

Vélofiche n°6

Bicycle ride n° 6

Price : 0,50 €

Time for a ride in Magenta country



Adjoining the town of Epernay and facing the river Marne on one side and the canal on the other, the village of Magenta is an industrious suburb built at the time of the railway boom.

The community took shape around a hamlet previously known as the "Pottery", located where a bridge crosses to the next village. The population grew and grew until it was decided to make the place a municipality in its own right. "Magenta" was the name put forward in tribute to the French victory at the battle of Magenta in Italy in 1859, led by General MacMahon.

Magenta attributes its rise mainly to the industrial revolution. Railways, a church built from iron and steel, worker's houses, souvenirs of a past that remain visible today.

One sight not to miss is the church of Saint Marie, built in byzantine style with its bulbous bell tower that never fails to stir visitors' curiosity and admiration.

Recommendations from the FFCT

« Don't forget your helmet. Always follow the highway code and ride two abreast only under appropriate circumstances.

Mountain bikers : please wear your body protection. »



