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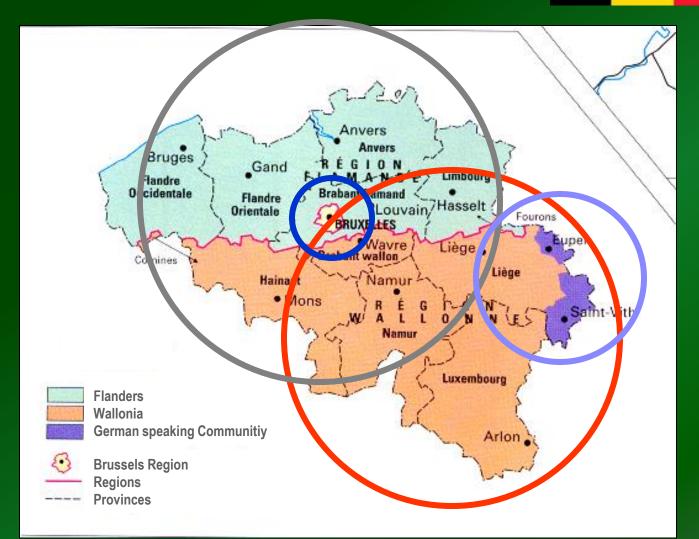
RAVeL, Walloon region : from the Recovery of the Railway Heritage...

.... to the Long-Distance Cycle Routes





Belgium, a Federal State



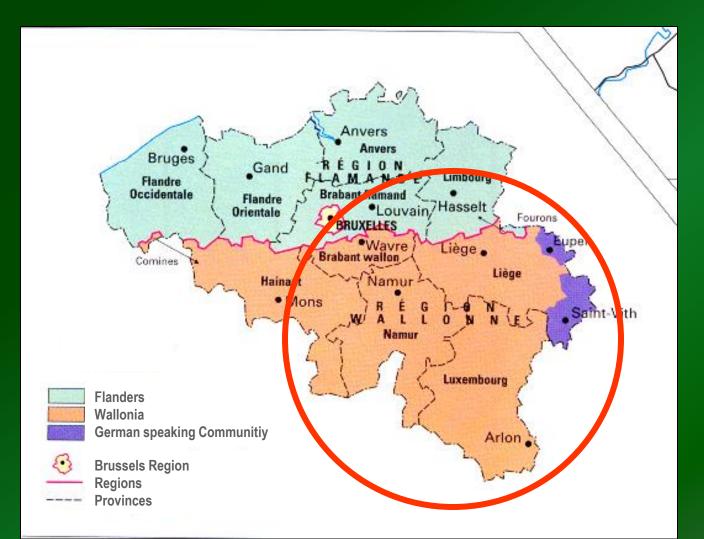








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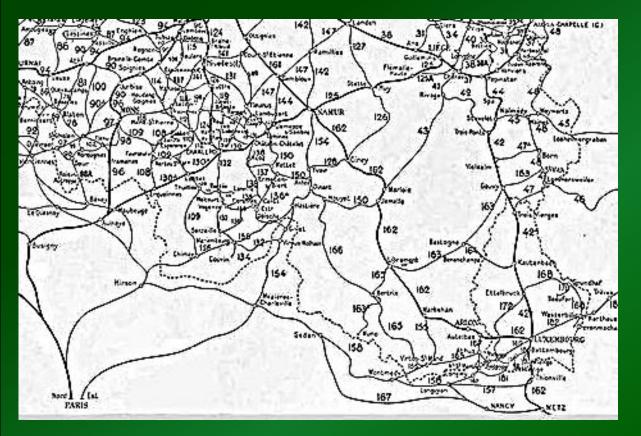


