

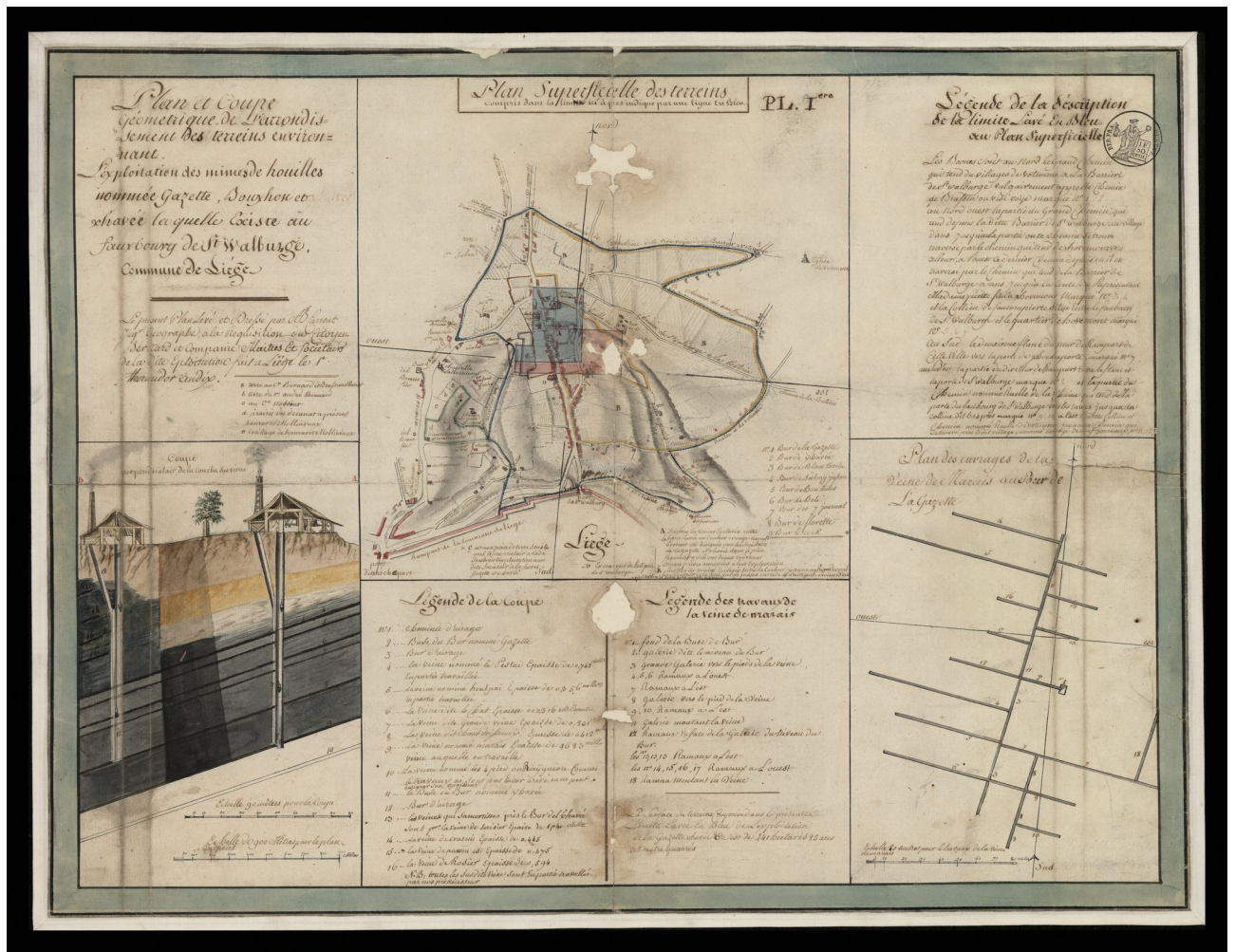


Under our feet

Geological and mining maps

Excursion to Liège
25 & 26 October 2025

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Plan et coupe géométrique de l'arrondissement des terrains environnant l'exploitation des mines de houilles nommées Gazette, Bouxhon et Xhavée laquellle existe au faubourg Sainte-Walburge, commune de Liège, par B. Carront, ingénieur géographe. Plan superficiel de l'exploitation houillère Gazette-Xhavée ; coupe perpendiculaire de la couches des veines avec les bures Gazette et Xhavée, avec le nom et l'épaisseur des veines ; plan des ouvrages de la veine des Marais au bure Gazette, avec galerie et ramau. 20 juillet 1801 (1^{er} thermidor an X). AÉL, Z5, art. 729

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Introduction

The Brussels Map Circle is pleased to offer its Members and their partners the opportunity to visit various institutions and centres of interest in Liège. The theme of this excursion will be geological and mining maps.

