

# CIRCUIT DÉCOUVERTE REVIERS

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1h



*Charming little village at the gateway to the Bessin*



Saint-Vigor de Revers church | Photo: M. Lelandaïs

## > START

Town centre carpark, near the roundabout.

### The Virgin

Ordered by the Revers potters.

Turn right *rue des Moulins*.

This street is bordered on its left flank by 3 mills and 2 wash-houses powered by the Mue. The Mue takes its source in Cheux and joins the Seules here. After several overflows and in order to exploit it better, it was channelled in 1730.

### 1 Sculpted gate from the 18th century

Front door of an imposing farm prior to the Revers castle.

### 2 The planître wash-house

Its first use was to rinse laundry after washing it. It also had a big social function, meet up point for women to chat. Rinsing laundry collectively made it easier and more bearable.

### 3 The planître

Charming square with a peaceful view of the Mue. In the past, the ladies of Bernières-sur-Mer would come with wheelbarrows full of laundry and would dry it on the grass after rinsing it.

### 4 Watermills

Three in number today, there are wheat mills with 2 or 3 rotaries (water wheels). Powered by the Mue, the last used watermill was the Malposte.

### 5 The Revers castle | private

Built during the 19th century, this castle was bought in 1875 by Albert Michel (oyster negotiator in Courseulles). Sold to a British in 1918, the castle and its garden were embellished and sold to the town of Chesnay who used it as a holiday resort. The town sold it in 1980. It is now a private property.

### 6 Former carriage shelter

The big house on the left side of the castle is a former castle outbuilding. Built during the 19th century, it was used as a carriage shelter and concierge's lodge.

Turn left.

### 7 Rue du Bout Souverain

Street bordered by old farms made of Creully limestone. Some show boarding anchors.

Turn left at the end of the street and walk straight until Grande Rue.

### 8 Old road station

The house with green shutters has had many lives. Once a road station where the Norman mail company would stop, this house was also a butcher after the Second World War.



Turn right.

### 9 Town hall

Town hall since 1996, this building was originally a hospital known as the « Le Chêne » asylum. It was built at the request of Mister Le Chêne, a rich negotiator in Paris who died with no heir. It was used until 1941 when the Felgendarmerie requisitioned it. A watchtower watched over the asylum during World War II.

Continue towards the crossing. Turn right towards Colombiers-sur-Seulles.

### 10 The white swamps

This swamp produces a wonderful spectacle every winter; the white swamp phenomenon. From November, the many rainy days overflow the Seulles, the area becomes a big body of water, a mirror that reflects light. It is a natural and beneficial phenomenon because the water irrigates the surrounding crops. After Dday, a hospital was built here. To treat the wounded, the Allies used a clever way to pump and use the Seulles water. To insure the hospital's safety, the surrounding houses erected white flags with red crosses.

Walk back and enter the playground opposite the town hall.

### 11 Serge Saint sculpture

Made by Serge Saint, self-taught artist. Circuits of his creations can be found on: [www.routes-serge-saint-sculpteur.net](http://www.routes-serge-saint-sculpteur.net).



Sculpted gate | Photo : L. Doudet

### 12 Former presbytery

### 13 The pilasters

Mark the presbytery's garden's entrance.

### 14 Old Sainte-Christine chapel | private

Built during the 12th and 13th centuries on the old hermitage of Saint-Vigor, this building was a dependency of the Montebourg Abbey (50). At the start of the 18th century it was used as a presbyterian house. Sold as national property during the Revolution, it was turned into a barn and is now a private property. A number of burials and graves were found around and under the chapel.

### 15 Old presbytery dependency

It housed a pottery workshop in the 70's. You can still see the oven's chimney on the side.

Exit on rue de l'église and turn right.

### 16 Saint-Vigor de Reviere church

Built during the 13th and 14th centuries. Modified several times, some original elements still stand; under the tower, on the West side, a roman door, then inside the nave, on the North side, roman arcades carried by big columns with roman capitals.



The bridge on the Mue | Photo : M. Lelandais

Leave the church and turn right then right again on Grande rue.

### 17 Old café

This big house on your left was once a café. During World War II, the Germans placed a canon on top of it.

### 18 Old carriage right of way

### 19 The wash-house

The wash house was mainly used by the inhabitants of the rue de la Cavée

### 20 First town hall

On your right, this house had many purposes during the 19th century: first town hall, school, teacher's housing and fire station. Today it is a home.

### 21 The bridge on the Mue

Affluent of the Seulles on the right bank. Running water arrived in 1962.

### 22 Old pub and grocery store

After the war, this place was, for 25 years, a pub and a grocery store where Revitais but also people working on the Canadian military cemetery construction would meet.



Explanatory panels set up by the Association de Développement Territorial Local du Bessin are visible in the commune.

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