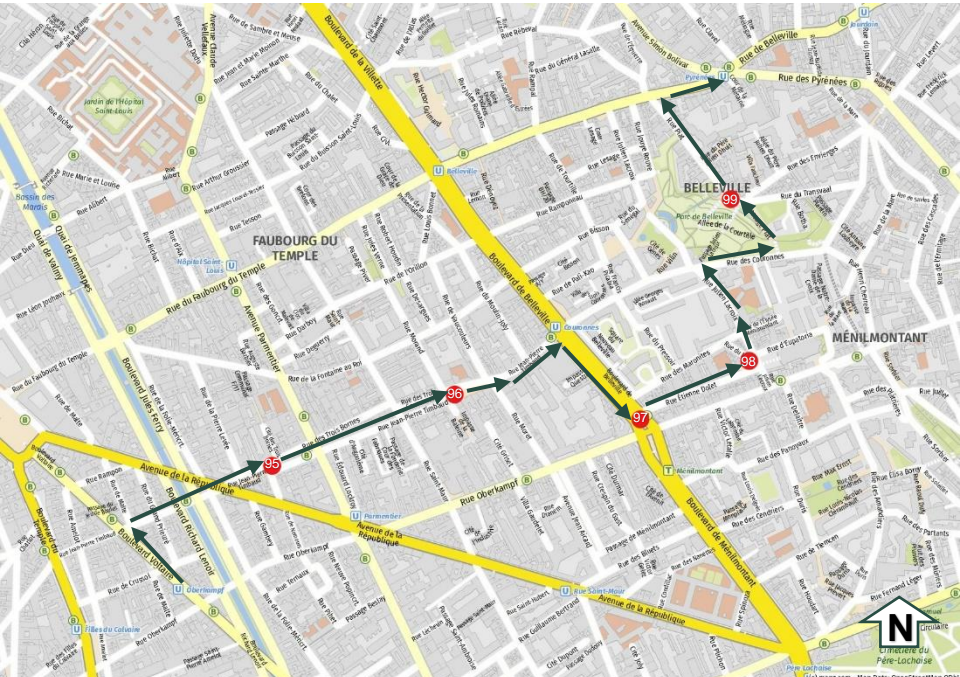


WALK 19 | Ménilmontant

Start – Metro Station, Oberkampf, Lines 5, 9

Approximate Length: 2.6 km



After exiting the Metro station walk north on Boulevard Voltaire. Go east on Rue Jean-Pierre Timbaud. Continue along this street, crossing both Boulevard Richard Lenoir and Avenue de la République. After crossing these major thoroughfares, go a short distance along Rue Timbaud. On your left is a Wallace Fountain.

Fountain 95 44 Rue Jean-Pierre Timbaud, 11th Arr.



This fountain stands in a quiet place off the busy Avenue de la République. The small patch of land serves as a parking area for motorcycles and bicycles and has a charming little cafe at the end.

Continue east on Rue Jean-Pierre Timbaud and just before the square of the same name you will find another Wallace Fountain.

Fountain 96 92 Rue Jean-Pierre Timbaud, 11th Arr.



This fountain sits on a median that divides two streets. Not far from the fountain, on the median, is a statue titled “**Le Répit du Travailleur**,” meaning “The Worker’s Respite.”



Once the statue had a long-handled tool upon which the man rested his hands and head, but the tool is now missing. This statue was sculpted by Jules Pendariés 1862-1933. The sculpture was admitted to the Salon in 1907, moved to the town hall of the 18th district and finally placed at this location in 1926. It seems an appropriate place for a statue of a worker, since the 11th district once was the location of many commercial enterprises that required skilled laborers. The Folie-Méricourt quarter once housed bronze smiths, foundries, ceramic factories and furniture makers. This statue is placed opposite the **Maison des Métallos**, a former musical instrument factory which was founded in 1881, closed in 1936 and now used as a performing arts center.

Next, continue east on Timbaud and take a right at Boulevard de Belleville. Walk south and in less than 500 meters, on the east side of the street, is Rue Etienne Dolet. There you will find another fountain.

Fountain ⁹⁷
4 Boulevard de Belleville, 11th Arr.

In the median of the Boulevard de Belleville close to where Rues Oberkampf and de Ménilmontant intersect is another fountain. Stalls for a large, open market taking place on



Tuesday and Saturday mornings are also in the median of Boulevard de Belleville close to the fountain.

Now, take Rue Etienne Dolet to Place Maurice Chevalier where another Wallace Fountain stands in the square facing the church.

Fountain ⁹⁸
Place Maurice Chevalier, 20th Arr.



This fountain has Val d'Osne markings and most likely is one of the original fountains. It has stood at this location since before 1893. In a quiet square honoring the famous French entertainer, Maurice

Chevalier, this fountain faces the front of the **Notre Dame de la Croix** church.

The church on a hill rises above the neighborhood. Approximately 50 stair steps are required to get to the original entrance at the front of the church. The church's very impressive tower gives it further height and it is topped with a golden rooster.



Facing the church, go left or north on Rue Julien Lacroix to Rue des Couronnes at the base of Parc de Belleville. Turn right and walk along Rue des Couronnes until you see the steps on the left leading into the park. Take the steps and stay to the left. At the top, you will soon find a plaza with a Wallace Fountain and a magnificent view of Paris.

Fountain 99

Rue Piat, 1 Rue des Envierges, 20th Arr.



This fountain stands on top of a hill and near an entrance to **Parc de Belleville**, a beautiful and unique hillside park. The fountain has been painted blue. The plaza where the fountain stands provides an extraordinary view of Paris. From this vantage point, the Eiffel Tower appears to be floating on rooftops. One can clearly see all the major Paris landmarks, including the Montparnasse Tower, Pantheon, Sorbonne Observatory, the Dôme Church, Saint Jacques Tower, the Pompidou Center and the column at Place de la Bastille.



Take in the view and perhaps spend some time exploring the park. Then, from the plaza, take Rue Piat

northwest to Rue de Belleville. Turn right and follow Rue de Belleville a short distance to the Metro station Pyrénées.

End - Metro Station, Pyrénées, Line 11

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Take the Challenge to find all the fountains and automatically become a Friend of the Fountains. Document the time and date you found each fountain on the **Chart** available to download from the website.

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.