



# Les Étangs du Chérumont

Ponds of the forest of Chérumont

- Start
- Champagney, hamlet of "Beuveroux"
- Space forest
- 1h30 / 4 km
- Mean level
- Enough shaded

Geology, Flora and History are present throughout the walk.

- **Geology:** Red sandstones and clays of Permian, on a 600 meters height, surmount a coal seam low thickness. You are in limit Is coal basin of Ronchamp (proximity of the well of Thonnet).
- **Forest:** Alternation of many beeches and alders. One finds also some specimens of Norway maple.
- **History:** All the Western part of the circuit lets appear the vestiges of the era of the "Collieries of Ronchamp". Shepherds (or loggers, according to the versions) have, in the years 1750, highlighted the presence of coal outcrops. In 1830, the concession of Ronchamp-Champagney is granted and the wells will follow one another, but they are deep and dangerous (water infiltrations, presence of gas). Last wells, as that of Thonnet (564 m) reveal the limits and the impoverishment of the layers whose exploitation finishes in 1958.

- 1 A dirt track, very inclined makes you skirt the series of the four ponds of Chérumont.



Mine shaft of Thonnet 5

Layout of the circuit -   
Starting point of the circuit -

- 2 Take on the right a broad forest road which makes you discover the other side of the water levels.

- 3 Approximately 100 meters after a hut of hunters, borrow on the left, dirt track, him such a steeply sloping, which brings you on a new forest road.

- 4 Oblique on the right, soft inclined towards the valley.

- 5 A last variation towards the left makes you discover the flagstone of the well of Thonnet, the last dug in the carboniferous layer of Ronchamp. At exit of underwood, take again on the right the road which joined the starting point.

