



WHAT TO SEE DURING THE WALK

The Notre Dame Outre l'Eau church dates probably from the Carolingian period. So we can think it was a Roman basilica, which was turned into a church by the first Christians. It's one of the oldest churches in France. The west stoned façade dates from the 16th century and there is a magnificent Renaissance porch. Inside the church we can see the framework decorated with masks and animals. It was disused in 1791.

The small castle was built in the beginning of the 17th century. It was occupied by the Du Plessis Chatillon families (lords of Rugles), especially César Antaire.

The furnace factory: old mill turned into a furnace by the marquis André Du Plessis Chatillon around 1650.

Footbridge of the small fields ("Les Petits Prés"): the production of charcoal was important for the iron industry. The coal merchants' families lived on the fringes of the society. They were nicknamed "the unsociable".

The large castle: now it's the "House of services". It was built around 1688/1690 by Pierre Du Plessis Chatillon, lord of Rugles. It was built with stones, a roof "à la Mansard" and tall stones and bricks chimneys. The large castle hadn't probably occupied by the lords of Rugles. It turned into an orphanage in 1891, directed by the nuns of Saint Vincent de Paul. They closed down the orphanage and leave Rugles in 1972.

The Saint Germain church was built on the place of an old chapel, probably the chapel of the fortified castle. The south chapel ("Chapelle du Sacré Coeur") dates from the 16th century. The north chapel ("Chapelle de la Vierge"), the bell tower and the vestry date from the 15th century.



TO REACH RUGLES

by the **D833 road** to Verneuil-sur-Avre, and toward L'Aigle
by the **D140** (Bernay) - by the 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 Risle », Ambenay
- « Restaurant de la Halle », Rugles



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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Discovery path of Rugles

