



MONTAIGLE MEDIEVAL CASTLE



Set at the confluence of the Molignée and Flavion rivers, on a rocky outcrop occupied by man from the Iron Age (5 BC) until the late Middle Ages, the medieval fortress of Montaigne was built in the early 14th century by the Dampierre family, Guy de Namur, regent of Flanders and figurehead of the legendary Battle of the Golden Spurs (1302).

This impressive stately home then became the seat of the County bailiwick, but was destroyed in 1554 by the troops of France's King Henry II.

Since 1965, the critical condition of this magnificent, listed site has prompted volunteers to assist the owner in preserving and enhancing the ruins and their environment; the association "Les Amis de Montaigne" has successfully developed a consolidation technique using sprayed concrete.

The various initiatives aimed at preserving and enhancing these romantic ruins also benefit from subsidies from the Walloon Region.

The monument and surrounding site are now ranked as part of Wallonia's Exceptional Heritage.

The Archaeological Museum (mock-ups, pottery, spoons, dice, crossbow bolts, etc.) offers an interesting illustration of life in the Middle Ages.

Tour guides for adults and children - Braille guide available.

Information for individuals

Opening times

From April 1 to October 31 and during school holidays in Wallonia and Brussels Federation: from Tuesday to Sunday, 10.00 to 17.00 (last admission 16.30) • Also open on weekends in March, November and December • Open on public holidays except January 1 and December 25. Closed on December 24 and 31.

Price

adults €5 • teachers and students with card €3 • young people (12-18) €3 • children (6-11) €2 • children (<6) free of charge

Guided tour

Self-guided tours with leaflet in EN, FR, NL, DE

Guided tours in French, Dutch and English subject to prior booking

Tour length

1.5 hrs

Information for groups

Price

1 free entry per 20 paying visitors.

Guided tour

Educational activities for school groups • Team building activities.

Person in charge

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