Wallonie

16.900 km² Population 3.600.000



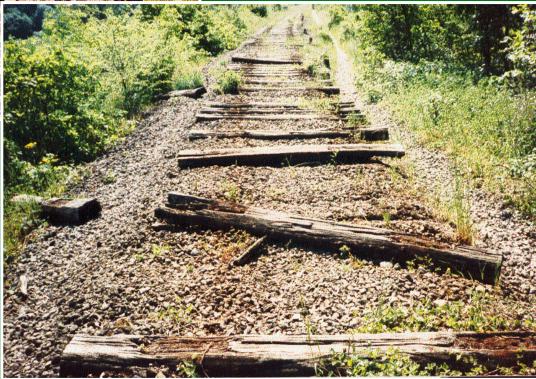




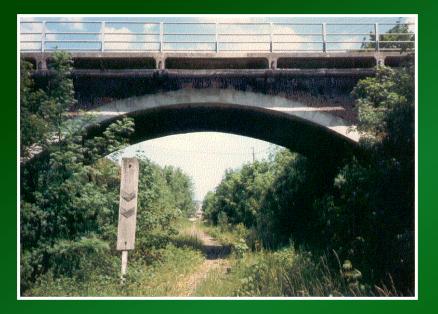
1935 : ~ 3000 km 1996 : ~ 1800 km Out of use : ~ 1200 km



Out of use : ~ 1200 km Under threat







Regional point of view : no trains => public ways => regional ownership

Federal point of vue : even if no trains : national railway ownership

Council of State : national railway ownership





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Nos anciennes lignes ferroviaires : un patrimoine à préserver, des chemins à parcourir



1996

First action : public petition 2 weeks – 2000 signatures Sent to the Walloon Minister for Public Works



Michel Lebrun Public Works Minister Wallonia -Belgium





Réseau Autonome des VoiEs Lentes

Autonomous Network of Slow Ways

1996



1st official RAVeL route



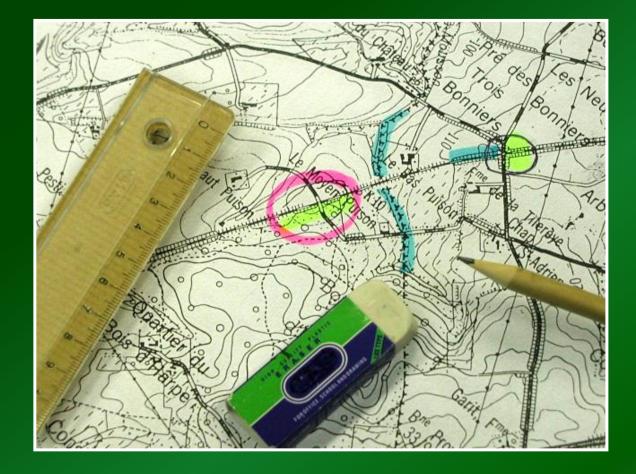
1996











Feasblity studies



Twice a year, greenway quality control by volunteers













Signposting





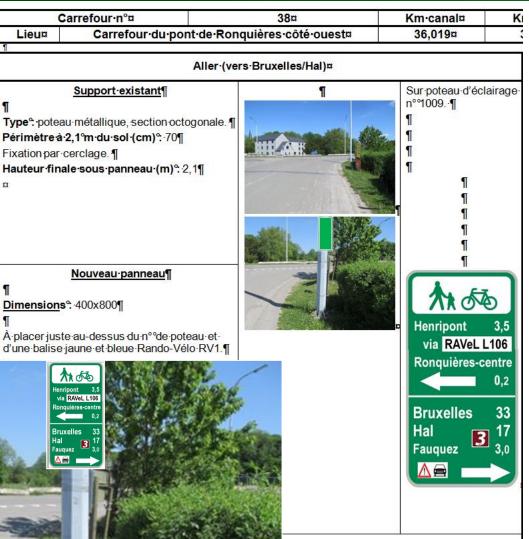
Carrefour ·n°¤

Lieu¤

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Fixation par cerclage.

