

Quelques conseils pour cette balade...  
*Some words of advice for this walk...*

Départ de l'Eglise

*Departure from the church*

Sentier balisé en bleu

*Path marked by blue beacons*

Circuit pédestre

*Footpath*

Accès interdit aux propriétés privées

*No entry to private properties*

Merci de respecter la nature.

*Please respect the country code : don't throw away any paper or plastic*



Parcours de 6,5 km - (4 miles)  
Durée : 2 h - Time : 2 hours



## Légende - Key

Parcours	Eglise
Route	Church
Habitation	Bande de rappel
Dwelling	Right way
Panneau	Fausse piste
Sign post	Wrong way
Route goudronnée	Changement de direction
Made-up road	Right turn
Chemin empierré	Left turn
Gravel path	



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VAROUVILLE  
Sentier de découverte en Val de Saire  
*The val de Saire discovery route*  
Nature et Patrimoine  
*Nature and Heritage*



## A la découverte de Varouville, au riche patrimoine rural.

Ce circuit pédestre de 6,5 km vous permettra de mieux connaître cette commune de 275 habitants. Varouville signifie « domaine de Warulfus », du latin villa précédé du nom de personne germanique Warulfus. Vous appréciez particulièrement la richesse de son patrimoine bâti rural et ses superbes « échappées » (ou panoramas) sur la mer.

Pour parfaire vos connaissances, 8 bornes ludiques d'information jalonnent ce sentier. Pour confirmer vos observations ou vérifier la réponse posée à chaque station, il vous suffira de soulever le volet métallique sur lequel sont apposés textes et illustrations. Sous la forme d'un jeu questions-réponses, ce dépliant vous fournira des compléments d'information sur cette petite commune du Val de Saire.



## Discovering Varouville and its rich rural heritage

This walk of 6.5 km enables you to get to know this village of 253 inhabitants. Varouville means « Warulfus property », from the latin villa preceded by the name of the germanic person Warulfus. You will appreciate in particular the wealth of its rural building heritage and the dramatic panoramas of the sea.

To improve your knowledge, 8 information posts mark out the walk. To confirm what you find or to check the answer to the question asked at each « station », you just have to lift the metal flap on which you will find both text and illustrations. With its question and answer game, this pamphlet will give you further information on this Val de Saire small village.

- Varouville séduit le visiteur, notamment par la qualité de son bâti rural. Les belles croix de granit témoignent d'un temps où l'empreinte de la foi était très marquée dans la vie quotidienne des habitants ; un moulin à eau transformé en maison d'habitation évoque des siècles passés où l'alimentation était essentiellement basée sur les céréales. Près d'un manoir du XVI<sup>e</sup> siècle, le lavoir reste le seul gardien minéral des secrets des lavandières et combien de détails architecturaux (encadrements de portes de celliers, escaliers extérieurs en pierres...) montrent combien la vie était rythmée par l'exploitation de la terre.
- Certaines maisons présentent des trous de boulins répartis dans la façade ou sur le pignon. Connaissez-vous leur utilité ?



## 2. Pierres de mémoire

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- Des épines appétissantes

## 2. Stones of memory

2. Varouville is very attractive to the visitor; in particular for the quality of its rural heritage. The nice granite stone crosses witness of a period when religion was very important in everyday life; a water mill transformed into a house evokes the past centuries when food was mainly based on cereals.



- Near a manorhouse, the washhouse remains the sole stone guardian of the washerwoman's secrets. Many architectural details (cellar doorways, outside stone stairs...) prove how life was organised according to land management during previous centuries.
- Some houses have pigeon holes in their façade or gable. Do you know their use ?

### 3. Appétizing spines

3. Les talus des haies cotentinais sont plantés d'essences d'arbres et d'arbustes variées. Certaines possèdent une « utilité » pratique, notamment grâce à leurs « épines ». Epine noire ou épine blanche, on les appelle également prunellier et aubépine. Précurseurs des fils barbelés ou clôtures électriques, elles dissuadaient le bétail de sortir de leurs enclos.



3. Banks of Cotentin hedges are planted with various trees and shrubs. Some of them are very useful, in particular thanks to their spines (or thorns). Black thorns or white thorns, also called blackthorn and hawthorn. Precursors of barbed wire or electric fences, they prevented cattle from going out of their enclosures. If blackthorn alcohol obtained from sloes is well known, one hardly knows that hawthorn flowers are used in phytotherapy as heart stimulant. Its berries have also medicinal virtues.

Thus, 30 grammes of dried berries in one liter of boiling water is efficient against diarrhoea.

- Au fait, avez-vous une idée du nom donné à ces fruits ?

3. Have you got an idea about the name given to the fruit of hawthorn ?

### 1. L'église Saint Martin



1. L'église Saint Martin est attestée dès l'époque romane. En effet, l'édifice appartenait au XII<sup>e</sup> siècle à la famille de Beaumont.

L'arc roman qui séparait le chœur de la nef fut supprimé en 1952 au cours de travaux d'agrandissement. L'élegant clocher avec toit à bâtière (à deux pans) fut construit en 1710 (millésime gravé au-dessus des fenêtres du beffroi).

Le mobilier de l'église fut très endommagé au cours de la Révolution. L'élément ancien le plus remarquable est une charité St Martin (avec donateur) en pierre calcaire (fin XV<sup>e</sup> - début XVI<sup>e</sup> siècle) classé monument historique.

### 1. Saint Martin church

1. Saint Martin is a very popular saint in Cotentin. Do you know how many parishes are dedicated to him in Val de Saire ?

### 2. Des épines appétissantes

2. These small shrubs among others were used to build the scaffolding when building the house.

3. The use of hawthorn berries (sauvages) to treat heart problems.

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5. Old apple cellars (grottes de pomme) built in stone.

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