When and where

25 & 26 October 2025

Liège and around, Belgium

Organisation: The Brussels Map Circle

Time schedule

25 October	9.50	Meeting time in Sart-Tilman, Liège
	10.00-12.00	Société géologique de Belgique , Sart Tilman
	12.00-12.30	Trip from Sart Tilman to Blégny-Mine (25 km, 30 min)
	12.30-14.30	Lunch at the restaurant Le Puits sans Faim in Blégny-Mine
	14.30-16.30	CLADIC , Blégny-Mine
	16.30-17.00	Trip to Liège
	17.00-19.00	City visit
	19.00-22.00	Dinner in Liège
26 October	10.00-12.00	Archives de l'État à Liège , Rue du Chéra, Liège
	12.00-14.00	Lunch at the restaurant Kiosq , Rue du Puits 1A, Liège
	14.00-14.30	Trajet from Liège to Warfusée Castle (24 km, 25 min)
	14.30-16.00	Castle of Warfusée , Warfusée, Saint-Georges-sur-Meuse

Venues

[Web link to the map.](#)

Société géologique de Belgique

Quartier Polytech 1, Allée de la Découverte 52/3, 4000 Liège (Sart Tilman).

Nearby free access car park: 50.585353°N 5.559553°E

Accessible on foot from the car park. 100-metre walk.

Restaurant Le Puits sans Faim

Rue Lambert Marlet 23, 4670 Blégny.

Nearby free access car park: 50.686139°N 5.722970°E.

Follow Blégny-Mine signs.

CLADIC

Rue Lambert Marlet 17, 4670 Blégny.

Nearby free access car park: 50.685017°N 5.723512°E.

Accessible on foot from the car park. 160-metre walk.

Grand Café de la Gare

Gare des Guillemins 20C, 4000 Liège.

[Web link.](#)

Nearby pay car park: Avenue de l'Observatoire. 50.626262°N 5.563060°E (P1 – Parking Gare, [web link](#)).

The Hôtel ibis Styles car park is close by and will be convenient for participants who live there.

Hôtel ibis Styles Liège Guillemins

Rue des Guillemins 135, 4000 Liège.

[Web link.](#)

Indoor car park: 50.626246°N 5.566058°E

Archives de l'État à Liège

Rue du Chéra 79, 4000 Liège.

Nearby free access car park: 50.616651°N 5.567225°E.

Pay attention! Don't miss the driveway. Sign hidden by the vegetation.

Restaurant Kiosq

Rue du Puits 1A, 4000 Liège.

Nearby public car park: 50.619494°N 5.564342°E.

Accessible on foot from State Archive. 500-metre walk.

Castle of Warfusée

Rue Warfusée 113, Warfusée, 4470 Saint-Georges-sur-Meuse.

Nearby car park: 50.58630°N 5.36755°E

Accommodation

Suggested hotel in Liège

- Hôtel ibis Styles Liège Guillemins, Rue des Guillemins 135, 4000 Liège.

We recommend that you also book the car park.

Dinner

The BIMCC will organise a dinner to bring together all the participants in the excursion. The dinner will take place at the restaurant **Le Grand Café de la Gare**.

Meeting time: 19.30 h

Participation fee and registration

Members' attention is drawn to the fact that the Foire de Liège takes place from 5 October to 11 November 2025. To be sure of finding accommodation in the city, it is important to book your hotel room as early as possible.

Please register before 30 September 2025. The number of participants is limited to 25. Participation is limited to our Members and their partner. A participation fee of EUR 40.00 is required on registration. The fee covers entrance costs to the collections and the guides. Please pay at IBAN BE52 0682 4754 2209 | BIC GKCCBEBB. If necessary the date of the transfer will depart participants. Other expenses will be collected on site.

If you would like to join this guided tour please register [here](#). Your registration will be acknowledged.

Participants will receive a *visit guide* in due time.

We suggest that our members interested in this excursion plan two nights in Liège and use Friday to visit one or more points of interest in the city or the surrounding area.

Access by car

- from Antwerpen : 1:25 h, 124 km
- from Brussel / Bruxelles: 1:05 h, 97 km
- from Gent: 1:35 h, 156 km
- from Namur: 0:45 h, 64 km

Access by train

Examples of time schedule to Liège-Guillemins as per 2025-04-09.

from	departure	arrival
Antwerpen Centraal	07:07	08:59
Bruxelles-Nord / Brussel- Noord	08:07	08.59
Gent-Sint- Pieters	07:25	08.59
Namur	08:28	09:14

Participants travelling by train are invited to get in touch with participants travelling by car to share journeys between the sites.

