



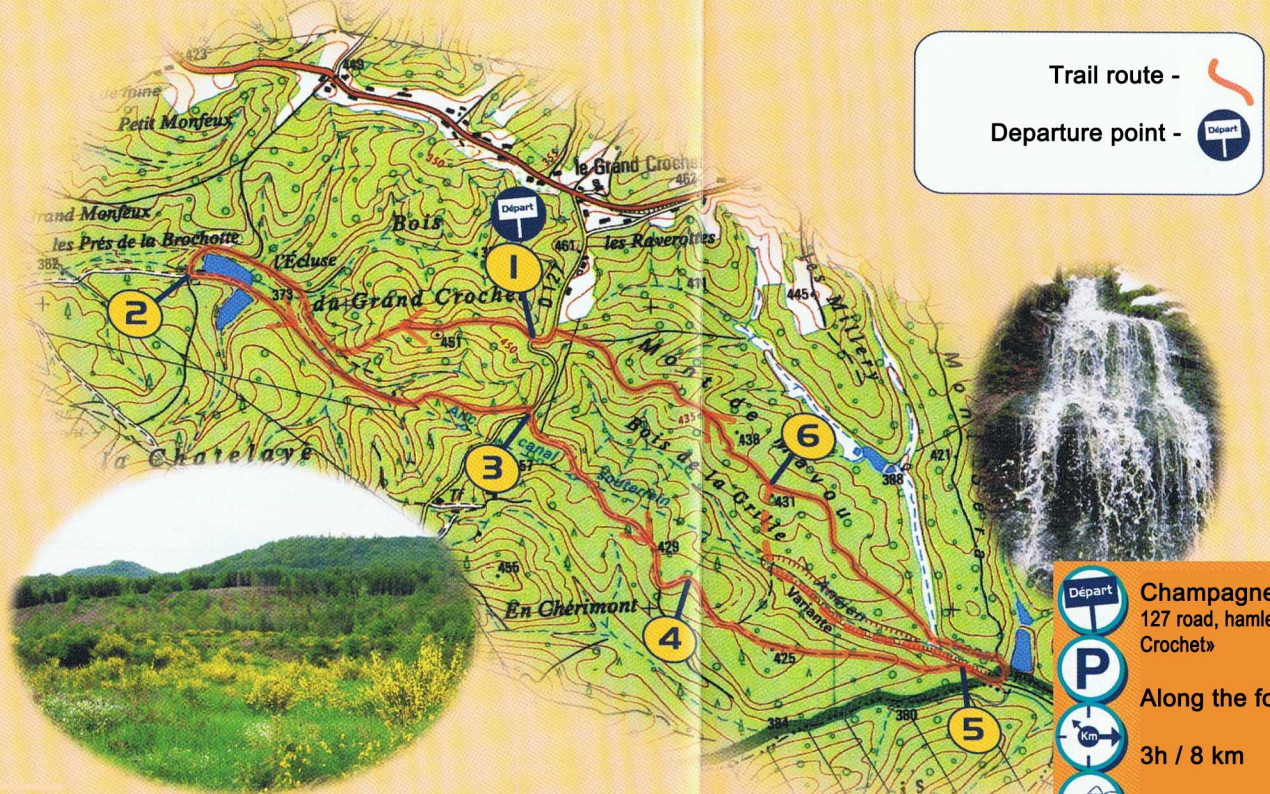
Le Canal



Champagney invites you to discover its industrial history, through paths with a luxurious vegetation.






After the 1870-71 war, after the loss of Alsace and Lorraine, the navigable ways of economic interests were cut. It was decided to re-establish the communication by the realization of the canal de l'Est built between 1875 and 1887. Its was supposed to connect the canal Rhône au Rhin (Feschés-le-Chatel) to the Saône (Conflandey). The project was approved in 1882 and forecasted the realization of the huge reservoir le Bassin de Champagney, which we can admire today, in order to regulate the supply of this navigable way. Started in 1884, the construction of the canal stopped in 1909, at the lock n°17 of Beuveroux. 28.6 km were realized, out of the 85km foreseen.

- 1 Departure in undergrowth. An important slope through the forest of the "Grand Crochet" quickly takes you near a big pond and on a footbridge that goes above the lock of Beuveroux.
- 2 Walk along the lock, and along the pond "Duchaudé". After approximately 800 meters, go along the canal, and then you have the slope to the "Chérimont".
- 3 Cross the road "D27" to join the "chemin des puits". Possibility to go back to the departure point, on the left, by the "D27" (yellow triangles).

- 4 The large track turns quickly into a path in undergrowth, which guides us to a footbridge.
- 5 Two possibilities:
 - Progression by the towpath (on the left, yellow triangles). During 800 meters, flowers and cascades escort you to the east entry of the tunnel. Metallic stairs enables to climb and continue the walk.
 - Progression through the forest, then crossing of a swampy valley (yellow rings).
- 6 Both ways join to a large woods track, to arrive again on the road "D27", and on the left, join the car park.



Trail route - 
 Departure point - 

-  Champagney, on the RD 127 road, hamlet «Le Grand Crochet»
-  Along the forest
-  3h / 8 km
-  Medium level
-  Shaded

