

# À LA DÉCOUVERTE DES NEUFS-BOIS ET DE SES ÉTANGS

SAINT-MAURICE-SUR-MOSELLE

17



**SEASON**  
Without snow



**DURATION**  
2h



**LENGTH**  
6 km



**ELEVATION**  
+275 m



**LAND**  
Paths and tracks

**This short walk will allow you to enjoy moments of peace and relaxation in the heart of the listed site of the Chaume des Neufs-Bois and its three ponds. It's a lush green setting with lovely views.**

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## 📍 ACCESS AND DEPARTURE POINT

**Access :** From the Tourist Office (Saint-Maurice-sur-Moselle office), follow the N66 and, after the bridge, turn right onto the D90 towards Rouge Gazon (10 km).

**Departure :** Parking lot of the hotel-restaurant Le Rouge Gazon.



Start



Parking lot



Route



Toilets



Restaurant



Family picnic!



There's something for everyone!

## ITINERARY AND POINTS OF INTEREST

From the Rouge Gazon car park, take the path opposite the hotel-restaurant (which overlooks the road you came from).

Walk 600m and, at the intersection, continue on the path (follow Saint-Maurice via the blue path Les Charbonniers).

Continue for 300m and turn right towards Bussang (MTB route no. 15).

Follow this path for about 1km. On your left, you will see the Neufs-Bois high thatch, and then, on the left-hand side of the road, the first Neufs-Bois pond.

To get to the Neufs-Bois thatch, turn right up the path.

On the left-hand side, a wooden sign indicates the thatch. Continue straight ahead, but do not take the path on your right.

Once you've reached the chaume des Neufs-Bois, enjoy the tranquillity and beauty of the landscape...

Then retrace your steps to the first pond and follow the path to the right that runs alongside it.

Follow this path straight ahead, skirting the second pond and continuing on to the third below. After a well-earned break in this green paradise, retrace your steps and take the path between the first and second ponds (which borders the first pond). Enter the forest.

After around 500m, look to the right and admire the chaume des Neufs-Bois opposite.

After about 1km, you'll reach the Col des Mineurs (signposted).

Take the path on the far left (mountain bike routes 17 and 18).

A few hundred metres further on, the road forks... Don't take the left-hand path, go straight on. There's another 1.5 km to go before you reach Rouge Gazon.



## FOR THE CHILDREN

Once you arrive at the ponds, cast your lines! Fishing licences available from reception at the Rouge Gazon hotel-restaurant.

And if fishing doesn't appeal to you, have fun using your finds from nature to create a giant fish on the ground..

Little pebbles make beautiful scales!



## DID YOU KNOW THAT ?

### The farm of the chaume des Neufs-Bois

Now abandoned, it was a typical farmhouse surrounded by its herd of Vosges cows.

The traditional 'marcaireries', with their history linked to transhumance, and today's farm inns bear witness to the renewed dynamism of the high valleys, which have successfully agricultural and tourist activities.

## OUR IMPRESSION

“ As you set off from Rouge Gazon, you know straight away that you're in for a treat... The scenery is magnificent. You'll come across all sorts of flowers: arnica, foxgloves, gentians, wild orchids and, of course, raspberries! The undergrowth provide a bit of freshness, as does the the edge of the pond at picnic time. ”



One of the three ponds of the Chaume des Neufs-Bois

## TO TASTE

**2 minutes away**

### Hôtel-restaurant Rouge Gazon

On the terrace, in the fresh air, or in the dining room, the Rouge Gazon serves delicious snacks: kouglofs, yoghurts, jams, farmhouse cheeses, blueberry tarts...

This former farmhouse, acquired in 1932 by Joseph Luttenbacher and since then in the family, became an inn and then a hotel-restaurant with the creation of the ski area.

**Le Rouge Gazon, Saint-Maurice-sur-Moselle - Tél : +33 (0)3 29 25 12 80**

## TO DISCOVER

**15 minutes away**

### Voie Verte des Hautes-Vosges

The Voie verte des Hautes-Vosges is a multi-activity trail that you can follow by bike, on rollerblades or on foot, even with a pushchair. It covers 53km!

**Leaving from the Tourist Office in Saint-Maurice-sur-Moselle.**

## TO ENJOY

**20 minutes away**

### Saint-Maurice-sur-Moselle swimming pool

This solar-heated open-air swimming pool is open throughout the summer. It has a large splash pool and a small paddling pool, while you can relax, have fun and sunbathe on the grassy area. A friendly, family atmosphere!

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## A FEW ADVICES

### BACKPACK



Pack a picnic or a snack to share with the whole family beside a pond.

### ROUTE



Unshaded areas. In summer, don't forget your hat and sun cream!