

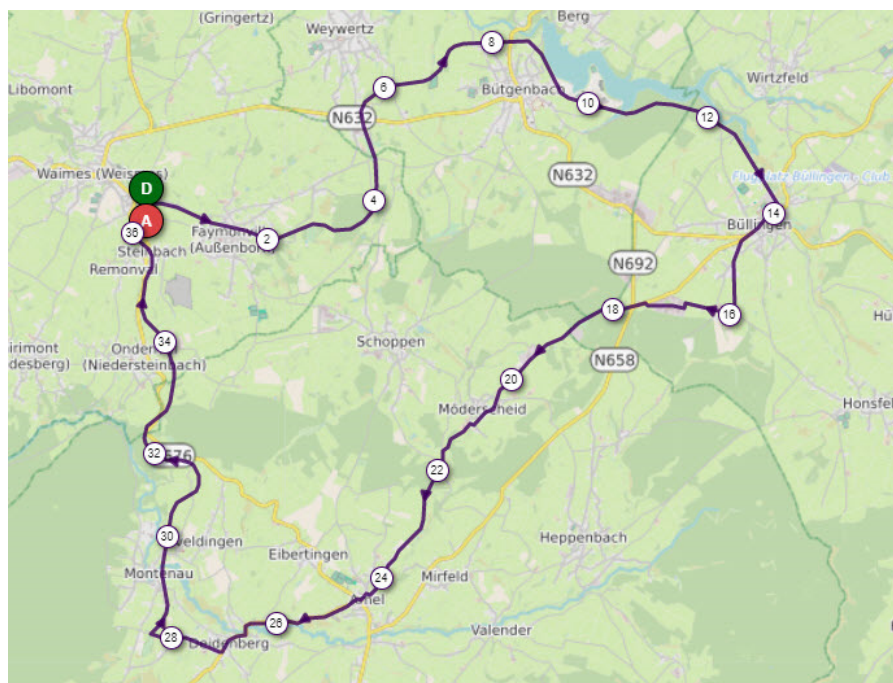


The loop

The BTW-tour (Bike Tour Waimes) is a 38 km-loop, without any major difficulties. The route follows mostly the RAVeL paths L48 (Vennbahn) and L45a (Vennquerbahn). It also leads you through country roads.

This tour starts in the municipality of Waimes but it goes through the cities of Butgenbach, Bullingen and Amel.

It has been created by the BTW Team which is comprised bemi62, metro63, ludo394, Aladaube, Mathieu1971, Hslombardot2, Fanooshka, Serlom, Christelle & Fiona, Souslick, Nenette002, Vandergore (reviewing), Lili et myself Fichauami.



Signage

A signposting has been set up between the end of RAVeL pathes in Bullingen (marker 14 on the map – cache # 19) and the come-back on the RAVeL pathes in Montenau (marker 28 – cache # 33). This part of the tour (about 15 kms) is considered more risky.

The signage is presented in the form of a light green arrow on a white background with a navy blue writing.



Useful precautions

Don't forget to ride **safely** and be in control of your bicycle at all times throughout the tour !

You won't be on your own on the pathes, you shall meet other riders and walkers. Moreover, RAVeL pathes cross roadways that can be heavily frequented. Cars, trucks or other vehicles also use country roads.

Thee **traffic code** is always applicable, even for geocachers on a bike !

DNF area or not, please be **respectful** to the surrounding nature and infrastructures. Don't leave your rubbish behind, take them away and throw them away in appropriate bins !

Caches and clues

42 caches are spread out all along the circuit. 3 of them are bonus caches (*cfr roadbook in attachment*). You have to pick up all the clues along the tour so that you can calculate the answers of those special caches. Be aware that you'll need all the clues of the first bonus cache to be able to find the answer of the second one. You'll need all the gained clues of the 2 first bonus caches to solve the last one.

18 clues are hidden. They are all linked to the following topics: geocaching, bicycle or train. Each clue is tripled, that means that the clue is written on the logbook, it is physically present in the box but is also hung just next to the cache (in the form of an engraved PVC plaque). So, if a cache disappears or the logbook is replaced, the bonuses remain available anyway.

The tour is not a « Power Trail » ; you won't find « petling » at the feet of a pole every 162 meters. We wanted to create varied caches in shape, in type (tradi, multi, letter-box, mystery), in size (no nano-cache, hardly any micro-cache ! Some small, normal and large ones), in difficulty and in field (from 1 to 4). You'll have to put your feet on the ground every time.

According to your physical condition and training, allow 8 hours to find all the caches.

Necessary material

You should find all the specific material on the different caches if something special is needed.

But don't forget to bring your geocaching basic kit:

- 1 telescopic magnetic rod
- 1 powerful magnet
- 1 UV flashlight
- 1 9V battery (a new one is highly recommended)
- The basic codes (A = 1, ... Z = 26)
- Your « stamp-book) for the Letter Boxes
- 1 €-coin for the souvenir at the end !

Practical information

A parking is available right next to the station (GPS coordinates : N 50° 24.626 E 006° 07.226).

Large catering facilities in Waimes, Bütgenbach, Büllingen and Amel.

If you encounter any problems with a cache or all around it, please **don't hesitate to get back to us** by email fichaumietlili@gmail.com or by phone/ text message to +32 495 771990.

Useful links

BTW => <http://biketourwaimes.be/>

The RAVeL network in Wallonia => <http://RAVeL.wallonie.be/home.html>

Commune of Waimes => <http://www.waimes.be>

Commune of Butgenbach => <http://www.butgenbach.be>

Commune of Büllingen (Bullange) => <http://www.buellingen.be/>

Commune of Amel => <http://www.amel.be>

The Eastern Townships => <https://www.ostbelgien.eu/fr>

Enjoy your trip and good luck with your hunting !

