Field trip guide

June 7th (9am – 17pm)

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Seine Musicale and the School of Science and biodiversity

Green roofs

Phytodepuration in the park « chemin de l’Île » in Nanterre

This trip will bring you to Boulogne-Billancourt, the second’s biggest city after Paris in Île-de-France. The Seine Musicale is a brand new building dedicated to music events and has an amazing green roof. Nearby, the School of science and biodiversity is a special building with a forest on the top! The façade has been made to host spontaneous vegetation and birds! In the afternoon, after sharing a picnic provided, you’ll discover the park “Chemin de l’Île” in Nanterre and its wetland made for Seine river phytodepuration.
2/ Urban river restoration
9am–17pm / 20 participants maximum / lunch picnic provided / language FR-EN

Daylighting of the « the petit Rosne » in Sarcelles and river ecological engineering in Gonesse

In 2014, the SIAH gave Petit Rosne its former prestige. Despite the limited space available and the strong urbanization of the place, the watercourse has been renatured and to restore a water retention capacity and host biodiversity. New wetlands and ponds have been created around. You’ll discover how Petit Rosne has been daylighted in Sarcelles as well as in Gonesse, where the project is currently under works.
Discovering Community gardens, Buttes Chaumont Park and the « Jardin naturel » in Paris northern districts

In order to discover in a new light gardens and neighborhoods of Paris and its surroundings, this trip will be a naturalistic walk during which all your senses will be solicited. These walks combine history, botany, landscaping, ornithology, architecture and much more, while remaining accessible to all audiences.
Walk along the « petite ceinture », a former railway in Paris

Thanks to the absence of rail traffic and the relative preservation of human attendance, the “Petite ceinture” is a former railway where spontaneous wild vegetation has been able to develop. During this trip, you’ll discover different parts of the railway, which goes almost all around Paris. You’ll also learn about how Parisians use the place for arts and nature.
5/ Urban agriculture
9am–17pm / 20 participants maximum / lunch picnic provided / language FR-EN

Urban agriculture and horticulture and community gardens in Île-Saint-Denis and Gennevilliers

R-Urban is a bottom-up strategy that explores the possibilities of enhancing the capacity of urban resilience by introducing a network of resident-run facilities to create complementarities between key fields of activity (economy, housing, urban agriculture, culture). R-Urban initiates locally closed ecological cycles that will support the emergence of alternative models of living, producing and consuming between the urban and the rural. Then you’ll discover The Lil’O project that aims to restore a former industrial wasteland by developing in a short circuit a material recovery model. Lil’O will be testing new forms of urban agriculture.
6/ Urban green corridors
9am–17pm / 20 participants maximum / lunch picnic provided / language FR-EN

La Coulée verte: a green corridor in Colombes
Le Parc des Chanteraines, in Gennevilliers

Two very different parks in the dense suburbs northwest of Paris, each at the top of ecological management. La Coulée verte in Colombes is a linear park on an ancient railway, managed and animated by the city of Colombes, while the Parc des Chanteraines is a wider green space managed by the Departement of Hauts-de-Seine. Both teams have a high level of expertise on flora and fauna as much as in nature education.
Abbé Pierre-Grands Moulins garden
Jardin des Plantes

Abbé Pierre-Grands Moulin garden is resolutely ecological and exemplary in terms of management: an oasis of vegetation in the heart of the 13th arrondissement, with a functional wetland. The Jardin des Plantes is the botanical garden of the National Museum of Natural History. In both of these gardens, you’ll discover the flora and fauna protocols Florilèges prairies urbaines and PROPAGE: an observatory of spontaneous urban flora and butterflies that offers managers of green spaces the possibility to assess and monitor the quality of their grasslands in relation to their management practices...
Transforming wasteland areas in new EcoDistricts

Since 2015, the experience of Les Grands Voisins has been the transition project from the old Saint-Vincent-de-Paul hospital to the future district that will take place in 2023. The first period of temporary occupation has enabled more than 600 vulnerable people to be housed, 250 associations, startups, artisans and artists to deploy their activity in a new environment and outdoor spaces freely accessible, meeting places and multiple shared activities. Les Docks de Ris is a new district open to the city by transforming an abandoned industrial area. The district benefits an exceptional natural heritage around a lake fully preserved and accessible to all, and along the banks of the Seine developed. Many nature spaces mark out the way of the residents.
9/ Water management and historical heritage in dense urban area

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Rainwater management at the “Parc des Guillaumes”
Deportation former railway in Bobigny

The Guillaumes River Park is composed of two complementary environments: a floodable green river and equipped banks allowing a plurality of uses. The green river comes alive with each rain, collecting rainwater from the whole of the BIA Guillaumes while ensuring their cleanup.

