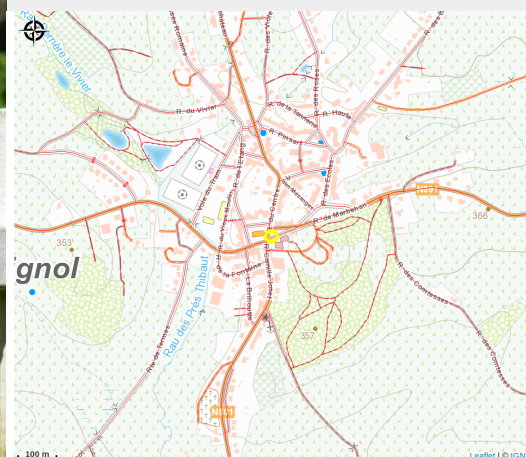


The French and German cemetery "Orée de la Forêt" (1917)



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Category : Discovery and recreation

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Description

In the woods of Rossignol, there are two French military cemeteries that gather bodies of soldiers who died during the Battle of the borders which opposed the French army to the German one in August 1914. This cemetery has about 2500 soldiers among which the famous French writer Ernest Psichari. In 1917, the German soldiers decided to create military cemeteries to gather the bodies of thousands of French and German soldiers who died during the battle of Rossignol on August 22 1914.

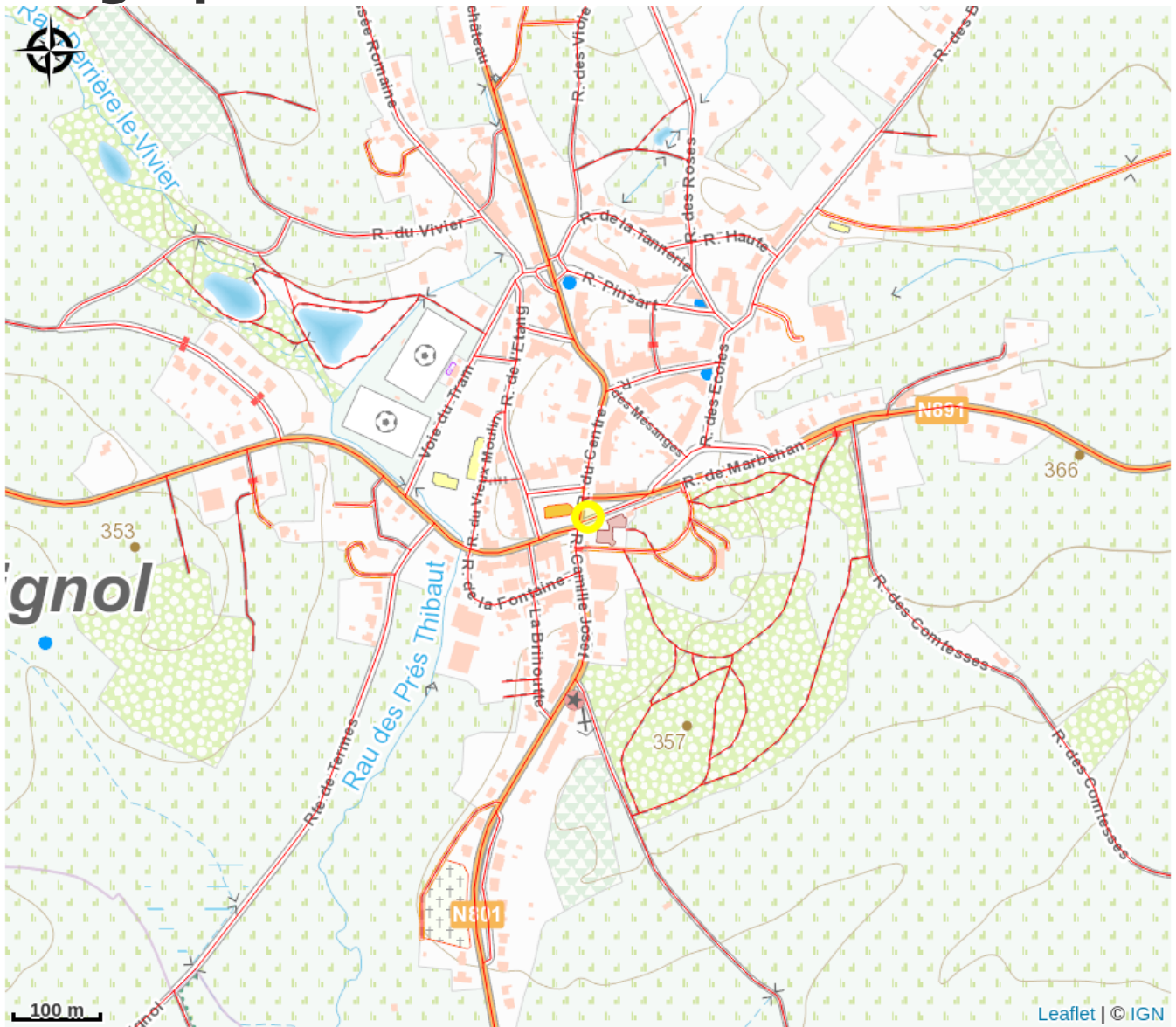
So, there are three cemeteries in Rossignol among which the cemetery "l'Orée de la Forêt" 635 soldiers are buried in it: 408 French soldiers and 227 German soldiers. The necropolis was conceived as some kind of natural cathedral. The trees symbolized columns sustaining the leafed vaults of the naves. These trees have disappeared after a storm in 1989.

After the war, several French families have repatriated the bodies of their parents in their native towns and the German bodies have been gathered in one only cemetery, in Saint-Vincent. The cemetery also hosts two ossuaries that gather 2379 unknown French soldiers coming from some other small cemeteries in the area

Discovery categories

Built heritage.

Geographical location



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