

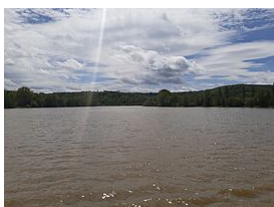


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Etang des Bercettes

Propriété de la commune de Neuville en Argonne, au pied de la "Haute Chevauchée", site emblématique de la Grande Guerre, l'étang des Bercettes est entouré d'une mosaïque d'habitats remarquables.

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Around the **plan d'eau de 7 hectares**, the promenade will discover the natural richness of the site. Large ponds have been set up along the edge of the pond to welcome amphibians such as newts, tritons or even the **Salamandre tachetée**, emblematic species of the site.

These hedges, woodlots and isolated large trees are also preserved around vast natural meadows that surround the pond. This alternation of habitats, which disappears little by little from our landscapes, confers a precious interest on the site of Bercettes. It is the kingdom of the **Pie-grièche écorcheur**, which finds refuge in the shrubs, or of the **Huppe fasciée**, which appreciates particularly the bocage, the meadows and the old trees.

Finally, an **arboretum of 1 500 trees** has been set up at the foot of the forest of Argonne on the "butte paysagère" which dominates the site.

To freely explore, notably to visit the observatory installed on its bank, or during animations organized by the Communauté de communes Argonne-Meuse, manager of the site.

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