



WHAT TO SEE DURING THE WALK

The **Saint Martin church** dates from the Roman period (that's left just a small window from this period). The nave has been done again in the 16th century and the choir in 1856. The square tower dates from the 15th century.

The mill "Roger" is a very old wheat mill. He has been turned into a wire mill in 1833. That's left just the foundations, the winnowing and the spillway.

The **forge**: the marquis André Du Plessis Chatillon has built in 1646 some buildings with forge use. Then, the place took the same name. The present building with the winnowing, the industrial mill and the hydraulic station was built in 1850. This activity has stopped in 1872. The factory has been buying out by Calliste and Lucien Marquis. Lucien inherits it after the Calliste's dead in 1883 and runs the factory until 1936. All the activities stopped in 1964. A part of the factory was turned into a gîte: "[La Maison de la Forge](#)".

The "**fenderie**": there was a factory (created by André Du Plessis Chatillon around 1650) on the present place of the music school. Iron bars (which went from the furnace factory) were cut and split. Some boats were used to transport the iron bars.

The **castle of "L'Ecureuil"**: the building stand above the moats. All façades have been built with bricks and stones. There are too some stones chaining. This is a period castle of the end of the 16th century and the beginning of the 17th century. It has been done again in the 18th century in the Louis XIII style. The king authorized Taurin Fusher (owner of the domain) to enclose it with moats and a drawbridge (26/01/1634). To note that in the 12th and 13th centuries the castle has belong to the De Couttes (De Coustes) family, lords of Rugles and Ambenay. We can see their coat of arms on the tower of the Saint Germain church (in Rugles). Louis De Coustes, nick-named Minguet, was page for Jeanne d'Arc and go with her as far as the attack of Paris (he died in 1483).



TO REACH AMBENAY

by the **RN12 road** to Verneuil-sur-Avre, toward L'Aigle and Rugles

by the **D140 road** (Bernay) - D833 (La Barre en Ouche) - D830 (Rugles)

SNCF: Paris Vaugirard – Granville (station: Verneuil-sur-Avre)



CATERING

Pizzeria « Dolce Vita », Rugles

« Café de la Gare », Bois-Arnault

« Aux Délices du Voyageur », La Vieille Lyre

« Restaurant de la Halle », Rugles

« Restaurant de la Risle », Ambenay



THE CHARTER OF HIKER

- **Stay on the marked paths.**
- **Keep your dog on a lead.**
- **Respect fields under cultivation and animals**, close again behind you the fences and respect the boundaries.
- **Observe the fauna and the flora** without touching it.
- **Be silent and discreet** to not frighten the animals.
- **Be courteous** with hikers and the other lovers of nature.
- **Collect your scraps.**
- **The forest burn in Normandy too**: the fire is forbidden, pay attention to matches!
- **Respect** the welcoming and signposting equipments.
- **During the hunting**, avoid the paths in forest.

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Hikes footpath of Ambenay