Recommended visits – Web links

[La Boverie](#)

[Le Grand Curtius](#)

[Collégiale Saint-Barthélemy](#)

[Montagne de Bueren](#)

[Musée de la Vie wallonne](#)

[Cathédrale Saint-Paul](#)

[Église Saint-Jacques](#)

[VisitezLiège.be](#)

[State Archives in Liège](#)

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[Castle of Warfusée](#)

Synopsis

Under the academic guidance of:

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Société géologique de Belgique

Location: Sart-Tilman

Theme

Geological maps and their interpretation

Summary

The history of geological mapping in Belgium is presented and illustrated. Geological maps by Jean-Baptiste d'Omalius d'Halloy (1783-1875), André Dumont (1809-1857), Gustave Dewalque (1826-1905), large scale cartographic series (1:20 000 and 1:40 000) will be shown. The different colours, lines and symbols used on the maps and in the legends will be explained, as well as the nature and age of the rocks depicted on these maps.

Geological cross sections, a geological atlas and various types of geological maps complete the presentation.

CLADIC

Location: Blégny-Mine

Theme

Mining maps and mine surveying. Mining artefacts.

Summary

The Centre Liégeois d'Archives et de Documentation de l'Industrie Charbonnière (CLADIC) collects and makes available to historians, researchers, teachers and enlightened amateurs more than 100 000 documents of all types, relating to the mining industry in general and more particularly to coal mining in the Liège basin. The holdings, which can be consulted on site, include reference works, monographs,

posters, photos and archives, as well as a collection of over 80 000 miners' booklets tracing the careers of these workers in the second half of the nineteenth and throughout the twentieth century.

Archives de l'État à Liège

Location: Liège

Theme

Mining maps and mine surveying. Other items of cartographic interest in the collections.

Summary

The State Archives in Liège (AEL) holds the archives of institutions or communities, families or individuals whose registered office or domicile is or was in the province of Liège, with the exception of the arrondissement of Eupen, whose archives are held by the Archives de l'État à Eupen. The collection of maps and plans includes 817 items dating from the mid-sixteenth century to the early twentieth century, almost all of which have been digitised and are freely accessible online. However, this is only a small proportion of all the maps and plans that have not been removed from their original archive holdings. Some are already included in an inventory, others have yet to be described, and still others have yet to be discovered among the items in a file.

The disparate collection of plans once held at the State Archives in Huy, before the closure of this department in 2007, has not been inventoried. The inventory of the rich Camille Héla collection has not been published.

A large number of cadastral plans dating back to the original plan have yet to be inventoried. The additional manuscript cadastral plans dating from the end of the nineteenth century to the middle of the twentieth century have been almost entirely listed by a volunteer: they provide an almost complete view of the territory of the province of Liège in the early 1950s. On the other hand, only one cadastral map 'par masse de culture' as been preserved, found in the municipal archives of the municipality of Limbourg.

In the theme of the visit, the 294 plans of the Administration des Mines, the plans dispersed in the Henri Delrée fonds (former director of the Administration des Mines), and those transferred with the archives of the mining companies in the Liège basin form an exceptionally rich collection (the AEL 30 fonds of Liège collieries), which is often of interest beyond the borders of Belgium (Vieille Montagne, Prayon, Franki).

Some of the municipalities collections or collections of institutions from the Ancien Régime, such as that of the Imperial Chamber of Wetzlar, contain superb plans and perspective views, which are among the best-known items in the Liège State Archives, and which are very rarely exhibited.

Castle of Warfusée

Location: Saint-Georges-sur-Meuse

Theme

Maps and plans, historical archives, charters, bibliophily.

Summary

Resulting from the dismemberment of a Merovingian donation (Sainte Ode), the seigneurie of Warfusée was established as a county in 1609. The Count enjoyed the 'droits des minéraux' (mineral rights) over his property. In the seventeenth century, the Count granted concessions for several mines. The seams were exploited by digging galleries (areines). The area was mined for coal and alum until the end of the nineteenth century.

Although there is little trace of mining activity in the castle's archives, the castle's collections contain a number of exceptional plans and views, such as those of the duchy and town of Bouillon (Ms. W9, sixteenth century), the cathedral and collegiate churches of Liège (Ms. W47, sixteenth-seventeenth century), a view of Warnant castle and a plan of Warnant and the surrounding area (Ms. W114, eighteenth century), and the bishopric of Liège (Ms. 48, sixteenth century). These items are preserved in the beautiful setting of a castle whose central body was rebuilt in the Louis XV style between 1754 and 1763 by the Liège master mason Joseph-Gilles Jacob on the site of a Renaissance castle, with the old wings dating from between the mid-seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. It was the principal residence of Prince-Bishop Charles Nicolas d'Oultremont (1716-1771). His archives are preserved there, as are those of the families that succeeded him from the thirteenth century to the present Count, Rodolphe d'Oultremont. The castle, and even more so the library and archives, are only open to the public on an exceptional basis.

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