The TEAM BTW !

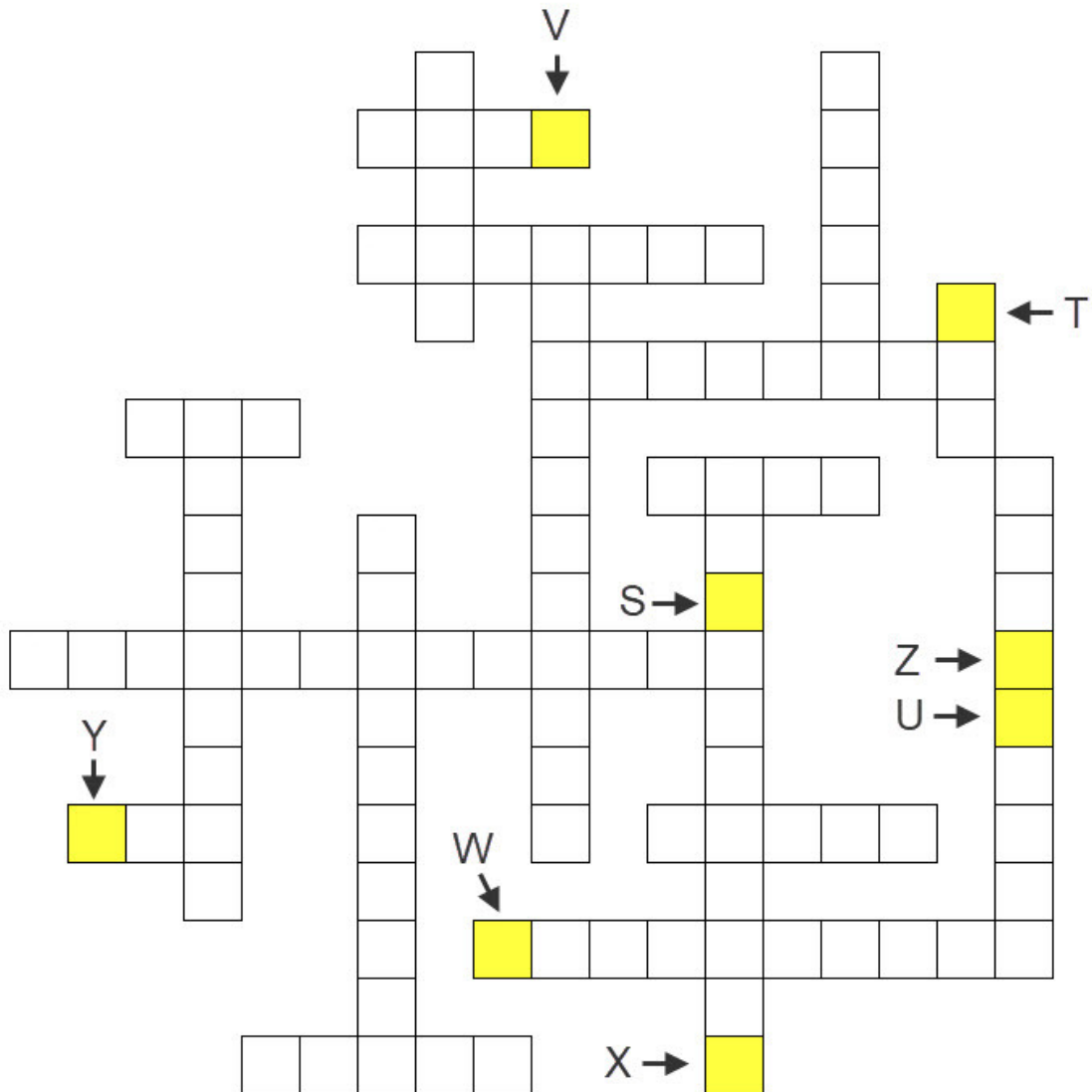
List of clues

	<u>WORD</u>	<u>NUMBERS OF LETTERS</u>	<u>WORD VALUE</u>
<u>EXEMPLE</u>	POMPE	5	65 = 11 = 2
CLUE A			
CLUE B			
CLUE C			
CLUE D			
CLUE E			
CLUE F			
BONUS 1 : word value reduced to 1 digit			
NORTH	N 50° 25.(C-F)(E+D)(B-C)		
EAST	E 006° 12.(E+F)(B-A)(D+B-C)		
CLUE G			
CLUE H			
CLUE I			
CLUE J			
CLUE K			
CLUE L			
BONUS 2 : word value reduced to 1 digit			
NORTH	N 50° 21.(L-J)(H-E)((G\I)+J)		
EAST	E 006° 10.(K\J)(G+B-C)(I+D)		
CLUE M			
CLUE N			
CLUE O			
CLUE P			
CLUE Q			
CLUE R			
BONUS 3 : cfr croosword puzzle			
NORTH	N 50° 23.S(T-U)(S-W)		
EAST	E 006° 07.(V\4)W(U-X-W)		

Crossword puzzle (Bonus 3)

You must report each clue in the grid according to the number of letters to calculate the coordinates of Bonus Nr 3

Nb: WP 3 cache # 41 offers you a comfortable shelter to do your calculations ☺



Drinks supplies

2 possibilities to get fresh supplies after 15,5 and 28 km :

- Playground in Bullange : N 50° 24.279 E 006° 15.195 (from 10 :30 to 14 :00)
- Parking in Deidenberg : N 50° 20.849 E 006° 08.359 (from 13:00 to 17:00)

Helpdesk

By problem during the tour,
if you have question about a cache
or if you get a bike failure...
do not hesitate to call us

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or

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We will do our best to help you



Our partners

Many thanks to them for their help and support !

