

★ Tourism office.

① Madeleine church : parents of Paul Bertrand dit Saint-Arnaud were married there, and himself was baptized in here in 1661 (memorial inscription in the baptistery).

② Rue du Nouveau-Monde (New World st.).

③ Bibliothèque Jérôme-Carcopino (library) : some documents concerning Paul Bertrand dit Saint-Arnaud, and more generally relations between Pays d'Avre et d'Iton and the Nouvelle-France may be consulted there.

④ Place where stood originally the « Auberge du Pot d'Étain » (Tin-jug Inn), who belonged to Paul Bertrand's parents.

⑤ Actual place of the « Brasserie du Pot d'Étain » (1, place de Verdun).

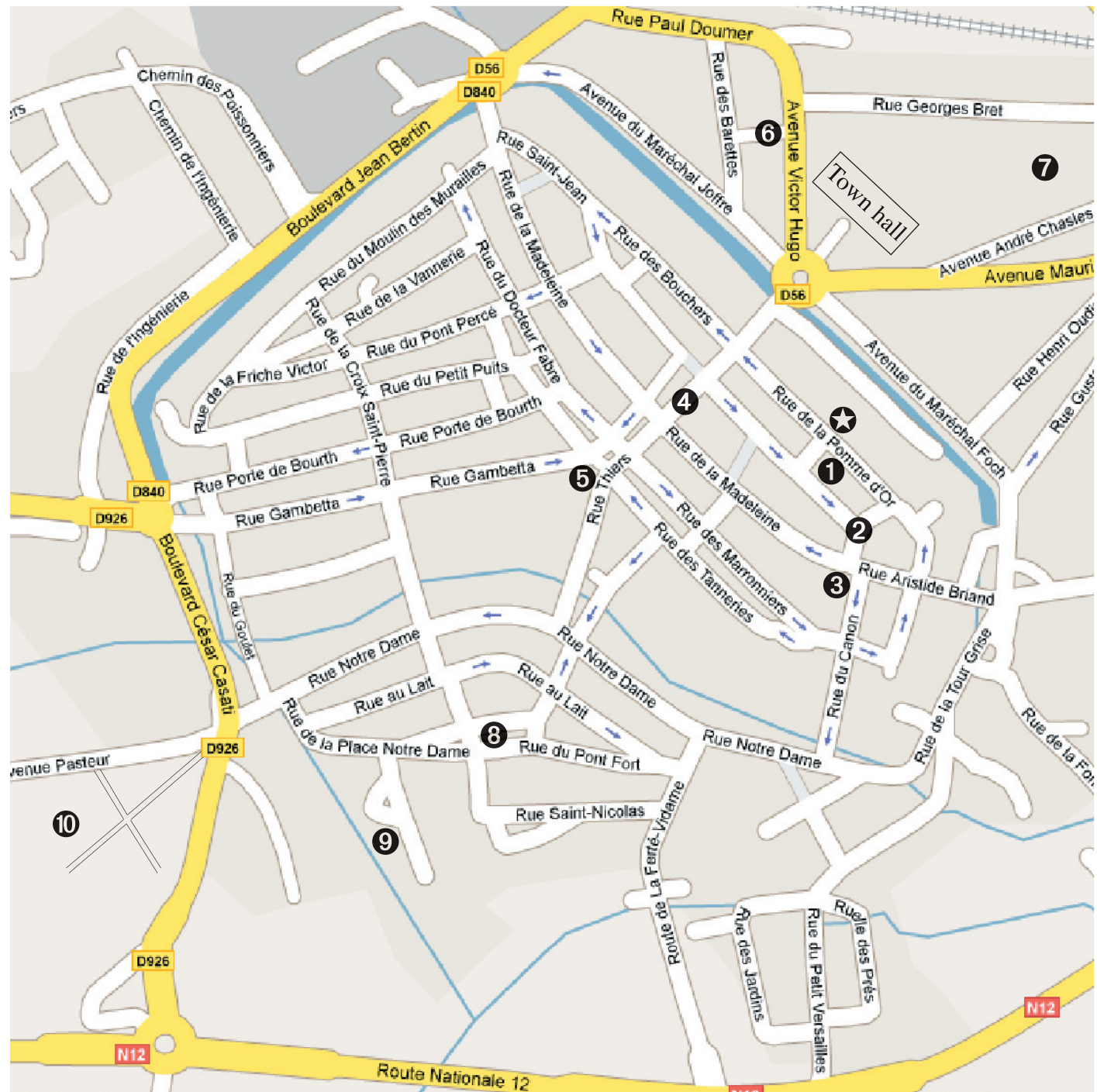
⑥ Allée Paul-Bertrand dit Saint-Arnaud.