Dimensions°: 400x800¶









Cycle and tourism fairs

One year later, success : Official agreement SNCB (Belgian National Railways) – Walloon Region









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Namur, Wallonia, 8 January1998

2016: 20th anniversary of the RAVeL Network

Today approx. 1400 km

- approx. 700 km rail-trails
- Wallonie - approx. 700 km towpaths (canals and rivers)







































Dictionnaire du patrimoine ferroviaire

Anne Daubechies et Gilbert Perrin



2013 : Railway Heritage Dictionary





























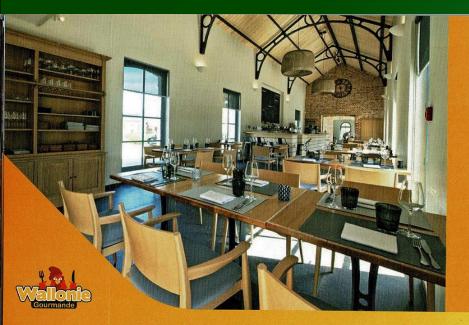












INFORMATIONS

OUVERTURE

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a Gare d'Hamois.

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9 LA GARE D'HAMOIS

En 2015, un nouveau restaurant a été ouvert dans le bâtiment des voyageurs (BV), le long de la ligne transformée en RAVeL. Le cadre au design contemporain a su préserver l'ambiance d'une ancienne gare.

Le chef Grégory GILLAIN et son épouse Hélène FAYS y proposent une cuisine moderne dans un lieu magnifiquement rénové. Le concept de ce restaurant est la « bistronomie » : des plats créés à partir d'un maximum de produits régionaux, travaillés de façon originale et gastronomique. Aux beaux jours, vous pouvez y prendre votre repas sur une terrasse aménagée à l'emplacement des anciens quais au soleil ou à l'ombre des parasols.

LIEN AVEC LE RAVeL :

Le restaurant « La gare d'Hamois » se trouve le long de l'ancienne ligne L126 qui reliait Huy à Ciney sur 35 km. Le

2016 « Greedy Stations »

