

TO SEE ON YOUR WAY



The Minimes Chapel

At the start this was a modest chapel adjoining the castle wall dating back to the 11th century. After the arrival of the Pères Minimes of the Order of St François de Paule, the castle became a monastery at the start of the 17th century. The chapel was rebuilt in 1825, following years of neglect and damages caused by the French Revolution. The castle was left abandoned its materials were eventually used in the reconstruction of Montmerle after the 1840 Saone River flood.



The Minimes Tower

The Minimes Tower took the name of the nearby chapel, even though it doesn't have a direct link with it. This building is fruit of the imagination of Mr. Voisin, who built it starting in 1843 on the foundations of the old castle, the tower has a cylindrical shape and is 20 meters tall, it was built with bricks, and gives visitors a wonderful view on the Saone Valley and Beaujolais hills. Six hundred thirty-four Gamay vines have been planted at the base of the Tower; the plants symbolize the past importance of viticulture in Montmerle.



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Hiking in Val de Saône Centre

FROM MINIMES TO PARADISE CIRCUIT



Biking - Hiking
 12,4 km 3h20



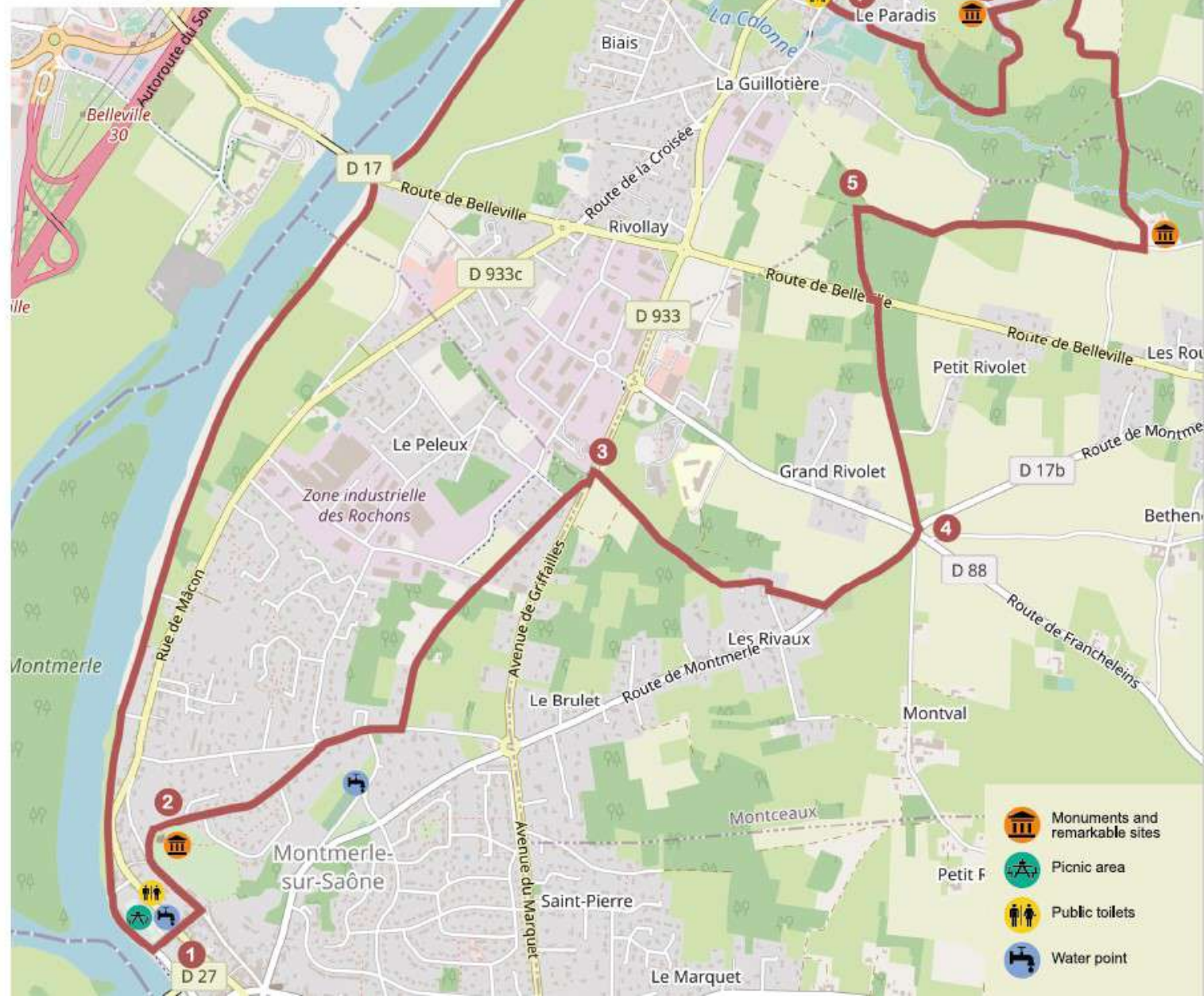
MONTMERLE-
SUR-SAÔNE

📍 From Batellerie's car park

🚶 Yellow marking

8 At the Saône, turn left onto the towpath for 3.8 km, passing under the D17 bridge and facing the island of Montmerle. When you reach the Montmerle bridge, turn left after the La Batellerie park to reach the car park.

Alternative : From Guéreins / Car park between the D933 and the center of Guéreins. Follow the signs from point 7.



1 From Montmerle-sur-Saône

Go up the rue de la Foire, cross the D933 and continue on the rue Papier. Turn left, walk along the wall of the Avencourt castle and turn right onto the montée des Minimes.

2 At the chapel of the Minimes, take the time to visit the site (chapel, panorama, tower) 🏰 before continuing across the road to the roundabout decorated with a kneading machine. Take the road to the right and then turn left onto the chemin d'Adam.

3 Cross the D933 (be careful) and take the road opposite to the houses of Les Rivaux. Take the first road on the left and turn left again onto the D17b. Go along the pond and ignore the road that goes to the right.

4 At the crossroads, cross the D88 (be careful), follow the D17b for a few dozen metres and continue on the Petit Rivolet road to the left of the cross. Continue opposite on the well-named "chemin des Sables". Follow the D17 on the left for about twenty metres (be careful) before crossing it to take the path which goes right into the woods.

5 At the crossroads, turn right. Continue on the road opposite and before the Moulin Crozet, 🏰 turn left and cross the Calonne by the Charmes bridge. Go straight up the road which winds up to the houses. Continue straight ahead so as to go along the surrounding wall of the Château de Charmes.

6 At the Cross of Paradise (lookout point on stilts, orientation table), 🏰 turn left onto the tarmac path of the same name. Continue downhill on the path opposite which joins the Calonne valley. Follow it to the right. Continue on the road to the centre of Guéreins. Take the 2nd street on the right.

7 At the bend, go up the street along the wall. Continue to the right on the D933, cross it in front of the church and go down the rue du Simond to the left until you reach the river.

🏰 Monuments and remarkable sites

🌿 Picnic area

🚻 Public toilets

🚰 Water point