

### The Landscape Route of the Escaut Plains Natural Park, Escaut Plains Natural Park



The Landscape Route of the Escaut Plains Natural Park is not an ordinary tourist route, as it aims to introduce its visitors to the richness and diversity of their landscape, making them aware of the important role that landscape plays in natural economic, cultural and political development. It can be accessed by bike, by car or on foot. The landscape route stretches through several municipalities and even into France, and is marked with signposts. These signs provide visitors with information about their surroundings, and an opening to a world of new knowledge to better understand and appreciate the landscape. This route is open to everyone: locals who wish to become better acquainted with their surroundings, or tourists who wish to benefit from a more complete understanding of the natural park. The project, which aims to identify truly remarkable sites, was carried out in close co-operation with colleagues from the communities concerned for the park.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe recognised the great value of the project considering it an exemplary landscape trail, which aims to allow locals as well as visitors to discover the richness and the diversity of the landscape before them and to make them aware of the important role landscape plays in natural, cultural, economic and political developments in a region.

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