





# Tourist map

## Office de Tourisme Intercommunal de Nérès-les-Bains

### Nérès-les-Bains l'élégante



Small spa town, Nérès-les-Bains has though everything of an important one. It benefits from a rich historical and architectural heritage which the eldest remains go back to antiquity. The town seduces the visitors in search of diferent surroundings. From the spa area, to villas , passing by the old «art déco» train station, Nérès-les-Bains fascinates by the elegance of its «Belle-Époque» heritage. Through a walk of one hour, discover these symbolic places of the upperclass life at this time.

### La voie verte

Essential site to discover walking or cycling: the old railway line between Nérès-les-Bains and Montluçon. Converted into a pedestrian and cycling path, it runs along 3 viaducts offering a magnificent panorama over the bocage Bourbonnais and the Sainte-Agathe golf course. The 6.4 Km itinerary is accessible to beginners.



### Le parcours d'orientation à Commentry



This trail orienteering route has 25 tags and is mainly located in the woods of the Agora. Alone or with family, from children to veterans, everyone will find pleasure : walking through nature or in the town centre, discovering the territory, finding the tags or runing as fast as possible on a suitable course. Ask for the brochure at the Commentry swimming pool or at the Tourist Office.

### Le clocher tors de Saint-Bonnet-de-Four

The spire of the bell tower, struck by lightning in 1894, was completely burnt and the top of the tower was damaged. The reconstruction was carried out in 1897 with wood that was too green and of weak section. The type of framework used, added to the weakness of the pieces of wood, is certainly the main cause of the twisting of the spire, which twisted rapidly.



### La prise d'eau de Montvicq



In Montvicq, a dike had been built to create a backwater which was used to wash the coal on the Ris Voirat. With time, a breach opened and gave birth to this beautiful waterfall. An ideal hike for the young and old: start from "les Bourdignats ". You will walk along the old administrative buildings of the mines, abandoned today, and follow the Voirat stream in a calm and green surrounding. After a short climb, take the path on your right and follow the signs to "la prise d'eau".

### Le parcours historique de Beaune-d'Allier

Discover the historical, architectural, geographical and human heritage with the help of 24 enameled lava panels. This route will tell you about the history of this village, located on the border of Auvergne and Bourbonnais, whose traces date back to Prehistory. Hiking circuits of different distances (from 2.5 to 13km) are available to visitors-hikers at the Tourist Office or at the Town Hall of Beaune.



### Le menhir christianisé de Venas

This christianized menhir of 1.50 m stands in Venas, near a crossroads of ancient paths. Enjoy from here a very beautiful panoramic view of the "bocage" landscapes. You can see the "bouchures"\* defining the fields, the numerous plots of forest and the emblematic isolated trees.

\* local name for the characteristic hedge of the "bocage" landscape.



### Les ruines du château et le Creux Chaud de Murat



Breathe and resource yourself in Murat, small village with an important historical past. Its castle was one of the most fearsome Bourbonnais fortified castles. Only very impressive ruins remain today.



Located at the foot of the castle "le creux chaud" (the hot hollow) - underground spring - never freezes. It has often inspired Jean-Charles Varennes, writer, for "les fiancés du creux chaud".



### Pépit à Cosne-d'Allier

Immerse yourself in the world of a treasure hunt on the principle of geocaching to discover the rich heritage of Cosne-d'Allier while having fun.

To play, download your road map on the [www.pepit03.fr](http://www.pepit03.fr) website or download the mobile application PEPIT on your smartphone.

### L'étang de Miquet à Montmarault

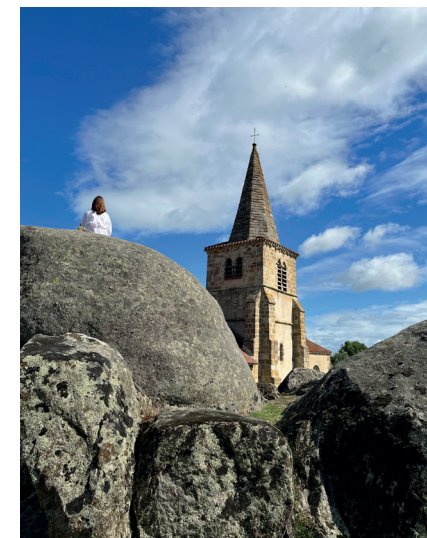
A few kilometres from the town centre, it is the ideal setting for a picnic, fishing or strolling.



### L'étang de la Ganne à Durdat-Larequille



The swamp is a very popular place for fishing (with a personal card). It is also very appreciated for walking, being a crossing point for several taged walking or cycling trails. For a bucolic and soothing moment, picnic areas are available.



### Les chaos granitiques de Louroux-de-Beaune

Witnesses of the erosion of rocks from the earth over millions of years, the numerous amount found in the fields are of ten also the mark of human action over the landscape. Typical in Louroux-de-Beaune and in the nearby villages, they offer shelter and food to many kinds of plants and animals.

### La chapelle de la Ronde de Hyds

The white-washed walls of the building from the 17th century show the remains of a mix of bricks and stones.

Today completely restaured, it is located at a place called «Le Chatelard». Originally, a fountain flowed near the chapel. Over the centuries, the water has come down a few hundred meters. The sunday after St Peter, a mass and a procession take place at the fountain.



### Le viaduc du Soleil à Hyds

The viaduc du Soleil is a rail-bridge, on the line from Montluçon to Gannat, with an arch structure. Its total length is 190 m and its maximum height reaches 30m. Also called Colombier viaduc, it crosses over the Oeil river valley.