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 Vendeans 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.

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Do not litter.

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'Ombrée d'Anjou. Your remarks will help us maintain all the trails in good condition.

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Chemin de la Tuace

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



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.





Start: a page of history is underway

From the car park, take the lane between the houses up to the road D181 and then on your right over 100m.

Turn left in the country lane.

I: Across the fields, lovely view of Le Tremblay

Walk on the narrow path and across the walkway. A bit further up, walk along the field on the mown grass strip. On the left-hand bend, nice view over Le Tremblay. Continue to the main road and turn right.

2: Colourful wildflowers

Walk on the road connecting Le Tremblay to Challain-La-Potherie over 2.5 km. The ditches provide a **great variety of plants** changing over the seasons.

Two short variants are available: one by taking the 1st trail on your right leading to La Giraudaie aka variant 1; the other one through the 2nd road on your right to Montfoleur aka variant 2.

3: La Tuace, a historically renowned place

Take the wide trail on your right after the road of la Ducherie past the stela commemorating the slaughter of la Tuace that took place during the Wars of the Vendée.

After the stela, take the 1st forest road on your right.

4: Through a forest road

Walk through the forest road, cross the main road (arrival of variant 2) and walk further up in the country road. On the trail towards La Chaudraie, turn left and immediately on your right and then on your right again. You will enter a private property.

Walk along the pasture on the right-hand side up to the road of la Giraudaie (arrival of variant 1). Turn right and leave the road by taking the 1st lane on your left.

5: Back to Le Tremblay

Keep walking on the trail up to La Beausserie, then follow the tarred road up to the D181. Turn right and walk back to Le Tremblay.

