

Panorama of the Grande Blourde Valley

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Leaving La Joachère, you crossed a pine wood planted on land that is not very suitable for cultivation because of the nature of its soil and relief.

You will discover the luminous valley of Grande Blourde, its sloped bocage landscape with trees, hedges and ponds. Sheep and cattle farming is significant in this well situated place.

Ponds and restricted wetlands are visible at mid slope, reflecting the presence of a waterproof clay-limestone layer between the granite, which outcrops in the river bed and the plateau's sediments.

The orchards, the isolated fruit trees, the lodges, the small ponds full of fish are testimonies of the traditional use of ground's resources.

The peasant lived in autarky producing his own fruits, vegetables, wine, poultry, pigs, without forgetting hunting and fishing.



1. Persac's sheep farming and bocage
2. An orchard



3. The pond of Chétif Breuil
4. The Joachère's coniferous and leafy's wood
5. A well-restored vineyard lodge



Why are hedge rows useful on sloping ground at the edge of a valley?



They limit water runoff and soil erosion. The roots absorb fertilizers that do not reach the river. There fore, do not destroy them.