



## The Aulne Abbey



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**The ruins of the Cistercian Aulne Abbey are nestled on the right bank of the Sambre, in a place beautifully called "Vallée de la Paix" or Valley of peace. The atmosphere is indeed very soothing and calls for a pleasant walk.**

## The abbey's story

According to the legend, the abbey was funded in 637 by Saint Landelin, a repented thief. He named it Aulne, the French word for Alder, trees growing abundantly in the region.

Benedictine to start with, it became Cistercian in the XIIIth century. Flourishing along the years, it was nicknamed "Auln the rich" until May 17, 1794 - when the French burnt it down.

Education panels (in English, Dutch and French), all along the outdoors itinerary, will tell you more about the site and the Cistercian monks living there. The landscaped garden also is a lovely place to relax.

## The Val de Sambre brasserie

The building, in fact the former stables of the abbey, dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Stop by to enjoy a locally made beer!

## There's more

Visitors can also enjoy a game mini golf by the ruins of the abbey.

The Aulne and Scène-sur-Sambre music festival takes place on site every year in July.

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