

In the steps of Saint Wandrille

Consisting mainly of oaks and beeches, the national forest of Trait-Maulévrier, "on the other side of the water", presents a very turbulent relief: it dresses the limestone cliffs and lawns which mark the end of the plateau of Caux there where the Seine has dug its bed (picture above) and the views of the river are remarkable. We cross the southern half of the forest, cut in two by the Fontenelle valley, a green setting where St. Wandrille founded in 649 his abbey, still held by Benedictines (picture below). The bottom of the valley is a vast marsh where graze a dozen horses of Camargue.