



## WHAT TO SEE DURING THE WALK

### In the footsteps of Gargantua

In 1964 the villages Neaufles sur Risle and Auvergnay have been united to become Neaufles-Auvergnay. At the beginning of the century, the both had a large agricultural and industrial activity. The river (La Risle) drove some mills and wire mills.

**1- The city hall** was built in 1883. It was too a lodging for the primary school teacher. The bricks probably come from the brick factory of this period (located in La Neuve Lyre). Nowadays there are the city hall, the school and the school restaurant in this set of buildings.

**2- The church** dates from the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The parish of Neaufles, erected under the protection of Saint Hilaire (bishop of Poitiers), was in the mainstream of the lords of Breteuil and Lyre.

**3- The footbridges** were used in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, especially by the workers during the river was in spate.

**4- The housing estates and the old fabric:** in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the building in background was a wheat mill. It was turned into a wire mill to manufacture springs for mattress. The small familial factory prospered until the second world war with about 25-30 workers. The housing estates were the lodgings for them.

**5- The church of Auvergnay and the farm:** in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, this domain and his outbuildings have been given to the abbey of Lyre by Arnault du Bois (from Bois-Arnault). This family was attached to the lords of the manor of Breteuil. The buildings of the farm are a part of the old castle of Auvergnay. With a feudal appearance, it's surrounded with stoned walls. The barn was the chapel of the castle.

**6- The washhouse of "Le Hamel":** it was used by the inhabitants to wash their linen.

**7- The old cheese shop:** it was a wheat mill which was turned into a fabric to manufacture the brass in 1824, then turned into a distillery and finally turned into a dairy around 1950.

**8- The path of monks:** the village is crossed by a path which was taken by the monks of the region to go at the abbey of Lyre. The path which edges the river was a part of it.

**9- The valley:** a wheat mill was created around the 13<sup>th</sup> century in this hamlet. A part of it was given to the abbey of Lyre by Gerard d'Auvergnay, and then Gerard de Bosmer sold the remains to the nuns. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century it has been turned into a wire mill for the manufacture of needles.

**10- The stone of Gargantua:** it's the most elegant from Normandy. It probably dates from the Celtic period. It is 1m thick, 2m wide and about 3,5m high.



## TO REACH NEAUFLES AUVERGNAY

**By the RN13 road:** Evreux, Conches en Ouche and toward Rugles

**By the RN12 road:** Verneuil sur Avre, Bourth, Rugles and toward Conches en Ouche

**By the D140 (Bernay) - by the D833 (La Barre en Ouche) - La Vieille Lyre and toward Rugles**



## 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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**There is a document which lists the putting up at the tourist office and at the Community of Communes.**

## Hikes footpath of Neaufles-Auvergnay

