from 2pm to 5:30pm.

Full price: 5€. Click [here](#) to discover the many reduced rates and free conditions.

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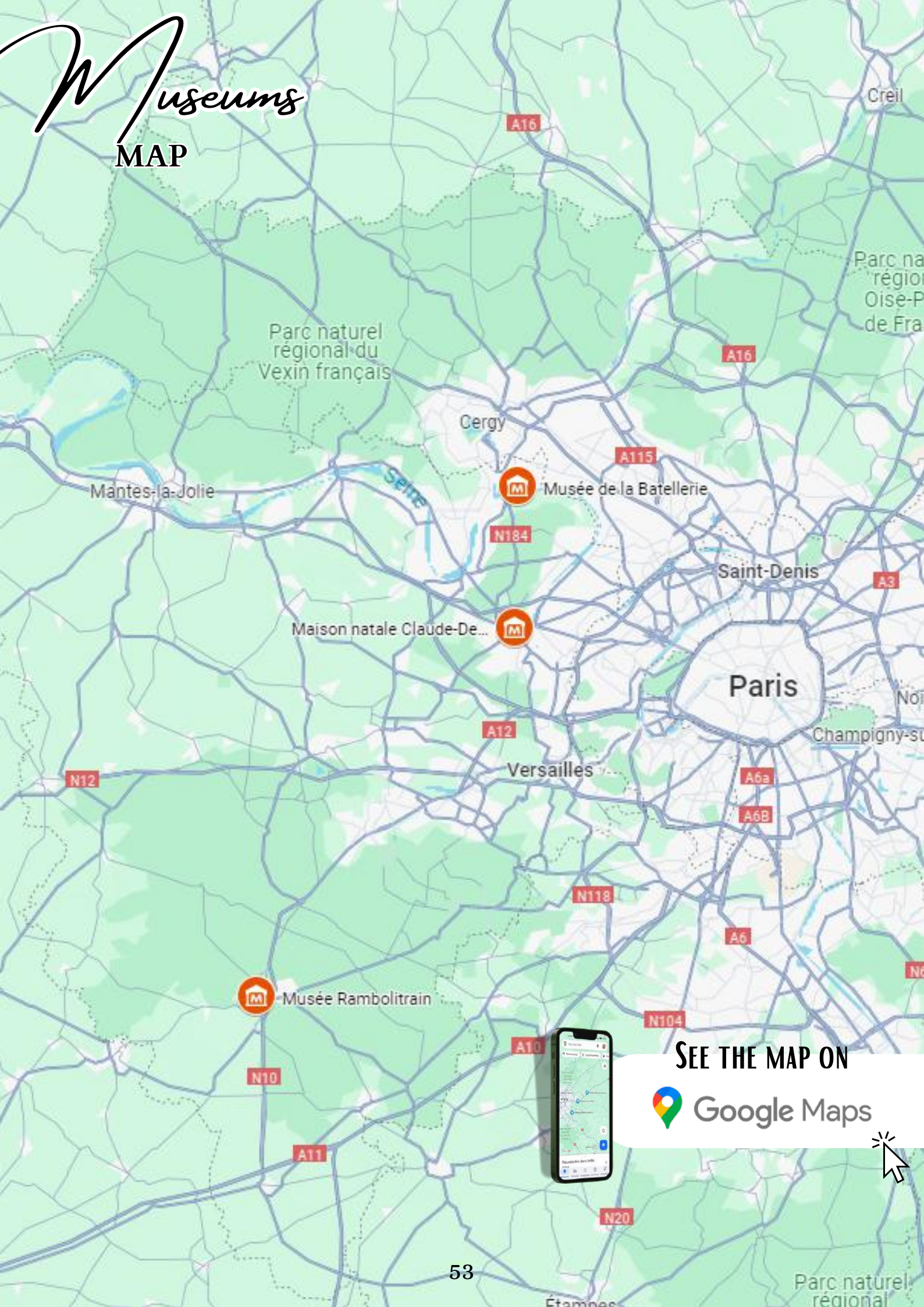