Bobigny railway station was the starting point for nearly a third of Jews deported from France to Auschwitz-Birkenau. This place of memory has been subject to extraordinary landscape thinking, based on the spontaneous vegetation typical of urban wastelands.
10/ Natura 2000 Parks that support birds in Paris suburban area

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Georges-Valbon and Beaumonts parks

Rich in a wide variety of natural environments (woods, lawns, flower gardens, lakes, marshes), these 400 and 22 hectares parks offers local wildlife a residence of choice: more than 140 bird species make their home here, and migratory birds stop over! These two exemplary parks are part of the urban parks network of Seine-Saint-Denis, recognized as of European interest (Natura 2000).
11/ Woods in Paris
9am–17pm / 20 participants maximum / lunch picnic provided / language FR-EN

Bois de Boulogne et Bois de Vincennes

The Bois de Boulogne and Vincennes border Paris, to the East and to the West. Green Lungs of the Capital, they are places of intense leisure activities at the same time as real urban forests, whose managerial teams have a high level of scientific knowledge.
12/ Flood management in river Bièvre basin
9am–17pm / 20 participants maximum / lunch picnic provided / language FR-EN

Nature-based solutions for flood mitigation and natural reserve of “Bassin de la Bièvre”

The Bièvre river valley, a model to follow to avoid floods? South of Paris, the Bièvre valley remains one of the few streams not to suffer the rising waters. A wetland system has been put in place to prevent flooding. The ride will take us to the reserve "Bassin de Bièvre". Despite its location in the heart of a highly urbanized environment and its size that makes it one of the smallest regional nature reserves in Ile-de-France (6 ha), the nature reserve of the Bièvre Basin is an enclave for biodiversity and has a significant ecological wealth.
Visit the urban farm of Saint Denis. Since the economic crisis of 2008, which has added to the multiplication of the consequences of the ecological crisis (warming of temperatures, increase of desertified spaces, increase of natural disasters ...), urban agriculture, because of its environmental capacities, economic and social, has become again a subject of attention, in the eyes of the Institutions and city-dwellers, and the initiatives do not cease any more to develop, notably in Ile de France, as we will see it in this memory.

In this context, the Poetic Party, a Dionysian association working at the same time on art, culture and the preservation of biodiversity, joined the Gally Group, a network of companies in the Paris region, to become the new farmers of what they define as "the last market gardening farm of the 19th century still active at the Portes de Paris". In agreement with the City Hall, which owns the land of this urban farm, the two buyers have both the ambition to continue the market gardening activity that was exercised by the former operator and sell their production to the inhabitants. The second major common goal is to make the urban farm a support for raising awareness and education for the inhabitants on the subjects of agriculture, food and sustainable development.
This trip takes place in Versailles, a city drawn by the art of gardens in the 17th century. Our walk, from the rail station Versailles-Chantiers to the Versailles Garden, will cross historical and contemporary gardens, and reach a wooded viewpoint on Versailles.

We will stop to the national school of landscape architecture, around the King kitchen garden, created by Jean-Baptiste La Quintinie. This historical garden is a contemporary laboratory to think about the future nature of a productive, ecological and welcoming city. We will discover “The taste of the landscape” of the Ile-de-France biennale of architecture and landscape.
From The Cormailles Park to The Lilas Park
a Landscape architecture walk in Val-de-Marne

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This trip, between the Cormailles Parks (Ivry-sur-Seine) and the Lilas Park (Vitry sur Seine) will show two very different design for urban parks in the same suburb of Paris.

The Cormailles Park, designed as an open space on the city by the landscape architect Agence TER. This urban park combines three scales of perception: garden islands with particular atmospheres, urban uses and street art wall; landscape horizons on the plain of the Seine. The Lilas Park, built on old quarries, is an unconventional park, which mixes private and public activities; joins farmers, horticulturists and visitors, or includes animals, flowers and crops. Thirty hectares, composed of a mosaic of plots with tall grasses, fields and vegetable gardens, are now open on the previous 100 hectares. This park without formal entry or imposed route, it presents itself as a place to explore.