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We spent most of the day yesterday in the Pays d'Auge region of Normandy. Pays d'Auge is a part of the Calvados département (like our counties), and we were chasing ideas for walks in three different areas of Pays d'Auge.



Alabaster Coast

Tourist information offices were closed in 2 of the 4 towns and villages we were scouting. Walks we investigated from internet and book resources were not that exciting. So we abandoned Pays d'Auge and headed for Étretat.

We were hoping to feature a walk on the Alabaster Coast — France's answer to the White Cliffs of Dover.



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The soft limestone erodes in dramatic fashion. On the other side of the far point is the seaside resort town of Étretat. On the beach were, among all trappings of holiday fun, concrete German bunkers and photos of how the beach had been blocked and prepared for invasion by the Allies. The main thrust of the D-Day invasions came further west, and we visit them tomorrow.



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After hiking the region for several hours to scout walk starts and finishes and tie the pieces together, we got back into our rental car at about 9:30 pm.



Rock formations along the Alabaster Coast

There are several interesting connections outside of the stunning white sea cliffs, and we are also hoping to tie in a stop at a local farm to sample some of the renowned local farm products of the area.