ENVIRONMENT

A protected land

Vittel, within a 5-kilometer radius, has three radically different mineral springs. This case is unique in the world; this particularity is its richness, and makes it an exceptional place.
Well aware of the chance that represents its subsoil and its 650-hectare estate surrounded by greenery, Vittel has always been focused on conservation. City's weeding is always done by thermal means; no pesticides have been used for over 30 years.
Vittel contributes, through other actions led in favor of its natural and vegetal heritage, to an environment favorable to the improvement of the resort's quality of life.
The water is preserved and valued in a narrow partnership with Agrivair, a branch of Nestlé Waters France.
By the end of the 80s, Vittel launched, in partnership with the INRAE (National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment), a multidisciplinary program aiming at protecting its springs' scope, without hindering local economic development. This led to the creation of the Agrivair branch in 1992. Thus, on 10 hectares and 11 townships surrounding the springs, every local stakeholder, farmer, and local authority committed themselves not to use any pesticide and to go back to old techniques, such as the use of birds of prey against field mice, ladybugs against aphids, the manufacture of composts with green waste, and so on.
The aim is to preserve the Vittel and Contrex mineral waters by protecting the sources from the risk of surface soil pollutions, in particular the one induced by agriculture (pesticides, fertilizers, antibiotics).
The resource protection extends to the entire water catchment area, including the impluvium, which covers over 10 000 hectares for the Vittel and Contrexéville springs.



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Vittel's golf

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Path n°10 Thermal Park

2H20
6,2 KM

Track with a wooded part and a beautiful viewpoint on the Club Med's hotels, racecourse, and golf practice.

LOCATION

Vittel, 11 km to the east of the n°9 exit of the A31, 43 km away from Epinal.

PARKING

Bonne source, 300 rue Saint-Nicolas (GPS: N 48.204195°, E 5.944904)

MARKING

Yellow

DIFFICULTIES

None

380 m
330 m
8207 0m m
Positive elevation

Making code PR FFRandonnée

- Right direction
- Change of course
- Wrong direction

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ACCOMODATION

Remember to book !
Hotels, Gites, Bed & Breakfast… more information at the Vittel and Contrexéville tourist office

TO DISCOVER ALONG THE WAY

- **Thermal Park, golf, racecourse**
- **Viewpoint • Underwood**

TO DISCOVER IN THE REGION

- Vittel : racecourse (races on Sundays and holidays in July and August), Heritage and Thermalism Museum (Charles Garnier street), the water watch (thermal park opened from April to November with tour guides), the Petit Vair's gardens (D18, racecourse entrance), miniature golf (thermal park)
- Contrexéville : Lacs de la Folie leisure base

TOURIST OFFICES

- **Vittel,03 29 08 08 88, www.destinationvittel.com**
- **Contrexéville, 03 29 08 08 68, www.contrextourisme.com**
- **Communauté de communes, www.terredeau.fr**



Vittel Park map

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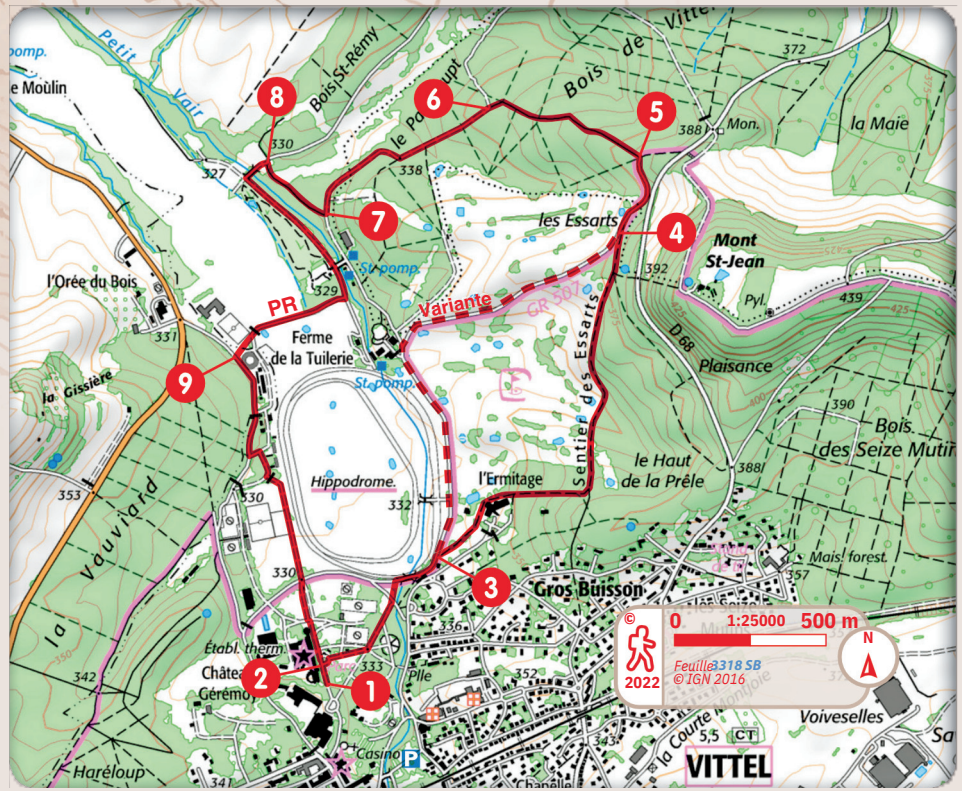
PR Path n° 10 - Thermal Park





The grand gallery

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> The thermal hike starts in Vittel's park. The starting panel is located at the beginning of the pathway alongside the thermal gallery.

1. **Go straight ahead until you reach the main flower bed.**
2. **Turn right, leading to a large pathway, turn left, keep walking, and then you will arrive next to the racecourse. Use the right path.**

> In rainy weather, use the alternative by going straight ahead on the road that branches off, then turn right to overlook the golf course and return to the main itinerary.

3. **Walk up to the Ermitage hotel. Reach it and take the first pathway on the right. Bypass the hotel on the right to walk up a dirt road under a vegetation cover. Reach a cross-cutting trail. Turn left to walk up in the woods alongside the edge of the forest.**
4. **Find the road; turn right.**
5. **Go beyond the paths n°11, 12, and 13 and walk down the stone path.**
6. **Keep going straight at the intersection.**
7. **Cross the foot bridge on the right, walk along the spruce trees.**
8. **Cross the bridge on the left, then turn again left to walk alongside the « garden plain». beyond the concrete bridge on the left, and turn right. Head towards the equestrian center.**
9. **Go beyond the equestrian center and turn left on the road. Reach the entrance of the racecourse, turn left, then right. Walk straight on about 750 meters.**
2. **Get in front of the thermal gallery.**



The Vittel racecourse

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