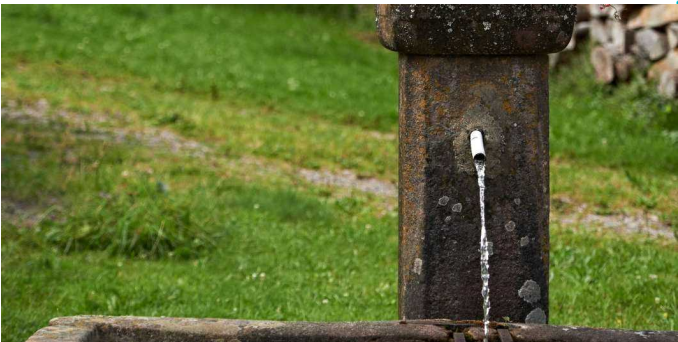


# OUTDOOR STROLLER CIRCUIT H01 : THE FOUNTAINS OF BOURG-BRUCHE

Intermediate level



Start : Bourg Bruche



	.....	5 km
		2h
		120 m

Visit the upper Bruche valley and discover the particular architecture of the Vosges houses. This trail leads you through the streets of the charming village of Bourg-Bruche with many fountains of clear water.

Bourg6bruche railway station

**P** Bourg-Bruche railway station parking

0 Km - Fouday



## USEFUL INFORMATION

N'oubliez pas d'emporter une carte !  
IGN N° de la carte : 1/25 000 Champ du Feu et Bruche 25

N° carte Club Vosgien : Secteur carte : 1/25 000 3717 ET



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## STEPS

### 1 Welcome to Bruche ▲



From the station (with your back to it), head to the right ( ▲ markings), continuing for 200 m. At the intersection (Grande Route), turn left and take the first small road on the right. After 80 m you will arrive at an intersection with a fountain. ① *Before the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and the installation of running water, fountains were vital. They were the places to get drinking water, wash clothes and meet with others.*

### La Fraise ✕



Head towards the right and after 80 m make a slight left into Rue de la Goutte. Go straight ahead, keeping to the right, for 750 m ( ✕ markings) until you come to the Fraise car park. ① *After La Fraise, you arrive at the Hang Clearing. You can explore this haven of peace and green meadows if you take the "Hang Clearing" pushchair trail available from the Tourist Office or on [valleedelabruche.fr](http://valleedelabruche.fr).*

### 3 Mennonite chapel ▲



At the car park, turn around and retrace your steps for 50 m. Then take the left-hand fork and go down towards the village ( ▲ markings). After 800 m, at the intersection, continue straight ahead into Rue Hauts de Bruche. The road follows a bend to the right and then goes down again. Follow the hairpin bend to the left along the road taking you back to the main road after 200 m. ① *Mennonite chapel on the left in Rue Hauts de*

### 4 Welcome to Bourg ■



Turn left onto the D 50 (main road), go under the railway line and after 120 m cross the D 1420 (▲ **be careful!**). Then continue straight ahead along Rue de la Routière, marked ■. Go along this street for 700 m until the intersection with the road called "Le Bourg". ① *When you cross the River Bruche, you leave the hamlet of Bruche and arrive in the hamlet of Bourg (formerly known as "Neubourg").*


## **i** For the record...

*The hamlet of Bourg is at the edge of the sandy plateau of Saâles, at the foot of the Solamont. Bourg is thought to date back to the 13th century.*

*The hamlet of Bruche may have been founded in the 7th century. It grew up around the toll bridge over the Bruche, hence its original German name of "Bruck" ("bridge" in German). Bourg-Bruche was a defensive fortress, obstructing enemies moving through the Bruche valley. It was also a very good observation point over the old trading road, Les Saulniers (Villé<>Saint-Blaise-La-Roche), which was very busy in the Middle Ages.*

## **5** The Bourg hills



Continue to the right along the "Le Bourg" road marked . After 150 m, keep to the left and take Rue de Saulxures for 20 m, then turn left immediately onto the road "La Combe". Follow the road, keeping to the right. At the intersection with a fountain, go down to the right, then take the first on the left (at the new road "Le Bourg").

## La Grappe





Go straight ahead for 500 m and take the first on the right (Rue de la Flayeure). After 500 m along a straight road, you again come to the bottom of Rue de la Routière. Turn left onto this road.

*① Like many other villages in the Bruche valley, the main large-scale economic activity in Bourg-Bruche was mining, followed from the 19<sup>th</sup> century by the textile industry.*

## **7** Back to the start point and sights to see in Bourg-Bruche



Cross the D 1420 ( **be careful!**) and continue straight ahead for 150 m (you again go under the railway line). Turn left at Rue de la Gare to come back to the starting point (  markings).

*① Make an appointment to buy craft, organic cosmetics made from mare's milk at Nouveau Chemin Farm (03 88 97 72 08 - Le Hang); craft beers from the brewery La Bourlingueuse (07 81 52 89 07 - 7 Rue de la Gare)*

