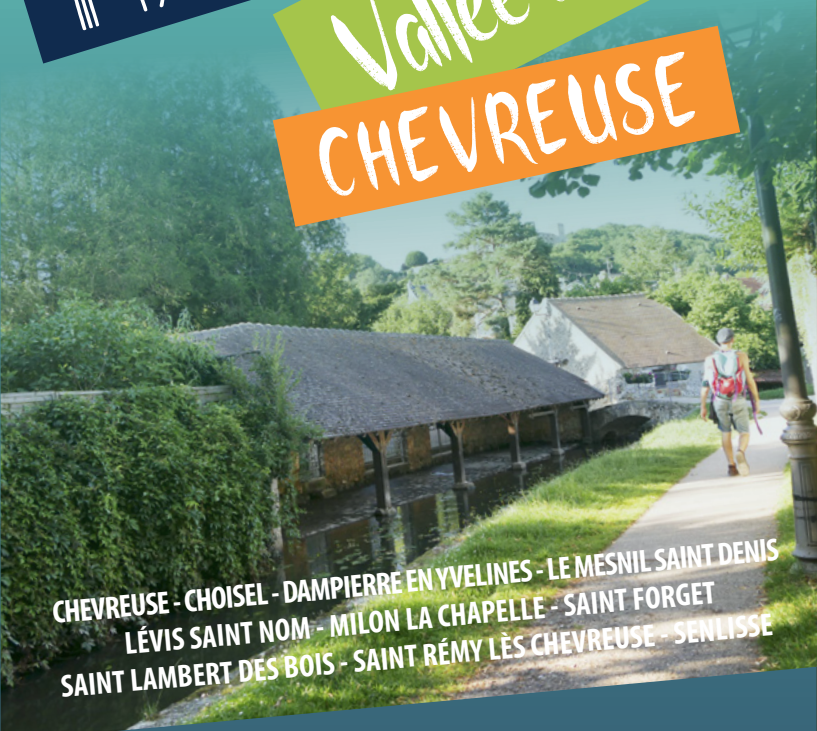




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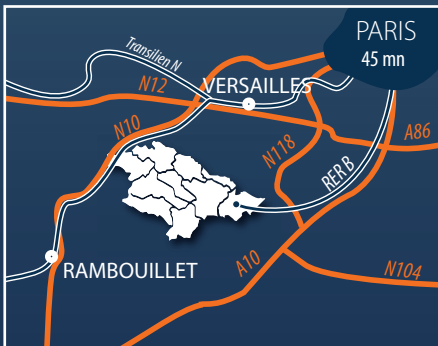
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Welcome to the Chevreuse Valley !

Situated in the historic heart of the Regional Nature Park of the Haute Vallée de Chevreuse, between Versailles and Rambouillet, the area has a remarkable heritage, to be discovered alone, with friends or as a family.

To help our tourism professionals to welcome you in the best possible way, the Communauté de Communes offers you this leaflet. It's a first step in taking full advantage of the Vallée de Chevreuse and making your plans for your stay easier. An online questionnaire at www.cchvc.fr will allow you to give your opinion on this document.

We hope to meet you soon in the Vallée de Chevreuse.



Access :

- by A10, N18, N104
- by RER B - Saint Rémy lès Chevreuse Station serving Paris & CDG Airport
- by La Verrière and Coignières Stations - train lines Transilien N and U serving Paris

