

## THE WARS OF THE VENDÉE IN TREMBLAY...

After the French Revolution in 1789, significant reforms were implemented: the abolition of privileges, the re-organisation of French territory to create the French Départements and communes, and an amendment was made to the status of the clergy.



In the Western part of France, these changes were poorly accepted by the country people as they did not improve their living conditions.

This is when **Wars of the Vendée** between the Republicans (Blues) and the Vendéans or Chouans (Whites) broke out.



In "La Tuace" locality, a stela commemorating the events of 1796 was inaugurated on October 9th, 2010.

On April 8th, 1796, Mathurin Ménard aka "Fearless" was informed that Republican troops were coming up from Tremblay to Candé. A thousand Chouans waited in ambush for the 300 Republicans; 280 of them were killed as well as some Chouans. Since this slaughter, the trail of La Croix Couverte has borne the evocative name of **Chemin de la Tuace**.

Source: Blancs et Bleus dans la Vendée déchirée - Découverte Gallimard J.C. Martin - 1986 Bernard Delaunay - 1939

## SPLASHES OF COLOUR ALONG THE ROADS



Ditches are full of wild flowers all year-round. First, **primroses** and wild orchids in spring then narcissus, bluebells, Solomon's seals and arum lilies...

Coming next are **foxgloves**, yellow iris, **Umbilicus rupestris**, rosebay willow-herbs and all sorts of Umbelliferae...



Then comes the time of mints and **inula**... to finally end up the season with fruits such as **mulberries**, sloes and **hawthorns**...

Many thanks for protecting the flora / making sure that roots and bulbs are not pulled up while picking the flowers...



**Learn more about the flora:**

Guide des fleurs sauvages - Delachaud et Niestlé, Fitter, Fitter et Blamey  
Flore du bassin de la Loire - J.P. Gislard, J. Planchenot - 2007

In case you notice any anomaly on your way through, please inform the Commune d'Ombree d'Anjou. Your remarks will help us maintain all the trails in good condition.

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LE TREMBLAY



## Chemin de la Tuace

Start: car park - Gîte de l'École Buissonnière  
Impasse Abbé Delugeau

➔ 9 km - 2.15 hours

— Road markers

This trail is perfect to stimulate your senses. See and smell the splashes of colourful flowers along the road and listen as you may catch the murmurs of history.

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