

CIRCUIT DÉCOUVERTE LANGRUNE-SUR-MER

1,5 km
40min



« The children's beach »



Parc du Bois Joli | Photo : N. Papouin



Fontaine des Trois-Grâces | Photo : F. Dupont

> START

Parking des pêcheurs, at the intersection of rue Montgomery and rue du Général Leclerc.

Follow the seafront walkway as far as the boat launch.

1 Cale des pêcheurs

North Gap called « cale des pêcheurs ».

Go along promenade Aristide Briand, turn right opposite the first-aid post.

Go down rue de la Mer, turn left into Parc du Bois Joli.

2 Parc du Bois Joli

A meeting place for friends and families. A picnic area, a large wooden kiosk, a bowling alley and numerous games for children, adapted to all ages, will offer everyone an island of greenery in the center of the village. Concerts are organized there during the summer.

Cross the park and car park and turn right.

3 Rue de la Mer

At the intersection of avenue de la Libération and rue de la mer, on your right, there is a plaque that pays homage to three soldiers of the 48th Royal Marine Commando who fell for the liberation on 6 June 1944. This commando led by Lieutenant-Colonel Moulton liberated Langrune-sur-Mer after engaging in fierce fighting in order to flush out those defending each house and other positions fortified by the Germans. The commune was liberated on 7 June 1944 at about 3.30 p.m.





St Martin Church | Photo : F. Dupont

4 The old railway line and hôtel de la gare

The railway line from Caen Saint-Martin to Courseulles-sur-Mer on the coast used to stretch along avenue de la Libération. Langrune station was opened in 1876. From 1900, it was equipped with a third track for the narrow-gauge railway which travelled from Caen via Ouistreham and joined the normal line from Luc-sur-Mer in the direction of Courseulles-sur-Mer and then Bayeux. The line was closed in 1950 with competition from development of the car industry. The hôtel de la gare continued to run until the 1990s.

Follow rue de la Mer as far as the church.



Fishing on foot | Photo : D. Bordas



5 St Martin Church, 12th century

CLMH* : 1840

It is one of the most beautiful monuments in Calvados and has experienced much torment. On 7 October 1683, lightning destroyed the spire of the bell tower. Bad weather and shrapnel have also tested the building that has retained exceptional architecture despite significant restoration in the 19th century. During the Second World War, the church's tower was used as a lookout by the Germans. It was built over 250 years and shows various architectural influences from Romanesque art up to the height of the Gothic era. The church is home to a copy of the picture of the Madonna and Child with John the Baptist painted by Giovanni Antonio Sogliani, a 15th century painter from Florence. The original was left to Langrune's presbytery in 1895 by a parishioner and is now displayed in the Fine Arts museum in Caen.



Cross the road and go into parc de la Mairie.

* Listed as a Historical Monuments

Guided tours are regularly organised. More information in our events calendar.

“ Books on the commune on sale in our tourist office in Courseulles-sur-Mer, Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer et Luc-sur-Mer ”

6 Fontaine des Trois-Grâces

This fountain is a 19th century molten metal replica of the famous statue of Germain Pilon. The original, kept in the Louvre museum in Paris is made of marble and was commissioned by Catherine de Médicis in 1561 to receive the heart of Henri II. For a long time the fountain was on boulevard Leclerc (previously Saint-Pierre) in Caen.

Next, turn right and go alongside the school and cross the road.

7 Voie Romaine

In the 1st and 2nd century, the region was highly populated and the land heavily used. Two Roman roads were therefore built. The one passing through Langrune-sur-Mer followed the coastline and was intended for military use. Traces of Roman camps have also been found in Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer on the site of Cap Romain. The section of Roman road that crosses the commune corresponds to a section of the route of route de crête, at about one kilometre from the coast. It joins Bayeux-Lillebonne and was one of the region's most important roads crossing the river Orne at Bénouville.

Continuing along Voie Romaine you will reach Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer.



Voie romaine | Photo : B. Haize

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