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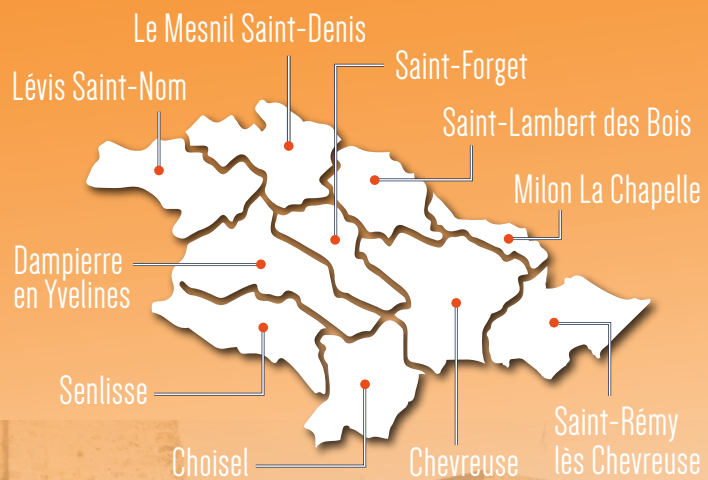
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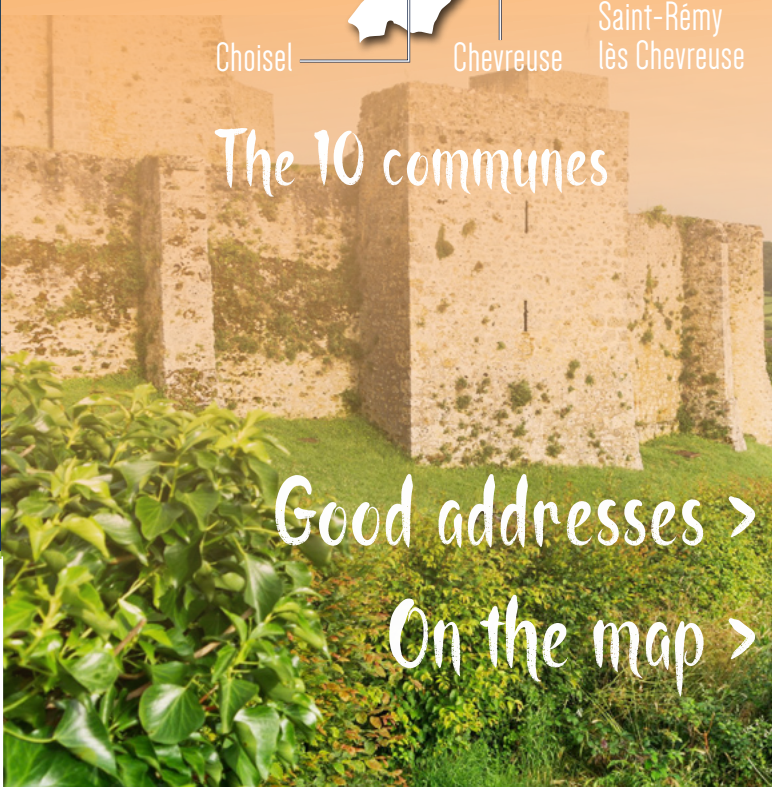
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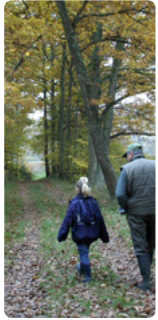


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Wooded Valley

On foot



Whether you are an inveterate walker or you like strolling, the Haute Vallée de Chevreuse will delight you. Whilst crisscrossing the valley with its leafy slopes, or open plains, keep your eyes open ! You might spot a side roads leading to an unsuspected pond. At the gates of the capital, this green area is the best spot for you to revitalize as a family and with friends. Situated in the heart of the of the Haute Vallée de Chevreuse Regional Nature Park, you can make the most of a preserved space with amenities. Kilometres of signposted paths, will guide your outings through a maze of greenery.

By bike

Bikes are also an excellent means of appreciating our beautiful countryside.

Familles, make the most of the secure cycle paths that cross the park. The Veloscenie, is 450 kilometres long and links Paris to Mont Saint Michel, and is one of the most well known. Why not start your journey in the Haute Vallée de Chevreuse ?

Fans of excitement on mountain bikes ? Come and rush down the valley with slopes strewn with humps, hollows and bumps of all sorts. Does speed make you excited? Launch yourself into bends to conquer unexpected differences in height ! If you are here in Spring, don't miss La Jean Racine, an important bike event including mountain bike routes for all levels, andamong other activities, a night ride.



By electric car

Are you worried about not having the time to discover all of the valley on foot or by bike ? Renting an electric car gives you most to discover. The chance to do a tour of charming villages to find gems of our heritage. Easily accessible, our electric cars are waiting just for you to crisscross the winding roads of the valley. Ecological and silent, ecomobility is ideal as an alternative to walking and cycling and minimises the local impact on our environment. Ready to go ? Visit the site of the Communauté de Communes to reserve your vehicle !

Green Valley

Flora and fauna



Rich by its diversity of landscapes, the Haute Vallée de Chevreuse is a remarkable area, with several sites classed as national heritage. Rivers, wetlands, prairies, undergrowth, agricultural plateaus and other peatlands constitute a real gallery of landscapes. Viewing points, characterful villages and greenery will plunge you in diverse ambiances awakening your senses. The high point of the Vallée is dominated by the Château de la Madeleine, a visitor center. This Maison du Parc naturel regional de la Haute Vallée de Chevreuse offers an extraordinary panorama over the valley. Why not go there at sunset to admire the many shades of green that cover the landscape ? The remarkable space that is the Haute Vallée de Chevreuse houses an abundant flora and an exceptional fauna (red deer, wild boar, birds, large marsh grasshoppers, great crested newts). Pay attention as night falls, the most shy sometimes poke out their muzzles . . .



