

# n°15 La Platale viewing point

This spot boasts an exceptional panoramic view of Fumay and the surrounding area. It is located approximately above the large “new” *Folemprise* slate mine, one of the oldest in Haybes, mentioned in archives as early as the second half of the 16th century.

A 70-metre-deep vertical shaft was used to bring up the slate blocks, while the slate miners reached the galleries via a passage equipped with stairs and ladders.

Aurains hill, on which we are standing, has no fewer than 17 slate mines or “*slate pits*”, scattered both along the banks of the Meuse and at the heart of the hill itself, sometimes in very steep, hard-to-reach areas. Among the most notable are the “old” *Folemprise* (point 14), *Sainte-Blanche de Landenelle* slate mine, also known as *Trou Salomon*, *Trous Despas*, the *Gillet* pit, *Davreux*, *Raymond de Bellevue* and *Trou Gigot*...

On the other side of the River Meuse, near the cemetery, the (abandoned) slag heap of the *Trépassés* slate mine, now partially overgrown, bears witness to Fumay’s rich slate-making past.



The Sainte Blanche slate mine the Landenelle  
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The Trépassés view

Fumay,  
view from the Trépassés



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