



The path where the workcamp will take place. Picture @Bibracte/A. Maillier - 2022

## A “landscape and heritage” summerwork camp organised at Bibracte in August

*Understanding landscapes and promoting a shared heritage in the time of climate changes*

From 20 August to 2 September 2023, young volunteers of the Fédération Rempart Bourgogne Franche-Comté, an NGO working to safeguard and restore exceptional or vernacular heritage, will be taking part [for the second year](#) in a “**landscape and heritage**” summer workcamp at the Bibracte-Morvan des Sommets Grand Site de France.

This heritage work camp is part of the pilot-project led by Bibracte in the frame of INCULTUM to enhance the more than 1,100 km of rural paths that criss-cross the territory. Carried out in collaboration with the partners of the Grand Site de France label, it aims to develop and promote an innovative tourist offer in the area, combining outdoor activities, discovery of the heritage and cultural activities.

The objective of this programme will be to **restore a low dry-stone wall** bordering an old trail on the southern flank of Mont Beuvray in the sector known as “Place aux Laides”.

The volunteers will also be invited to **design elements to enhance a new cultural route of 7kms** on this part of the massif, which is less known by the public. They will work on this project together **with Bibracte cultural heritage and tourism experts and a landscape artist**.

Probably dating from medieval times, this magnificent path, located under the forest cover, is lined with trees and low dry-stone walls. Around it, piles of stones marking the boundaries of former plots of land bear witness to former agricultural activities on the Beuvray, now fossilised under the forest.

The 8 volunteers (4 men, 4 women) who are mainly students in architecture, landscape or art history and are sensitive to environmental issues, will be supervised by Rempart and Bibracte.

The workcamp programme includes:

- restoration of dry-stone walls and enhancement of the path with a mason from the partner NGO Tremplin Homme et Patrimoine;
- creation of a tool to promote the route with Lily Wanat, landscape artist and illustrator and co-author of the Carnets d'arpentage du Grand Site de France de Bibracte-Morvan des Sommets;
- educational activities on the Grand Site de France approach by the Bibracte team.

Leisure time will include visits to the protected sites of the Grand Site de France and discovery of the Morvan Regional Natural Park. Bibracte will be providing accommodation for the volunteers in a gîte in Glux-en-Glenne.

As Vincent Guichard, Managing Director of Bibracte, explains, *“The Grand Site de France approach is resolutely experimental. It assumes that the attachment to their heritage shared by the communities who live there makes it easier to put in place sustainable projects for the region. In this context, our ambition is that the summer workcamp launched in the frame of INCULTUM in partnership with the REMPART federation become*

*a summer school where students can learn about the method deployed by the "laboratory for ecological transition " led by Bibracte - Morvan des Sommets"*

The new cultural route will be officially launched to the public for the first time during the event Fantastic Picnic organised by Bibracte on 10 September 2023.

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