

Why visit Châtel Chéhéry?

York is one of the most famous Americans in the Great War. See where he fought off a bayonet attack, destroyed a machine gun and saved his battalion from defeat on 8 October 1918. You can walk where York walked on the SGT York Historic Trail and see / feel history come alive.



York at the spot where he fought off the German bayonet attack

The York trail & monument was built by generous donations to the Sergeant York Discovery Expedition

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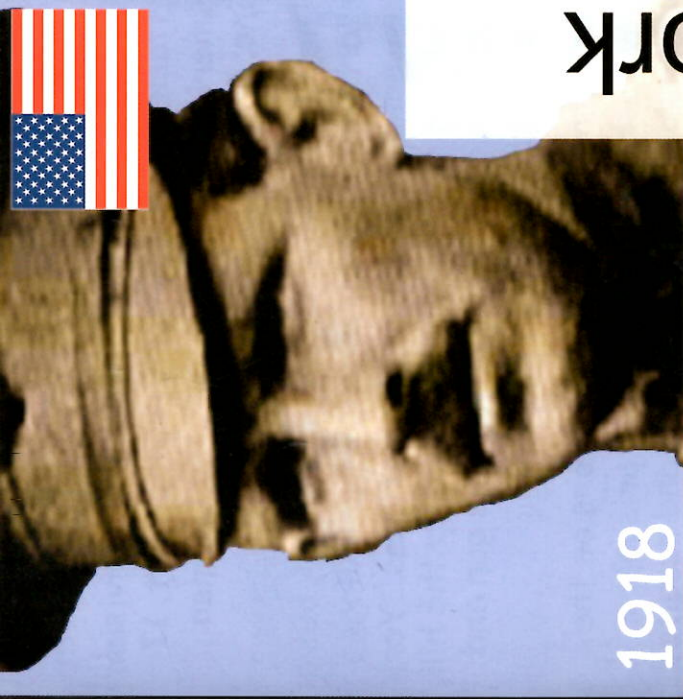
Directions

Châtel Chéhéry is 40 kms Northwest of Verdun and near the Meuse - Argonne American Cemetery.

Just one km west of Châtel Chéhéry is where SGT York earned the Medal of Honor on 8 October 1918.



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1918

★ An American hero

A man of honor ★

★ Medal of Honor

York Historic Trail ★

★ York Monument

Châtel Chéhéry

SGT Alvin York



Victory in the Argonne

On 8 October 1918, the 82nd US Division attack into the Argonne failed. But, 17 Americans broke through the German line; one of them was Alvin York.

The 17 surprised seventy Germans, but a nearby machine gun opened fire; killing or wounding 9 of the 17 Americans. York took command and he charged up the hill, eliminated the German machine gun and fought off a bayonet attack.

York scooped up more Germans on the way back for a total of 132 prisoners. This broke the German line and resulted in the German withdrawal from the Argonne.



York, and his men, captured 132 German prisoners in the Argonne



How did he do it?

York talking to the 82nd Division Commander, General Lindsey.

General Lindsey: "York, how did you do it?"

Alvin York: "Sir, it is not man power. A higher power than man power guided and watched over me and told me what to do."

General Lindsay: "York, you are right."

Alvin York: "There can be no doubt in the world God being in that. No other power under heaven could bring a man out of a place like that. Men were killed on both sides of me; and I was the most exposed. When you have God behind you, you come out on top every time."

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The SGT York Trail

In Châtel Chéhéry you can relive history on the York Historic Trail. The trail is 3kms long, retraces the steps of York and ends at a monument near where York fought off a bayonet attack and eliminated a German machine gun.

The trail and monument is the result of years of painstaking research that proved beyond any doubt that York did accomplish this amazing feat.



Sergeant York Trail

