WALK 6 | Republic

Start – Metro Station, Jacques Bonsergent, Line 5

Approximate Length: 2.3 km, Option 3.1 km

Once you exit the Metro, you will be at Place Jacques Bonsergent. Here you will find a Wallace Fountain a few steps south on Boulevard de Magenta.

**Fountain**

Place Jacques Bonsergent, 10th Arr.

This Place has a Metro stop, newsstand, street toilet, vélo station, bus stop, trees and lamp posts. Here also stands the first Wallace Fountain of this walk.

Walk south on Boulevard de Magenta to **Place de la République**. In the center of the massive public square is a 31-foot bronze statue of Marianne, the female figure personifying the French Republic.

She holds aloft an olive branch in her right hand and rests her left hand on a tablet engraved with “Droits de l’homme” or the Rights of Man. The
statue sits atop a monument which is 75 feet high. Marianne is surrounded by three statues symbolizing liberty, equality and fraternity, the values of the French Republic. At the base, a lion is guarding a depiction of a ballot box. This plaza is the frequent site of public demonstrations.

After admiring Marianne, walk to the other end of the large plaza, then turn right onto Boulevard du Temple. At the first crossroad, turn right onto Rue Charlot. At Place Olympe de Gouges take Rue de Franche-Comté a short distance. Then, turn right onto Rue Dupetit Thouars. In a few steps, you are at Place Nathan Lemel. Here you will find a Wallace Fountain.

**Fountain**

Place Nathalie Lemel, 3rd Arr.

At Place Nathalie Lemel, across the street from the Le Carreau du Temple and close to Rue de la Corderie, the fountain stands on an elevated space. The Carreau du Temple was a covered market built in 1863. To preserve the interesting structure, the local population voted to have the Carreau redeveloped as a multipurpose public facility. It is situated on the former site of the Knights Templar compound, notorious as the prison where members of the Royal family were held during the French Revolution.

Next, proceed on Rue Dupetit Thouars until you come to Rue du Temple. Cross the street and you will be facing the church of Sainte-Élisabeth-de-Hongrie. This former convent chapel was dedicated to Saint Elizabeth of Hungary in 1646. Inside you can see 17th century Flemish bas-reliefs from the former abbey of Saint-Vaast d’Arras placed around the ambulatory.

Outside the church, turn left following the small street along the north side the church until you reach Rue de Turbigo. Cross Turbigo and proceed on Rue du Vertbois. Turn right at the next crossroad, Rue Volta. In a very short distance you will be at Rue Notre Dame de Nazareth. Directly across the street is a Wallace Fountain.
The fountain is located on Rue Notre Dame de Nazareth at the beginning of a passageway with steps. According to a map dated 1893, the passageway might have been the way to a girl’s school that no longer exists.

Go west on Rue Notre Dame de Nazareth to Boulevard Sébastopol and turn left. After a block, you will be at Square Émile Chautemps, a pleasant place for a rest. On the boulevard sidewalk in front of the park entrance you will find a Wallace Fountain.

This Wallace Fountain stands directly on the boulevard, near the entrance to the park. The park was once called Square des Arts et Métiers because it is adjacent to the Conservatory des Arts et Métiers. The Conservatory is a higher education and research institution dedicated to science and industry. It also operates a large and fascinating museum of inventions and crafts open to the public.

Cross the boulevard and take the side street Passage du Ponceau to Rue Saint Denis. Cross Rue Saint Denis and take Rue d’Alexandrie to Rue Saint-Spire. There you will find the last Wallace Fountain of this walk.

This is the only Wallace Fountain in the second district. It is located on a small square off a maze of covered passageways, mostly housing wholesalers in the apparel business.

From Saint-Spire, take Rue Sainte Foy to Rue Saint-Denis. Turn left and proceed to Boulevard Saint-Denis where you will see the triumphal arch at the Port of Saint-Denis, an old entrance to the city.
The arch was commissioned by Louis XIV to commemorate military victories on the Rhine and in Franche-Comté. Here also is the Metro station, Strasbourg-St-Denis and the end of the walk.

**End – Metro Station, Strasbourg-St-Denis, Lines 4, 6, 9**

**Option:** There is a non-working Wallace Fountain located in the center of Marché Saint-Quentin, an interesting covered marketplace structure of ironwork and brick. To get there from Strasbourg-Saint-Denis, go north on rue du Faubourg Saint-Denis. Turn left at boulevard Magenta and in a short distance at rue de Chabrol you will find Marché Saint-Quentin.

**Marché Saint-Quentin**

85Biz Boulevard Magenta, 10th Arr.

This non-working fountain appears to be a later reproduction. It either was moved to its current spot from a prior street location or was made especially for the indoor marketplace to use as an ornamental promotion tool. At the Marché Saint-Quentin, you will find lots of good things to eat. A few steps to the east is Gare de l’Est and a Metro station.

**End – Metro Station, Gare de l’Est, Lines 4, 7, 5**

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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.