



The Comines Warneton 14-18 trail | Cycling trails in Wallonia



MT Wallonie picarde (Antenne Mouscron)

Chemin Du Moulin Soete 21
Comines-warneton - 7780

Phone number (main
contact): +32 56 86 03 70

<https://www.visitcomines->

[warneton.be/](https://www.visitcomines-warneton.be/)

A touching cycling itinerary through the Commines-Warneton region, which suffered greatly during the First World War.

The Bike Welcome program features a wide range of sites to visit and quality lodgings in the area.

At the end of October 1914, a front line fixed the belligerent armies along 750 km, from the North Sea to the Swiss border.

The entity Comines-Warneton, which at the time, was at the very heart of the battle, kept its memorial heritage. This trail will take you to iconic locations, particularly rich in history: cemeteries, commemorative monuments and museums. The landscape proves surprisingly peaceful and poetic in comparison of this chaotic past.

The road leading to Ploegsteert, you will pass the place known as « Trêve de Noël » (Christmas truce). There, German and British troops shared a game of football the night of Christmas 1914. A headstone has recently been placed to mark the location. Footballs

are often left at its side in memory of the event.

On the horizon stands the British Ploegsteert memorial with its circular temple and the Commonwealth war cemeteries. They pay tribute to the British soldiers and officers who died in the region. The names – 11,447 in total – of those who could not have a grave there are written on its walls. A moving stroll that is sure to touch your heart.

Good to know

Ask the *Maison du Tourisme de la Wallonie picarde* for information on their "Sleep with your bike" offers: stays including days out cycling, fantastic ways to relax and explore the region and lodgings participating in the Bikes Welcome program.

Practical information

Type of road

RAVel, tow paths, low traffic roads

Type of bike

VTC bike

Difficulty

A 38 km trail, mostly flat. The only difficulty is its length.

Children

From 12 y.o.

Start

Chemin du Moulin Soete, 21 – 7780 Comines-Warneton (Comines-Warneton Tourist Office), where you will find node #5. Go towards node 6 towards the town centre.

Signs

Follow the nodes # 5, 6, 27, 4, 15, 2, 23, 3, 25, 29, 24, 13, 4, 27, 28, 7, 9, 6 and 5.

Parking

By the Tourist Office

The information contained herein is provided as a guide only.

We recommend that you check with the local supplier before you leave.

Website editor

Etienne CLAUDE, Wallonia Belgium Tourism Chief Executive Officer (WBT NPO).

© Wallonia Belgium Tourism (WBT asbl). Avenue Comte de Smet de Nayer 14 . 5000
Namur. Belgium + 32 (0)81 84 41 00 <https://visitwallonia.be>
info@walloniabelgiumtourism.co.uk

The information contained in this document is provided and has been compiled very carefully by Wallonia Belgium Tourism (WBT NPO). The editor cannot be held responsible for possible changes that could have occurred between the collection of data and their presence in this document.

Unless otherwise specified, the information you find in this document belongs to Wallonia Belgium Tourism (WBT NPO).

Any use or reproduction of the information require a prior written permission

Wallonia Belgium Tourism (WBT NPO) reserves all intellectual property rights in this document