Craft Valley

Local crafts

With its important agricultural past, the valley abounds in little treasures from the crafts and farm made pleasures. Real witnesses of local skills, farms and producers will delight you, food lovers in search of authenticity and local discoveries. Visit one of our farms to taste delicious cheeses, fresh eggs or local honey. Discover, for example, snail farming, beer brewing, the making of syrups and other sweets and get advice on on cooking local dishes. Artists in the soul, lovers of cultural discoveries, won't be outdone.



Welcoming Valley

Accommodation

Charming houses, the valley has a lot, why not stay in one of them for a weekend ? Hotels, gîtes and chambre d'hôtes welcome visitors searching for the peace of the countryside. The right time to meet hosts passionate about the area who will give you their own secrets about enchanting places in the valley. Paris lovers on a day trip, you're not looking for a place to stay but just somewhere to eat ? Once again, the valley is rich in charming places to dine that are waiting just for you. Come and taste traditional dishes or discover another good food culture by going into a restaurant in the valley.



Seminars

You want to celebrate and relax differently? Come for your birthday party, celebrate your marriage or organise a company seminar in one of our remarkable properties. Some of our finest houses will welcome you and assist in the planning of your event. Perhaps one of our local festivals will attract you. From « Jazz à toute heure » (Music festival in spring) to « Lirenal » (Book fair in spring) there's something for every taste. To have an unforgettable time, come to the heart of this exceptional valley that is the Haute Vallée de Chevreuse.



Painters, sculptors and art craftsmen will tell you their secrets if you enter their peaceful studios. Take the time to discover craft techniques or get hands on during events or by appointment. Our landscapes have always been a source of inspiration, as the French landscape painting (C19th) of Cernay shows.

Historic Valley

The Chateaux



Nobles and lords have succeeded on the lands of the valley, leaving in their wake many traces full of riches. Chateaux, manors, parks, gardens and hunting grounds are as many reasons for you to loose yourself in the discovery of these historic gems. Little jewels of French heritage, the discrete charm of our chateaux is lost between trees and hills. If you wish, enter the gates of one of them to dive into the past like the Château de la Madeleine (C11th), the Château de Dampierre (C17th), Château de Breteuil (C17th) and fairy tales of Perrault. The presence of many abbeys and churches shows you the importance of the area in past centuries. In the Haute Vallée de Chevreuse, all the curious can satisfy their thirst for stories from the past.

Fame



Many important people have lived here. Racine, Pierre de Coubertin, father of the modern Olympic Games, Mrs de Rohan Duchess of Chevreuse, Cyrano de Bergerac or more recently Raymond Devos, Michel Tournier and Ingrid Bergman, all found a home in our beautiful valley, for a year or for a lifetime. By following their footsteps, you will discover the secrets that have shaped the history of the Haute Vallée de Chevreuse.

Here you will also find :

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Short term hire of electric vehicles

Innovative services of shared electromobility that link social and sustainable mobility in rural and peri-urban, areas for an ecological and silent mobility.

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CAR SHARING : electric vehicles near by to easily make all the small trips. Ecomobility stations are at your disposal in the communes of the CCHVC



32 CHARGE SPOTS : charge points easily accessible for all your personal electric vehicles : Twizys, cars, electric bikes



CAR POOLING : to share your trips and travel expenses, chose to car pool or be car pooled



SOLI-DRIVE : an original service of integrated mobility allowing a person who needs to travel to book a car by car sharing and to call upon a volunteer driver

www.dem.mobi

The Veloscenie



The Veloscenie, a spectacular itinerary that links the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris to the Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel, crosses the regional nature park. This cycle route takes you to the heart of the Vallée de Chevreuse for a day trip on greenways, small signposted routes and forest roads, suited for adults or older children

www.veloscenie.com

Haute Vallée de Chevreuse Regional Nature Park



First Regional Nature Park in the Ile de France, the Haute Vallée de Chevreuse inhabited nature Park was created in 1985. This audacious project allowed the preservation of places shaped by time whilst developing human activities compatible with the park's unique landscape and heritage. The mission of the park and its local team is to set goals and guidelines for reasonable urbanisation, sustainable economic development and protection of the natural environment.

www.parc-naturel-chevreuse.fr



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- History**
 - Chateau open to the public
 - Chateau closed to the public
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 - Listed historic monuments
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 - Farm
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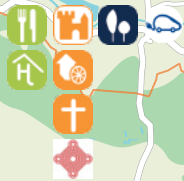
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