



The SEMOIS, from CHINY to LACUISINE

Easy and wild, in the heart of the countryside, punctuated by small rapids and dam crossings, this stretch is ideal for an introduction to kayaking. Be careful, however, when the water level is close to the maximum authorized level, the current can be very strong locally, and logjams (trees, branches) can partially block the river: navigate in the center of the river. Around the islands, keep to the main branches and avoid the small side branches when the water level is high. For beginners. Difficulty WW I (I+ for higher levels). On the water, the current is sometimes lively, sometimes calm, without difficulty. However, there is a real risk of capsizing, particularly as you pass through the weirs, so it is important to anticipate the route you are going to take by spotting it carefully.

SEMOIS from CHINY to LACUISINE	
Difficulty WW I	Technical Level *
Warning	Weirs, branches and fallen trees, rocks, current
Opening period	All year long ; visit Site Kayak du Service public de Wallonie

PARCOURS CHINY -LACUISINE

+/-11 KM, OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND DEPENDING ON THE CONDITIONS OF THE CURRENT REGULATIONS

Boarding at the Chiny water area, upstream from the Saint-Nicolas bridge, in the "Chiny beach" area on the right bank, just at the entrance of Camping Le Canada (parking available).

It is recommended to paddle for a few minutes on the water area to become familiar with basic maneuvers and the reactions of your boat.

If there is current in the water area, it indicates a high water level, which calls for increased caution during the downstream descent.

Downstream from the bridge, a first weir – easily passable – is crossed on the left side (the "pass" is sometimes marked with a wooden pole and an arrow).

At the weirs, the front passenger often gets wet: be cautious with young children during this first contact with the water, which may be cold.

Reminder: do not enter the channel of the Moulin Cambier (on the right).

After this passage, the river quickly picks up its pace; a few large rocks may need to be navigated around, depending on the water level, adding to the fun of steering your kayak.

The river forms a wide meander around the hill of the village of Chiny and soon leads to a second weir – the Noue pass.

You may take the small branch on the left. This pass is narrow – do not paddle side by side,



but one behind the other, keeping a safe distance between kayaks.
(Beware of low branches, rocks, and current.)

After about 4 km, you will reach the Chiny footbridge, near the Hôtel des Comtes.
The Semois then continues its course through the forest until it reaches the water area of Lacuisine, which is announced by a clear slowing of the current.

A rocky promontory on the left bank is often the spot where local youth perform jumps from several meters high into the river.

A few hundred meters after this rocky promontory on the left bank – in the Le Hât area – you will arrive at the disembarkation area in Lacuisine, located along a beautiful, wide meadow on the right bank.

Do not stop at the beginning of the meadow but only at the end of it, near the “Kayak Le Batifol” sign.

Be careful not to capsize when getting out. One of our buses will take you back to your starting point (Chiny – Saint-Nicolas bridge) so you can retrieve your vehicle.

IN PICTURES ...



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Kayak departure point “Le Batifol”, Saint Nicolas bridge no. 1, just at the entrance of Camping Le Canada. Swimming area.



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Pass under the bridge in the middle, then keep to the left.



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Aerial view of the start of this section, the Chiny water area, and the Saint Nicolas bridge (view upstream). If water levels allow, the weir should preferably be passed at the spot marked by the arrow.



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The river dam's pass in Chiny (Moulin Cambier) is the first "wet" section of this route. Paddle down the small waterfall at the indicated spot. View upstream



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Moulin Cambier passage. View downstream.



La Noue passage. This passage is narrow – do not paddle side by side but one after the other, keeping a safe distance between kayakers. (Beware of low branches, rocks, and current of the water.)



Footbridge of Chiny, near the Hôtel des Comtes. Paddle in the center of the river.



Arrival at the disembarkation area in Lacuisine. Do not stop at the beginning of the meadow but at the end of it, just next to the "Kayak Le Batifol" signs.