

# WATER LILIES' TOUR



**MAY 12**  
1 DAY / 23 KM



**ROWING LEVEL**

## ROUTE

The Water lilies tour crosses the only last farmed and inhabited swamp. In May 2013 it received the « Man and Biosphère » eco-label from the UNESCO. This sanctuary of greenery is crossed by a total of 700kilometers of streams on a 4000 hectares surface, and shelters around 1700 animal and vegetal species, which offers landscapes of great variety and diversity with woods and bushes hiding grey herons, great crested Grebes, kingfishes... It also runs along market gardens where farming knowledge has been passed down for centuries. Most of these farms can only be reached with small flat-bottomed boats which prove the local ancient farming tradition, since for a long time these boats were the only mean of work and communication. Behind the top of the trees you may glimpse at the tour of St-Omer's cathedral, main testimony of Nord-Pas-de Calais' gothic architecture which well illustrates the local wealthy heritage. This delicately-balanced wetland is a wonderful green haven.



## SIGHTSEEING

The Water Lilies tour crosses the swamp with its mosaic of gardens, meadows and woods which are drained by a maze of streams and ditches mixing a diversified fauna and flora. This territory, away from time and tumult resembles no other and needs to be preserved. It offers many possibilities and activities which will please sporty people, nature and history lovers, but also provides a wonderful resting place for visitors seeking peace and quiet.



## PRATICAL INFORMATION



**TOUR DURATION**  
1 day – May 12, 2019



**TOUR PLACE**  
Houlle river and Audomarois swamp



**BOATS**  
Recreational four-person sculling boats



**FEES**  
**33 €** : without accommodation, including 1 hot meal served under tent in the swamp



**FOR COMPANIONS**  
**18 €** : without accommodation, 1 meal included  
Walking hike around the moor.



**SEAT RENTAL**  
120 seats available, 20 €



**SAFETY**  
Supervision : 25 people  
Safety boats: 7



**PROVISIONAL PLANNING**  
**8am** : welcome breakfast. Skipper meeting: safety briefing and distribution of a tour map.  
**9.30am to 1.30pm** : 23 km to the discovery of the Saint- Omer moor.  
**1.30pm** : drinks, gifts and lunch on the Houlle border.

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