Basic Detail Report



Beached Boats at Berck

Date 1879

Primary Maker Eugène Boudin

Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

This is an oil on canvas painting depicting the shore at Berck-sur-Mer, a small village along the English Channel between Dieppe and Calais. Fishermen eat lunch and repair boats while their vessels are temporarily beached by a receding tide. The two boats in the center mid-ground and the background are divided between sand and sky. In the left background there are several boats in the water. There is also a horse and buggy coming towards the viewer. On the right, in the mid-ground next to the beached boats are groups of men and women. Some are around a smoking fire. Portions of buildings, perhaps a home, are visible in the right background. The palette is very pale; blues, grays and beige predominate with mere spots of red, part of a mid-ground woman's wardrobe.

Dimensions

59 x 32 1/4 in. (149.9 x 81.9 cm) Overall, Frame: 47 x 73 x 5 in. (119.4 x 185.4 x 12.7 cm)