WALK 13 | Convention
Start – Metro Station, Vaugirard, Line 12
Approximate Length: 3.75 km

From the Metro station, follow Rue Vaugirard northeast a short distance to Rue du General Beuret. Turn left onto this street and follow it to Place du General Beuret where you will find the first fountain of this walk.

There were no Wallace Fountains identified in the 15th arrondissement on the waterworks atlas of 1893, so all fountains on this walk were placed at their current locations sometime after that period.

**Fountain**
Place du Général Beuret, 15th Arr.

On a little patch of land planted with maple trees, paved with cobblestones and furnished with park benches stands this Wallace Fountain. Rues Blomet, Cambronne and du Général Beuret intersect at this point, and the crossing of three streets makes the square an ideal location for shops. The fountain is set well inside the square and is shaded by stately maple trees. It is an ideal spot for people to rest, have a drink of water and watch deliveries to the shops.

Now, go left or west on Rue Blomet a short distance to Rue Pécel and turn right. You will soon be at the entrance to the city hall of the 15th arrondissement. Here you will find another Wallace Fountain.
This is a charming fountain location. The fountain is across the square from the Mairie du XVᵉ arrondissement, the majestic town hall of the 15th district located in Place Humbert Monmarché. The grand building was constructed in two stages, with the oldest center section built between 1873 and 1876. The two wings and the campanile were added later. The large clock gives the time, while the tower bell chimes the hour. The structure was added to the register of historical monuments in 2011.

Exit the square on the north side onto Rue Lecourbe and turn left. Follow Rue Lecourbe to Rue de l’Abbé Groult. Turn right onto this street and follow it to Rue de la Croix Nivert. Turn left and take this street to the intersection with Rues de Javel and des Frères Morane. Turn to your right and make your way to Rue des Frères Morane and on the open space you will find the fountain.

Fountain
14 Rue des Frères Morane, 15th Arr.

At an end of Place du Comtat Venaissin and a few steps on Rue des Frères Morane stands another grand model Wallace Fountain. It is situated on an odd shaped plot of land used as a public place. Roads in Paris often intersect at strange angles, leaving little pieces of land nothing much can be done with except become a spot on which to place a few park benches, perhaps some trees, and a fountain.

From Place du Comtat Venaissin, take Rue Javel and head south to Rue Blomet. Turn right on Rue Blomet and follow it to Rue Saint Lambert. Turn left on this street and proceed a short distance to Place Henri Rollet and the next fountain.
There are no markings on this fountain, and it stands on a new concrete base that is also painted green. On this tiny place is a paddle shaped historical marker, one of many found throughout Paris. This marker commemorates the *Fête de la Raison*, a celebration on November 30, 1793 to honor those who died for liberty, but mostly a festival to advance the short-lived Cult of Reason as a replacement for Christianity following the French Revolution. The cult rebelled against abuses of the Catholic church, which was viewed as allied with royalty. Epitomizing a new republican view promulgating atheism, many churches across France were transformed during the festival into Temples of Reason, but soon were converted back to churches when the cult died.

From Place Henri Rollet, take Rue Leriche. Cross Rue Olivier and continue straight ahead on what is now Rue des Morillons. You can enter *Parc George Brassens* at the first entrance on your right and exit at the northeast corner or continue along Rue des Morillons to Rue Brancion. There on the corner, set back near the park entrance, is a Wallace Fountain.

This fountain is set back from the street corner in a half-circle seating area. Immediately behind it is an entrance to the Georges Brassens Parc. If you haven’t already done so, visit the park. Then return to the fountain.

Now, go west on Rue des Morillons to Place Jacques Marette. Take a right onto Rue de Cronstadt and follow it until you arrive at Place Charles Vallin where you will find the next fountain.
This fountain is located at the intersection of three very busy streets and it has duplicate Val d’Osne markings on the upper parts of its pedestal.

An enormous open-air market, Marché Convention, stretches from Place Vallin down Rue de la Convention to Rue de Vaugirard. It runs along both sides of the street and is open Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday mornings.

Proceed west on Rue de la Convention to Place Geneviève de Gaulle-Anthonioz. There you will find the last Wallace Fountain of this walk.

In the large Place Geneviève de Gaulle-Anthonioz at the intersection of Rue de la Convention, Rue de Vaugirard and Alain Chartier Street, a Wallace Fountain graces the square and stands near the Convention Metro stop. The Place was named after the niece of Charles de Gaulle who joined the French Resistance in 1940, was betrayed and then deported to a concentration camp. She was liberated by the Red Army and went on to be president of ADT Quart Monde (All Together for Dignity Fourth World), an international organization dedicated to eliminating chronic poverty. The Place was dedicated to her in 2012.

Rush hour at the end of a work day makes the streets busy with traffic and the Place bustling with pedestrians and Metro commuters.

End – Metro Station, Convention, Line 12

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In addition to dispensing water, these fountains continue to remind humans to be kind and generous to one another and to cooperate with others for the common good. That is what Sir Richard Wallace intended, and that is what we should do to thank him.