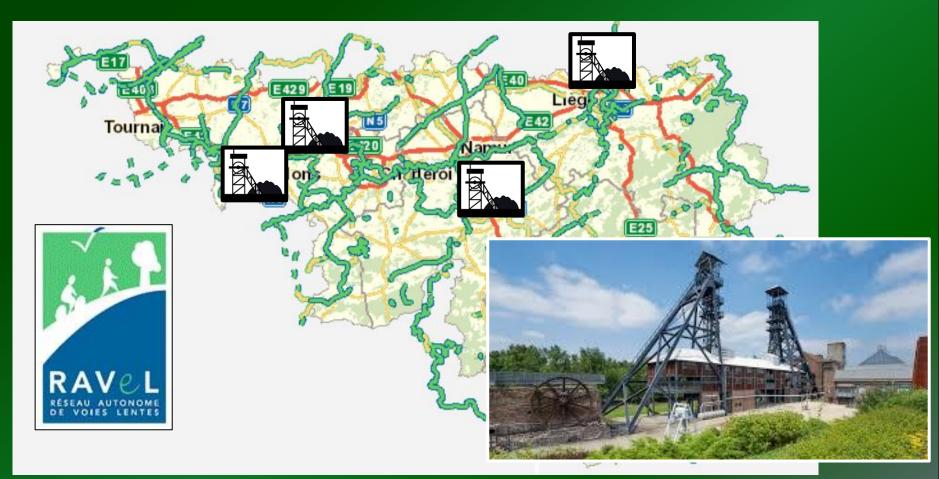




4 Coal mines







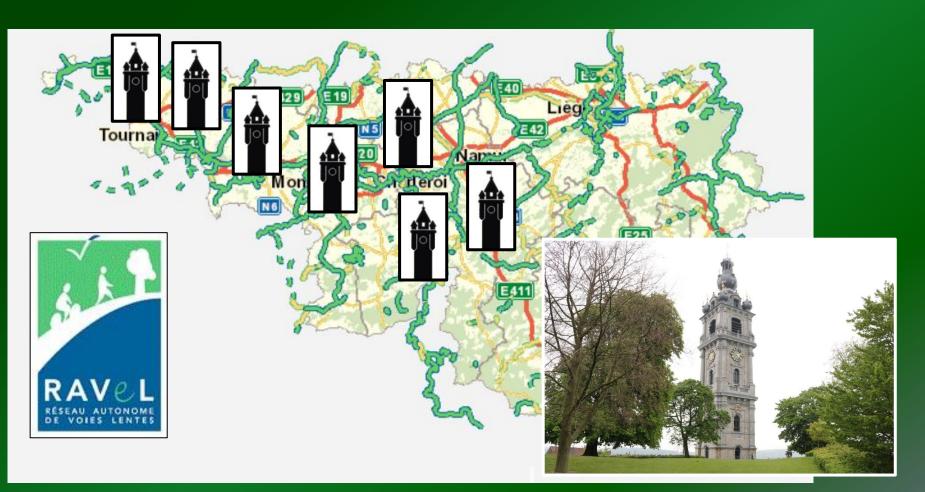




Wallonie

7 Belfries











1 Cathedral

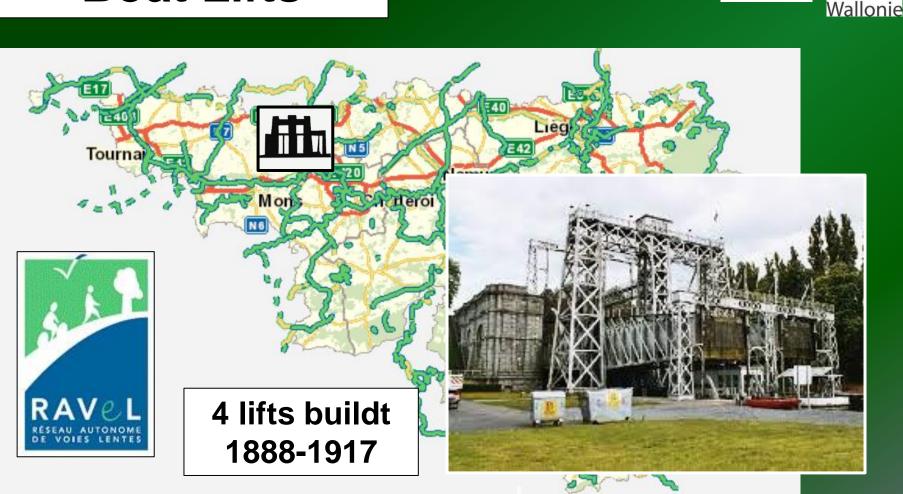
1 Neolithic Mine







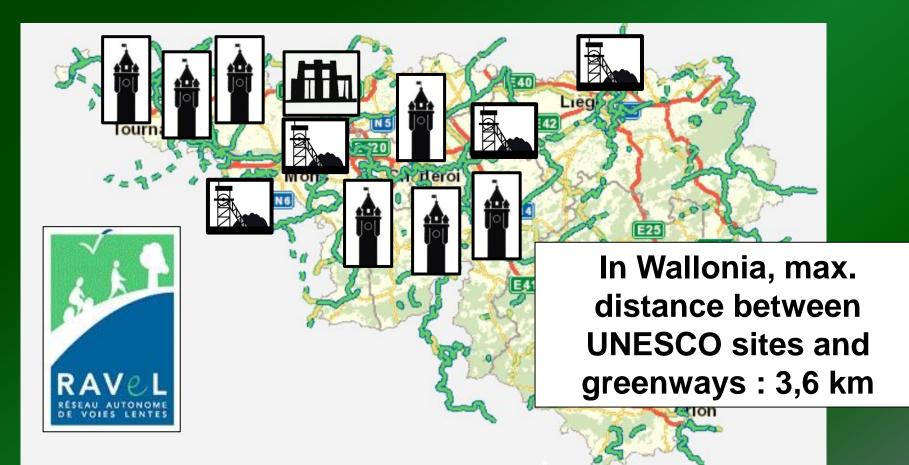






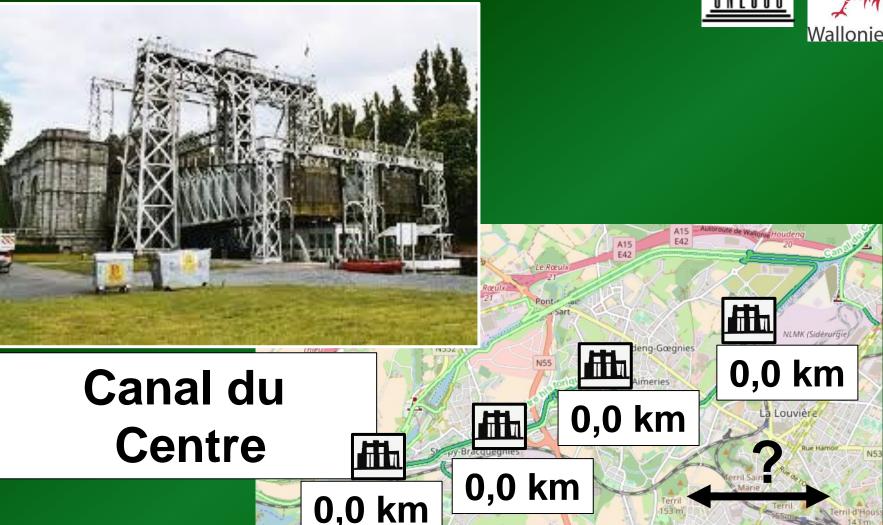


Wallonie









Back to the RAVeL

- Safe (carfree)
- Almost flat
- Cannot cover all the territory



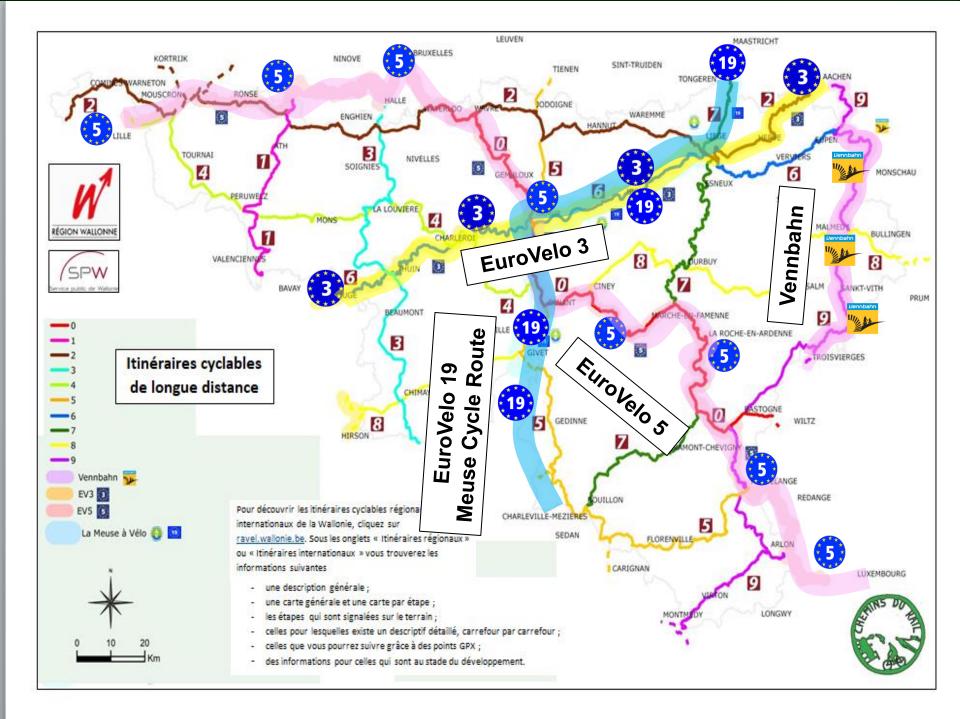


Cyclable Wallonia 2012-2013

- A comprehensive long distance cycle routes network
- 10 routes nr. 0 to 9
- Using a maximum of RAVeL greenways
- Connected with the neighbouring regions and countries
- Approx. total 1200 km
- Includes 4 international routes











EuroVelo 3 from Norway to Spain



EuroVelo 5 from London to Brindisi





EuroVelo 19 Meuse Cycle Route from France to The Netherlands







Vennbahn from Germany to Luxemburg

Greenways, a excellent tool for :

- everyday commuting
- leisure
- sustainable tourism













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Wallonia, a small European region, believes in it