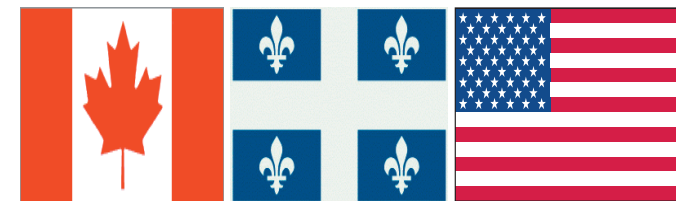
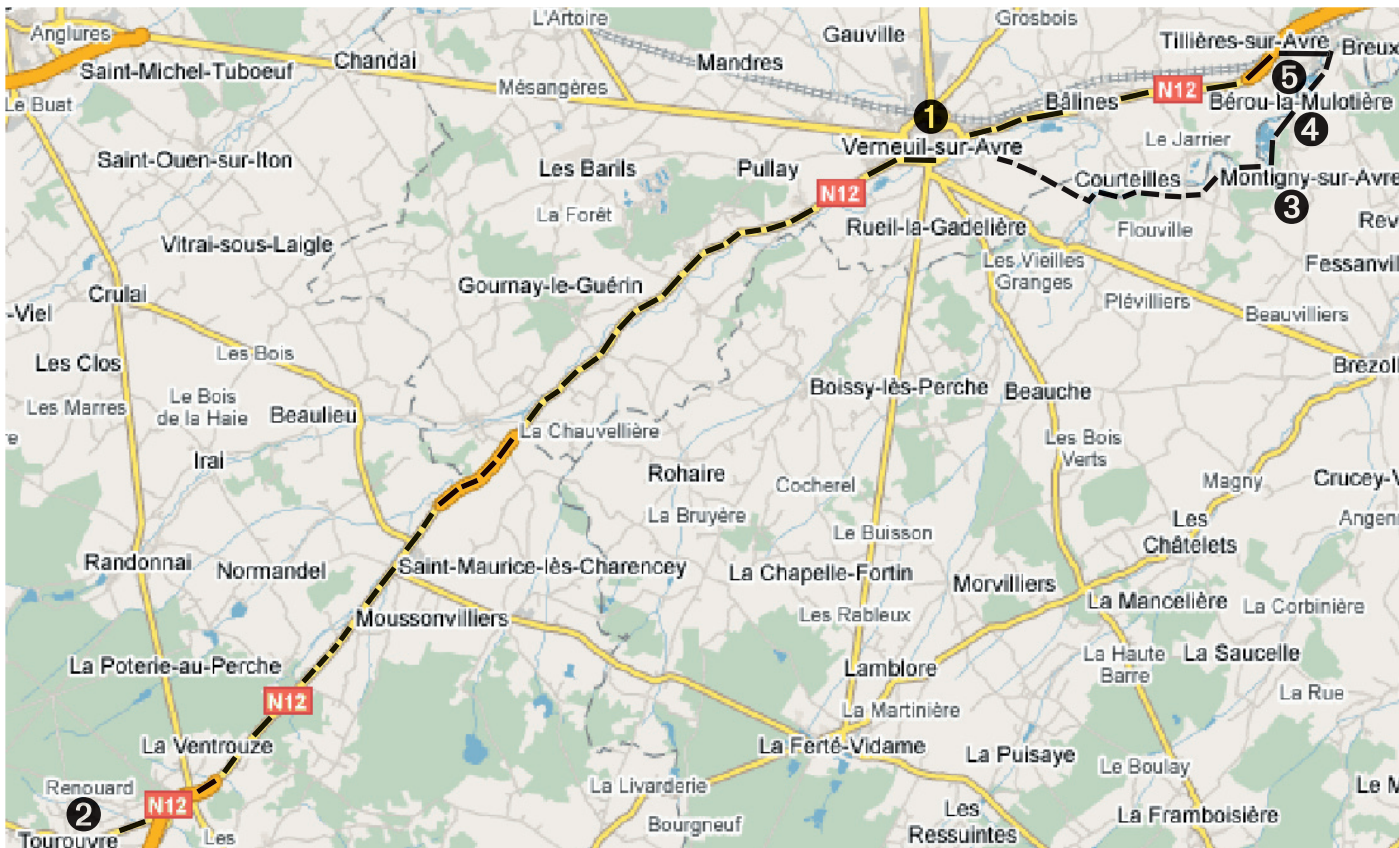
⑦ At the back of the town-hall gardens, memorial for members of the Resistance movement and of Hector Sylvestre, a Canadian parachutist shot down on August 17, 1944.

⑧ Notre-Dame Church (Paul Bertrand's parents belonged to the « Confrérie de charité » of Notre-Dame).

⑨ Saint-Nicolas Abbey : Paul Bertrand had to pay royalties to the nuns of this abbey.

⑩ Graveyard : memorial of Hector Phillip Sylvestre (twenty-two years old), from the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion (Ontario).





WELCOME TO OUR NORTH-AMERICAN VISITORS

The first inhabitants of French Canada left from « le Perche ». However, Verneuil-sur-Avre, which was called Verneuil-au-Perche before the French Revolution, is the city of birth of at least one of them : Paul Bertrand dit Saint-Arnaud. Married in Bâtiscan (Québec) on June 3rd 1697, he founded a family which now numbers more than 25 000 descendants in North America. This leaflet will show you some landmarks to follow his footsteps in Verneuil, and as well to discover Montigny-sur-Avre where M^{gr} François de Laval (the first bishop of Nouvelle-France) was born, Tillières-sur-Avre where the great chaplain of France M^{gr} Jean Le Veneur (who convinced François the First to send Jacques Cartier over the ocean) was born, and Tourouvre where you obviously have to visit the church and the House of French emigration to Canada.

AROUND VERNEUIL

- ❶ Point 0 of distances indicated above
- ❷ Tourouvre (church and House of French emigration to Canada) : 28 km
- ❸ Montigny-sur-Avre (birthplace of M^{gr} François de Montmorency-Laval) : 8 km
- ❹ Béro-la-Mulotière (in the graveyard, tombs of aviators from the Canadian Air Force and RAF overthrown in June 1944) : 10 km
- ❺ Tillières-sur-Avre (birthplace of M^{gr} Jean Le Veneur, friend of Jacques Cartier) : 12 km

USEFUL CONTACTS

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- Tourism Office, phone 02 32 32 17 17 (Town hall, phone 02 32 32 10 81)
- Bibliothèque Jérôme-Carcopino (library), 620 La Madeleine st., phone 02 32 32 30 76
- House of French emigration to Canada in Tourouvre, phone 02 33 25 55 55
- Association of the Descendants of Paul Bertrand dit Saint-Arnaud : contact@adbstar.org