

A BIT OF HISTORY

The department Aube has an important concentration of megaliths that can mostly be found in the north-western part of the department, the Nogentais. Standing stones, dolmens and grooves are all stones that tell of a distant past, the upper Neolithic (2500 to 2000 B.C.).

The humans of that age made use of a material that abounded on the territory, the sandstone of Cuise that was formed in the lower Eocene period (53 million years B.C.). This fact explains the presence of megaliths on our territory.



RECOMMENDATIONS

The megaliths are located on private territory where, depending on the years, different cultivations are present. The landlords kindly accord a right of way but please make sure to respect them and do not damage anything while walking.

Furthermore, it is vital to point out that during summertime the megaliths can be hidden by cultivations such as wheat and therefore cannot be seen.

THE MEGALITHS OF THE NOGENTAIS



13 Dolmens (a Breton name that means "stone table") that were covered by a burial mound and were exposed by erosion. Their exact use is not known but they might have been used as burial chambers.



7 Standing stones (also known as menhirs, a Breton name that means "upright stone"). Some believe they were probably used as religious edifices.



16 Grooves, blocks of sandstone, that are characterized by grooves and basins on their surface and were certainly used to sharpen tools. Furthermore, some were obviously used as part of a pagan cult. However, their exact use remains unknown.



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DISCOVERY TOUR



THE ROUTE OF THE MEGALITHS

DISCOVER THE SECRETS AND LEGENDS

OF THE NOGENTAIS AND

THE VALLEY OF THE SEINE.

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FOLLOWING THE PROPOSED PATH.



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