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May Day Walk, Tuesday 1st May 2018, 10.00 am

“Honey-sweet May, when the birds come back, and the flowers come out, and the air is full of the sunrise scents and songs of the dawning year.” *Samuel Scoville Jr.*

It may be hard to believe it, but May is just around the corner. As usual we plan to celebrate its arrival with our traditional May Day walk and we are delighted that Tony Oakley, now back on his feet again, has organised a walk for us all to enjoy once more this year.

The walk will take place at Louerre, starting at 10:00am. The meeting point will be the car park in front of the church, in the centre of the village. The walk will take about 2 hours and will cover approx. 8 – 10 km, mainly through wooded areas. For those who may find this rather long, it should be possible to shorten the route. Tony assures those who may not be intrepid walkers that the route will not be strenuous. At one point, there is a hidden tower which can be climbed for an excellent view of the surrounding area. There is also a 'lavoire' near the car park at the source of the river Aubance.

All members, non-members and friends are welcome to join Tony for a gentle walk before sitting down to relax and enjoy a picnic lunch together.

Anyone not wishing to walk who would like to bring along a picnic lunch is welcome to join the walkers between 12noon – 12.30pm for an aperitif prior to lunch. There is a picnic site with tables near to the parking area.

As always, Tony recommends walkers wear appropriate clothing including good walking boots or shoes and that we carry waterproof clothing. He has reminded us to add that the temperature can drop quite suddenly if a storm approaches.

Although dogs are welcome, their owners are urged to respect local farmers and wildlife and ensure they are kept on leads when necessary, especially as it is nesting time for many birds.



ESU Loire Valley May Day Walk 2017

DIRECTIONS

Louerre is situated just off the D70 half way between Gennes and Martigné Briand.

Coming from Angers, leave the city going south on the A87/N160 then take the D761 in the direction of Brissac continuing onwards to Noyant la Plaine. Turn left on to the D70; Louerre is about 4-5 km.

From the north or from Saumur, come to Gennes passing over the bridge at Les Rosiers sur Loire, take the D70 south towards Martigné Briand. Louerre is about 6 – 7 km.

From the south, take the route to Doué la Fontaine, leave Doué on the D761, then at Noyant la Plaine turn right on to the D70; Louerre is about 4 – 5 km.



Église Saint-Maurice de Louerre © OT du Saumurois

Tony is hoping to welcome a record number of walkers this year. Please let him know if you plan to attend. Details are on the slip below.

ATTENDANCE FORM

Please complete this reply slip and return to:

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Names.....

Email.....

Telephone.....

I can provide transport forpeople from.....

I would like transport for people from

Number attending walk

Number attending walk and picnic.....

Number attending picnic.....

