



Cormot and his Cliffs - OTI@I&A

## CIRCUIT 20

### The Circuit of Saint Antoine by the Roman Road

Varied circuit in the Cosanne Valley.

- **Start:** Cormot: 2.5 km north of Nolay on the D111e.
- **Parking:** Between Cormot-le-Grand and Cormot-le-Petit by the bus shelter.
- **Distance:** about 6 km
- **Duration:** about 2 hours 30
- **Height gained:** about 180 m
- **Level:** family
- **Markers:** directional posts and paint marks on various objects (walls, trees, ground etc).
- **TAKE CARE:** do not confuse with the yellow paint marks of the Jean-Marc Boivin trail with some having the letters JMB.
- **Restrictions:** TAKE CARE during the hunting season (September till end-February) and official culls.

### The Circuit of Saint Antoine by the Roman Road

From the car park (there's a plan of the circuit in the bus shelter), head towards Nolay along the D111e road.

In about 50 metres, turn right and cross the Cosanne.

In about 10 m, turn left into a small trail alongside a ditch.

Coming out onto the road **1, 2**, take almost opposite (**post P26**) a small grassy path along the Cosanne ('pedestrians only' sign).

In about 200 m, cross the Cosanne, and pass between two meadows.

Take the tarmac road on the right. Ignore a tarmac road on the left and continue towards the viaduct **3**.

At a junction, continue to the right along the tarmac road.

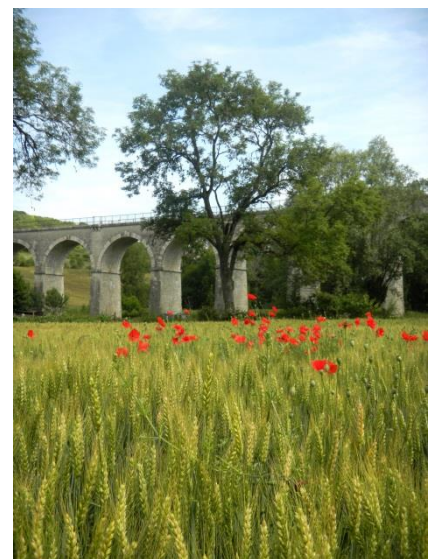
In 20 m, turn left on a grassy track. Turn right then left in 10 m and reach the edge of the Cosanne.

Take the bridge to the right (Rue de la Chapelle).

Arriving at Rue Saint Pierre **4**, turn left towards the centre of Nolay.

In just over 100 metres, turn right (Rue du Collège). At the next junction, go straight on. Then take a right at the bend, Rue de Prévotot.

At the next junction, turn right (circuit no 21 continues left).



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At the next fork (post P46), turn right (circuit no 21 descends left). Continue to climb the path, which is no longer tarred. Ignore a path on the left.

Arriving at the tarmac road, turn left, crossing the bridge over the old railway line 3.

After the bridge, continue up the tarmac road lined with vineyards 5. Cross the D111j road (post P125) and continue on a dirt road opposite 6.

At the fork, take the path on the right plunging into the thickets, then up between the old dry stone walls, before becoming steep-sided. Ignore all the roads on both sides.

Shortly before the summit, with its rocky outcrops 7, grooves carved into the rock are visible (post P123) 8.

Continue up the path overlooking the Cosanne Valley 9.

Arriving at the plateau, go straight ahead.

Pass an isolated house. The road becomes tarred.

At the junction, turn right 10.

In about 25 m (post P47), take another right (circuit no 19 continues to the left) down the wide path 11.

At the next junction (post P25), turn right.

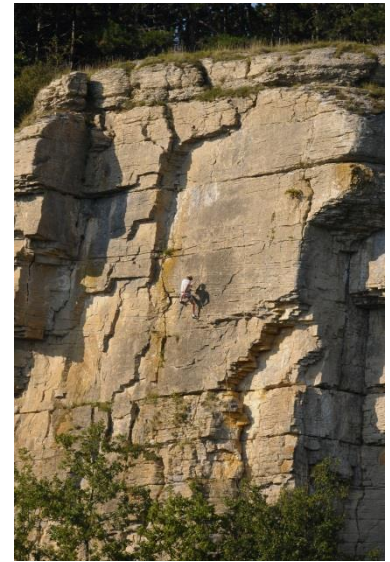
Ignore all the roads on both sides. Tar then replaces dirt.

Cross the road. Continue along the grassy path opposite. At the road, turn right.

At the bridge, turn left and head up (sign "les falaises" (cliffs)). At the crossroads, go straight on.

