

Rochefort



Rochefort, in the UNESCO Global Famenne-Ardenne Geopark, is an ideal starting point for discovering the treasures of this natural part of Wallonia.

If you're a history lover you'll be drawn to the remains of the **Count's castle**, nestled dramatically on a rocky outcrop. The gloriously restored **Château de Lavaux-Sainte-Anne** with no less than three museums and the **Archéoparc** where you can step into the shoes of a Gallo Roman Blacksmith, Potter, Baker and the like are all major highlights.

Nature lovers will appreciate the wonders of the **Lorette cave** carved out by the Lomme River, the **Han cave** and its impressive underground route in the company of the Lesse River, not to mention the animal **park of Han-sur-Lesse** where you can spot what is known as the European Big Five - Wolf, Brown Bear, Wolverine, Lynx and Wisent.

Round off the end of your visit by tasting the delicious **Rochefort Trappist beer**, brewed at the Abbey of Notre-Dame de Saint-Remy.



Practical information

Rochefort Tourist Office
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Public transport

Rochefort-Jemelle station (4,km)
Bus 29 or 424

Where to Stay

La Source de Manon (Barn)

This magnificent 19th century barn has been completely redesigned by a village artist-cabinetmaker, a true wood passionista. Wood generates an osmosis between man and nature and the search for balance and harmony. This vibe of nature and wellbeing is very strong in the structure and its surroundings. And in the same spirit of clean pure nature, only non-smokers are allowed.

Ferage 11 • 5560 Houyet
lasourcedemanon.be

La Maison de Henriette (Forest House)

On the heights of the Lesse valley, 4 km from the village of Houyet, a narrow path bordered by fields and woods leads you to the peaceful hamlet of Ferage, where you'll find a comfortable '3-key' vacation forest house located at the end of the village. There are no close neighbours here, just the birds and the woodland creatures for company.

Ferage 13 • 5560 Houyet
lamaisondehenriette.be

Le Haras de Briquemont (Gîte)

Between Han-sur-Lesse, Rochefort and Chevetogne, this independent (3 'Epis') gîte is located on an open-air breeding farm in a rural setting surrounded by woods. Located near the village of Briquemont, there is an enormous potential for walks and activities in this beautiful region.

Rue de l'Espérance 31 • 5580 Briquemont (Rochefort)
famenneardenne.be

La Malle-Poste (Hotel)

This elegant hotel is housed in a listed 17th century mansion. It's an exceptional place with stunning decoration in all of the 24 rooms. Only 6 km from the caves of Han.

Rue de Behogne 46 • 5580 Rochefort
malleposte.net

Camping Les Roches

This 4* campsite near the Lomme River and not far from the town centre of Rochefort is very popular for its peaceful settings, family friendly elements and its spacious and well-equipped pitches. To let off steam, access to the swimming pool and the playground is free. Our dog friends are welcome here too.

Rue du Hableau 26 • 5580 Rochefort
lesroches.rochefort.be

Gîte-auberge Kaleo

Housed in an old renovated mill on the edge of the Lomme River, this cottage is the ideal place for a family stay on the borders of the Famenne region.

Rue du Hableau 25 • 5580 Rochefort
kaleo-asbl.be



What to See and Do

1 Domaine des Grottes de Han (Cave)

The Domaine des Grottes de Han offers three wonders of nature. Firstly, the underground caves of exceptional beauty. Secondly, the animal park where you can admire wolves, lynxes, wolverine or bears – otherwise known as the European Big Five. Thirdly, it's a prehistoric treasure. Revered since the Neolithic period, the estate is also full of prehistoric objects, which you can discover through the 'PrehistoHan' permanent exhibition.

Rue J. Lamotte 2 • 5580 Han-sur-Lesse (Rochefort)
grotte-de-han.be

2 Domaine de Chevetogne (Nature area)

The pretty estate of Chevetogne is a paradise for young and old. It has secluded spaces for families, walking paths through woods and gardens for nature lovers, sports fields for athletes and fabulous playgrounds for the kids.

Domaine Provincial de Chevetogne • 5590 Chevetogne (Ciney)
domainedechevetogne.be

3 Centre du Rail et de la Pierre de Jemelle (Rail and Limestone Museum)

A stone's throw from Rochefort, this Rail and Limestone Museum reveals all the facets of the impressive Belgian rail network and limestone quarry. You'll discover a collection of tools and even model trains, have fun playing the learner driver but also discover the manufacturing and extraction methods of limestone.

Avenue de Ninove 11 • 5580 Jemelle (Rochefort)
centreraillepierre.com

4 Malagne, l'Archéoparc de Rochefort (Archeological Park and Museum)

2000 years ago, the Gallo-Roman villa of Malagne was a large farm in Northern Gaul. Today, the Archeopark installed on the site allows you to discover the daily life of the inhabitants of the villa through the remains. Learn about the reconstructions of buildings and agricultural tools, the Roman gardens, the old vegetable gardens or the ongoing archaeological experiments. It's a rewarding educational experience that combines heritage, culture and nature.

Rue du Coirbois 85 • 5580 Rochefort
malagne.be



5 Château de Lavaux-Sainte-Anne (Castle)

Built between the 15th and 16th centuries, this castle is one of the most romantic and beautiful in Wallonia with its moats, round towers and bulbous roofs. It houses three museums: that of nature and hunting, that of the life of the lords of Lavaux in the 17th century, and that of rural life in the Famenne region in the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century. An educational trail allows you to discover the natural environment of wetlands, a typical landscape of the region.

Rue du Château 8 • 5580 Lavaux-Sainte-Anne (Rochefort)
chateau-lavaux.com

7 RAVeL line 150 (RAVeL walking and cycling trail)

Want to get pedalling? No problem, the RAVeL trail isn't far away. Indeed, the Line 150 Jemelle-Rochefort-Houyet bordering the Lesse River promises you a pleasant ride.

ravel.wallonie.be

6 Grotte de Lorette (Grotto)

Dive into the bowels of the earth and discover the imposing and spectacular rooms of the Grotte de Lorette, 300 m from the centre of Rochefort. Explore rooms with dramatic names, such as the Great Sabbath Room or the Cataclysm... The visit is punctuated by a bewitching sound and light show. There's also a film that teaches you more about tectonic phenomena.

Drève de Lorette • 5580 Rochefort
grotte-de-lorette.be

Find out more at:
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