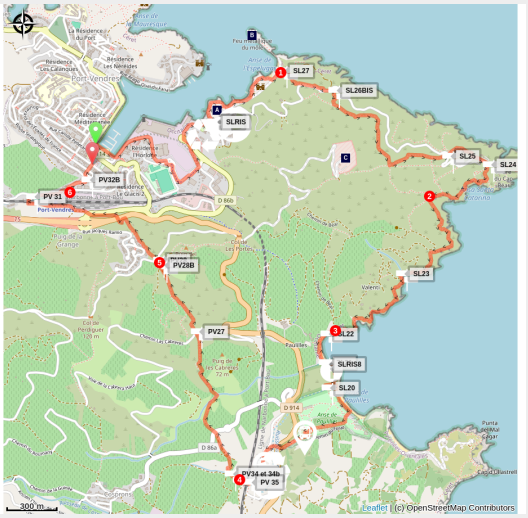
Path around the Cap Béar

Côte Vermeille



Cap Béar (Frédéric Hédelin)



This hike starts from Port-Vendres and takes place on the site of Cap Béar where sublime views of the coast await you.

This walk, accessible to the greatest number, will make you discover Port-Vendres as well as the beautiful landscapes of Cape Béar. Beautiful view of Fort Saint Elme. Fort Béar is on the way!

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 4 h

Length : 11.6 km

Trek ascent : 371 m

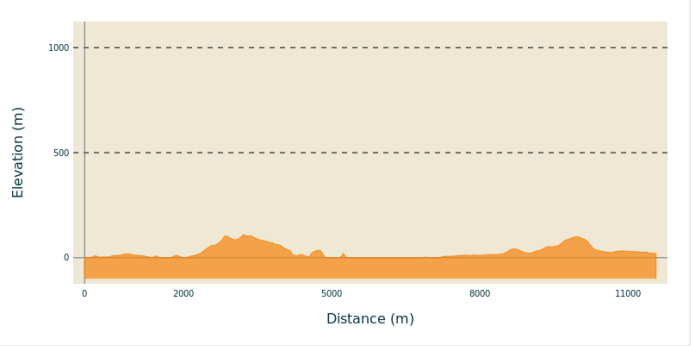
Difficulty : Medium

Type : Boucle

Trek

Departure : Tourist office of Port-Vendres
Arrival : Tourist office of Port-Vendres
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Altimetric profile