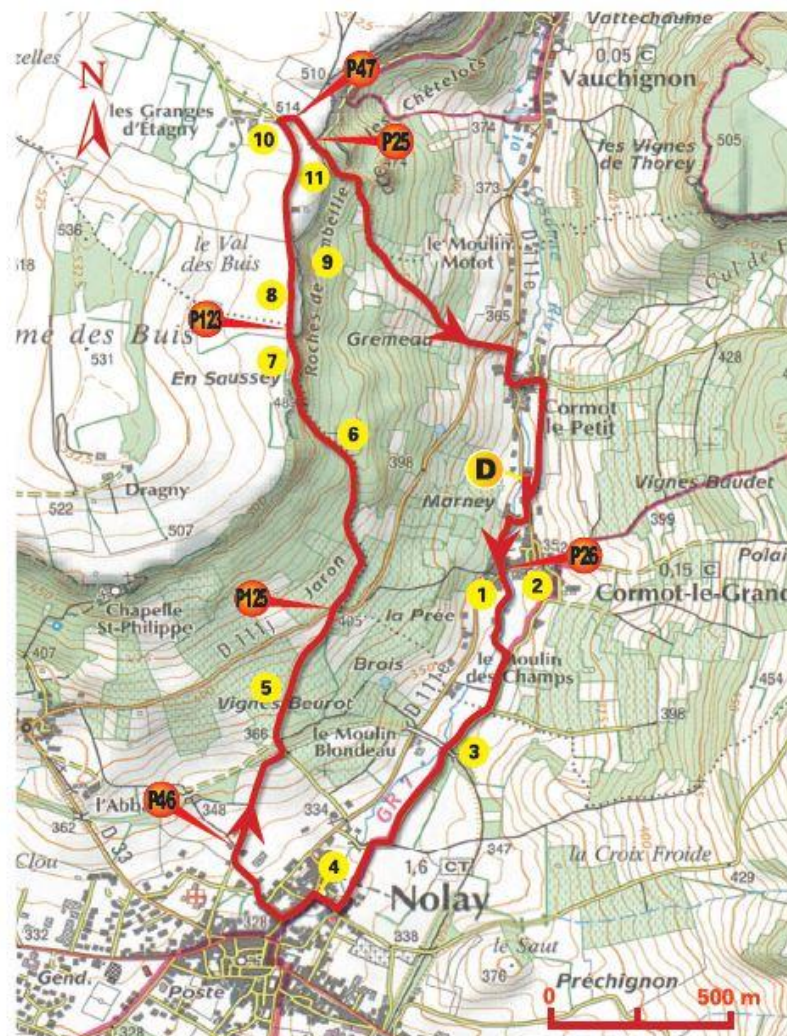
At the last house, turn right on a level grassy path along the edge of the meadow.

Once on the road, turn right and return to the car park.



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## MAP :



## Don't miss

1 - On the right, after about 10 m, cross and statue of St Dominique. These, along with a tower set back in a courtyard, are the remains of a convent from the 14th century.

2 - On the left, in about 100 m, on a bend, the Chapel of Saint Antoine seems to be from the 14th century. It was demolished and rebuilt a few metres away, so as not to impede traffic.

3 - Viaduct of the old Chagny–Autun railway line, opened in 1870 and closed to train traffic in 1987.

4 - Chapel of Saint Pierre : from the brotherhood of Our Lady of the Rosary and St Joseph (1517). It is topped by a curious bulb-shaped bell tower supporting a bell in the open air. The building was once part of a hospital and a leper colony.

5 - Hautes Côtes de Beaune regional appellation vineyards.

6 - On the right, in the background, the "Cliffs of Cormot", a renowned climbing site (see circuit no 19).

7 - On the left, a small trail allowing access to the Cross of St Philippe and circuit no 21.



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8 - Track known as the "Brunehaut Way" or "Roman Road": the furrows cut into the rock to guide the wheels of carriages along this tricky route appear to be Merovingian. But the road was perhaps older, Roman or Gallic.

9 - Nice view of Cormot, then Vauchignon further left and, in the background, the Cirque du Bout du Monde (World's End Cirque).

10 - On the left, in less than 100 m, the Granges d'Étagny (barns).

11 - On the right side of the road, stones with imprints left, according to legend, by Saint Martin during one of his many journeys: Saint Martin's Elbow then the Donkey's Step that allowed him to cross the valley in a single leap!

RESPECT THE HARVEST AND PLANTING.  
DO NOT LEAVE LITTER.

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