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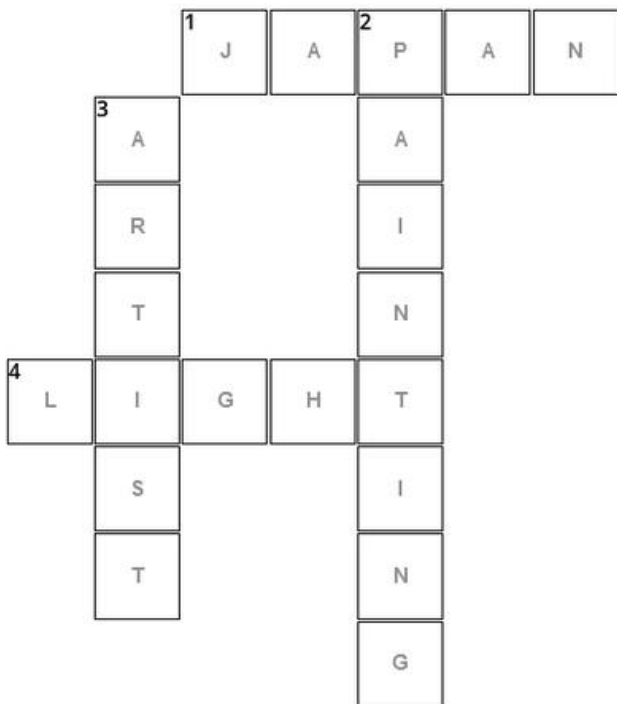
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TRUE OR FALSE: ALEXANDRE DUMAS

Alexandre Dumas had a parrot as his writing companion.

Alexandre Dumas' parrot often accompanied him during his long hours of writing. It is widely reported that the bird was often perched on Dumas' shoulder while he wrote, perhaps encouraging him with his colourful jabot and cheerful cries.

Dumas had a very large collection of...puppets!

Dumas was a passionate collector, but also a talented puppeteer. He created a puppet theatre in his house, where he organized private performances for friends and family.

Dumas invented the story of his novel *Les Trois Mousquetaires*.

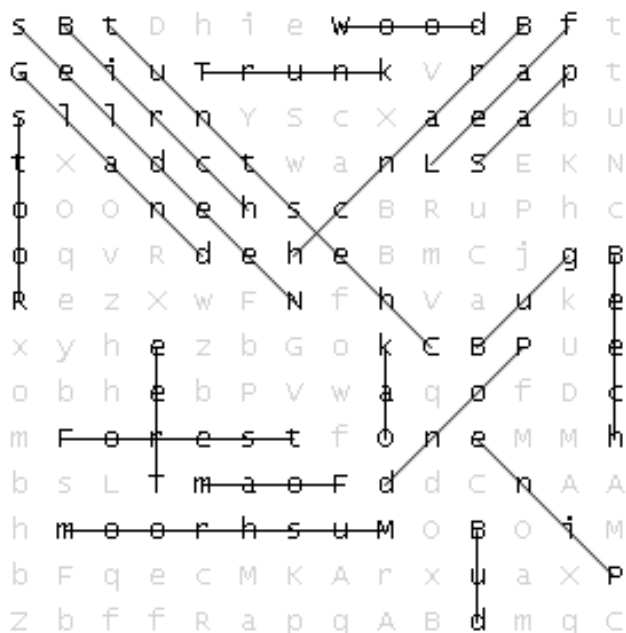
The writer drew directly these characters from the Memoirs of M. d'Artagnan, written in 1700 by the polygraph Gatien de Courtilz de Sandras. Athos, Porthos and Aramis as well as D'Artagnan all existed.

The grandmother of Alexandre Dumas was a slave.

As a child, the little Alexander wears beautiful blonde curls, which later turn into a crêpe hair. These origins will be worth to Alexandre Dumas, quarteron (half-breed having a quarter of black ancestry and three quarters of white ancestry), numerous racist attacks.

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