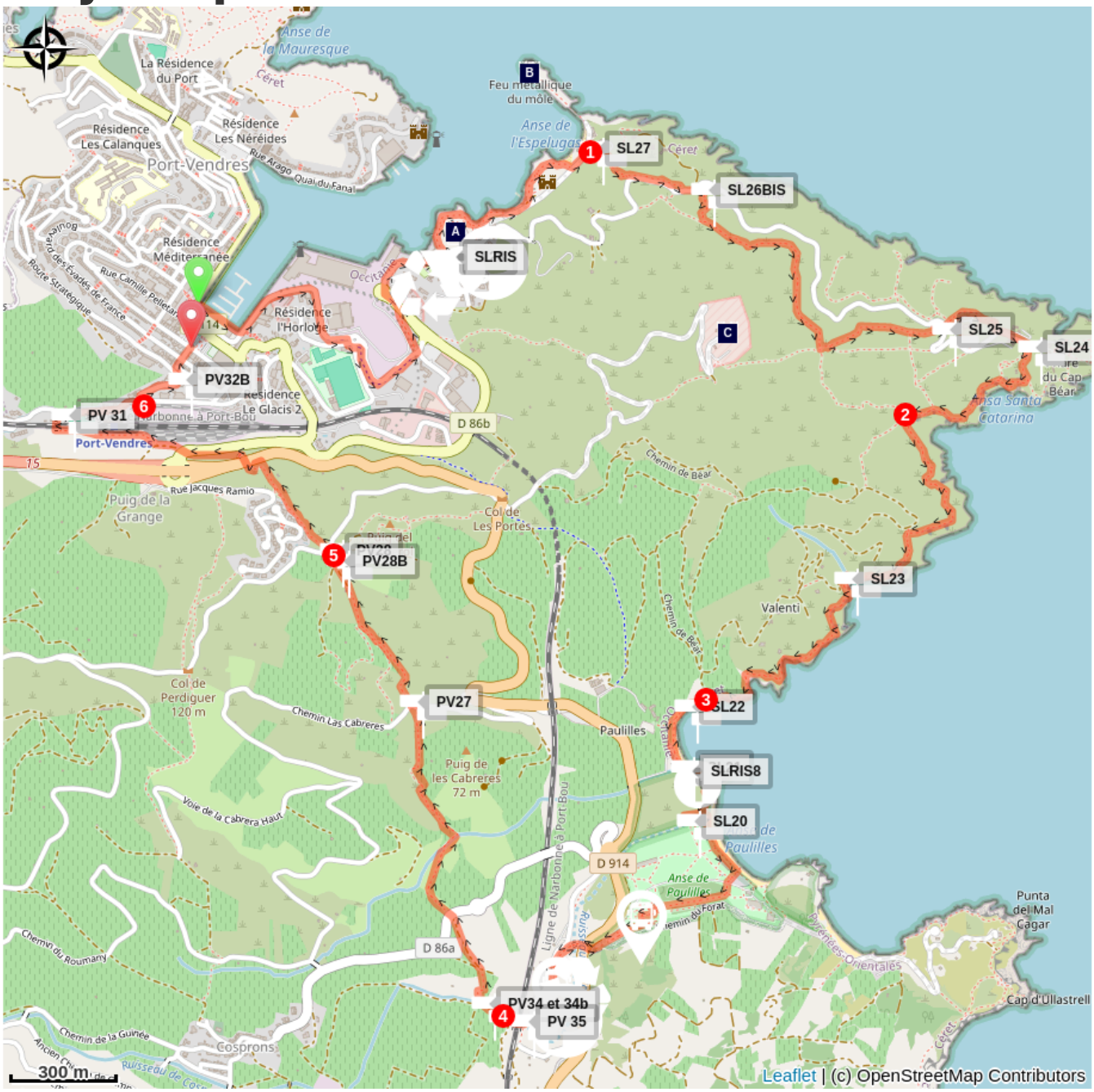


Min elevation 0 m Max elevation 109 m

Departure: Tourist Office of Port-Vendres. Head towards the Jetty, circumnavigate the harbor following the coastal path markings.

1. Upon reaching the cove of the jetty, take the right path leading up to Fort Béar. Traverse after the rocky passage onto the trail towards the vineyard path.
2. Turn left and proceed to Mas Valcros (Mas Pams).
3. At the Bernardi beach, continue along the coastal path towards the beach and the Paulilles site.
4. After the parking area, cross the railway track and follow the path to the Pont de l'Amour residential area. Return to the center of Port-Vendres by passing under the train tunnel, then turn right. Descend via the Strategic Road.

On your path...



Redoute Béar (A)

The jetty's lighthouse (B)

Fort Béar (C)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

Bring something to hydrate, walking shoes, a hat or a cap. Be careful in strong wind.

How to come ?

Transports

Bus à 2€

Access

D914, D114, D86, D86b

Advised parking

Tourist Office carpark

Environmental sensitive areas

Along your trek, you will go through sensitive areas related to the presence of a specific species or environment. In these areas, an appropriate behaviour allows to contribute to their preservation. For detailed information, specific forms are accessible for each area.

Zone Natura 2000 Directive Habitat

Sensitivity period:

Zone Natura 2000 Directive Oiseaux



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On your path...



Redoute Béar (A)

Due to its strategic maritime position and its proximity to historical boundaries, Port-Vendres has received a great deal of attention from military builders. The historic turning point of the city is around 1659, when after the Treaty of the Pyrenees, King Louis XIV charged Vauban to make "Port-Vendres" a port of war. Go up to the Redoubt Béar built in the 18th century according to the plans of Vauban and immerse yourself in history.

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The jetty's lighthouse (B)

Having weathered the weather so far, the metal lighthouse at the pier of Port-Vendres has run bravely 110 years. However the last storms have a little damaged, including its spiral staircase, since removed because of the automation of the lantern. Listed in historical monuments since 2011, go see it before the sea prevails!

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Fort Béar (C)

Built between 1877 and 1880, Fort Béar was built in order to lock the borders and replace the fortifications of Vauban with buried polygonal forts. This fort was used until the middle of the 20th century, when a radio station was installed after the German occupation (1949). He is now owned by the Army.

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