

Crossroad of romans ways

► Not to miss !



► The fountain of « la Grenouille »

Its name is at the origin of a frog sculptured in the cave of the source, this set appears place there from 1678. The future builder of the bell tower of Martinmas, Claude Forgeot gives it his natural aspect by 1755, with not only the concern to protect the site, but more still to underline the beauty that the Nature gave to it.

The use of curvilinear plans and rock stones so shows the will to glorify the forms of the architecture and the small valley by a mutual development.

We dreamed then to share with the city of the coolness and the rustle of these waters. For lack of having come true, this hope bequeathed us the registration of the cave: "I am the nymph(...). If the gods assist my wishes, I shall be city and the quite whole city will be animated by my waters ". The source was also considered with the cutlers as the tempering

of the steel.



► The fort of Bonnelle

Hardly begun during the war of 1870, it is the only work of the device "langrois" to have beaten the enemy on the occasion of the distortion of the place by the Prussians in January, 1871. Its construction, begun in 1869, ends finally in 1885, with two phases of works (1869-1875/1881-1885).

It is a fort, of "trapézoïdale" shape, with a 18 hectare surface. He could welcome 13 officers, 50 non-commissioned officers, 610 privates, 4chevaux and 45 details of artillery.

Today property of the Commune of Saints-Geosmes, the fort visits only on inquiry.

Particularity : Its covered ditches.

► Saints-Geosmes and its three twins

The village owes its name to three twin saints " Sancti Gemelli ": Eleusippe, Meleusippe and Speusippe who would have been condemned to die by the fire on January 17th 172 in I " aged of 24 years. Baptized by St Bénigne, they were in charge of évangiliser Lingons. The Gallo-Roman village of Urbatus adopted the word Saints-Geosmes in memory of their sacrifice.



► The fountain-laundry of Saints-Geosmes

Until the realization of works of adduction in 1965, this fountain-wash house, only water source of the municipality, that is, and by far, the busiest place of the village. Everybody came down, there often several times a day, to look for some water there, make drink animals, do the laundry ... that of memories! In summer, when the flow of the fountain decreased, it was the long lines of the herds.

Below the fountain, is a reach which, before the installation of troughs, had to serve as drinking trough. The wear of its pavement gives evidence of its seniority. After a hard day of labour, we came to make for it cross horses to relax them.



We find ,in the South of Haute-Marne, about fifteen stone kiosks dries called collectively "Snails". Stemming from the tradition of "labyrinths-mounds" older, "Snails" are in the shape of truncated cone and support in their periphery of the successive terraces, or more generally a way in spiral going of the base to the summit. More information on the explanatory borders on the spot.