The loop of Santa Maria del Vilar Priory passing by the Mas del Pou

Albères



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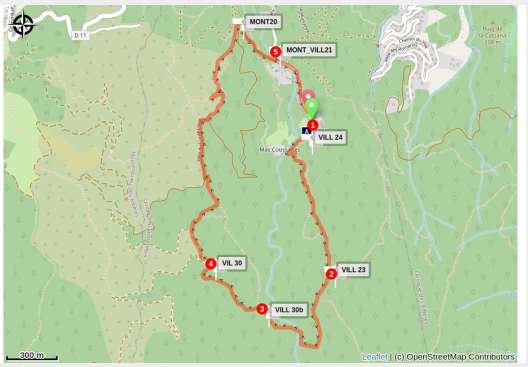


Hike through the magical forest above the Santa Maria del Vilar Priory and discover a strategic farmhouse in the Albères Massif : the Mas del Pou du Vilar (15th – 21st century)

This hike begins in front of the magnificent Santa del Vilar Priory (open for afternoon visits) nestled at the foot of the Albères Massif. Then, a beautiful, fairly steep climb through a lush, shaded forest awaits you. At the top, you'll pass by an old ruined farmhouse, where you can even have a barbecue (According to the current regulations). The return to Vilar is via a DFCI track with beautiful viewpoints.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 2 h 36

Length : 5.8 km

Trek ascent : 440 m

Difficulty : Hard

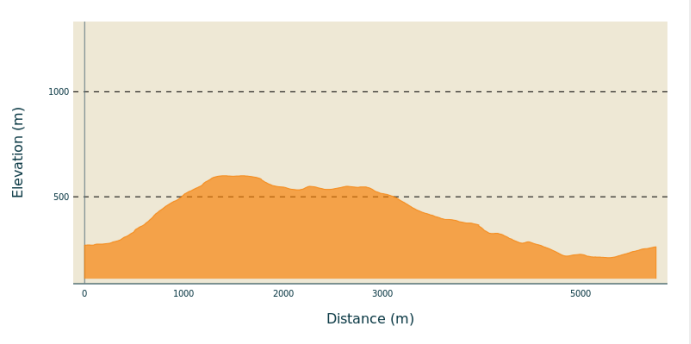
Type : Boucle

Themes : Flora, Point de vue, Histoire, Montagne, Patrimoine

Trek

Departure : Santa Maria del Vilar Priory
Arrival : Santa Maria del Vilar Priory
Markings : PR
Cities : 1. VILLELONGUE DELS MONTS

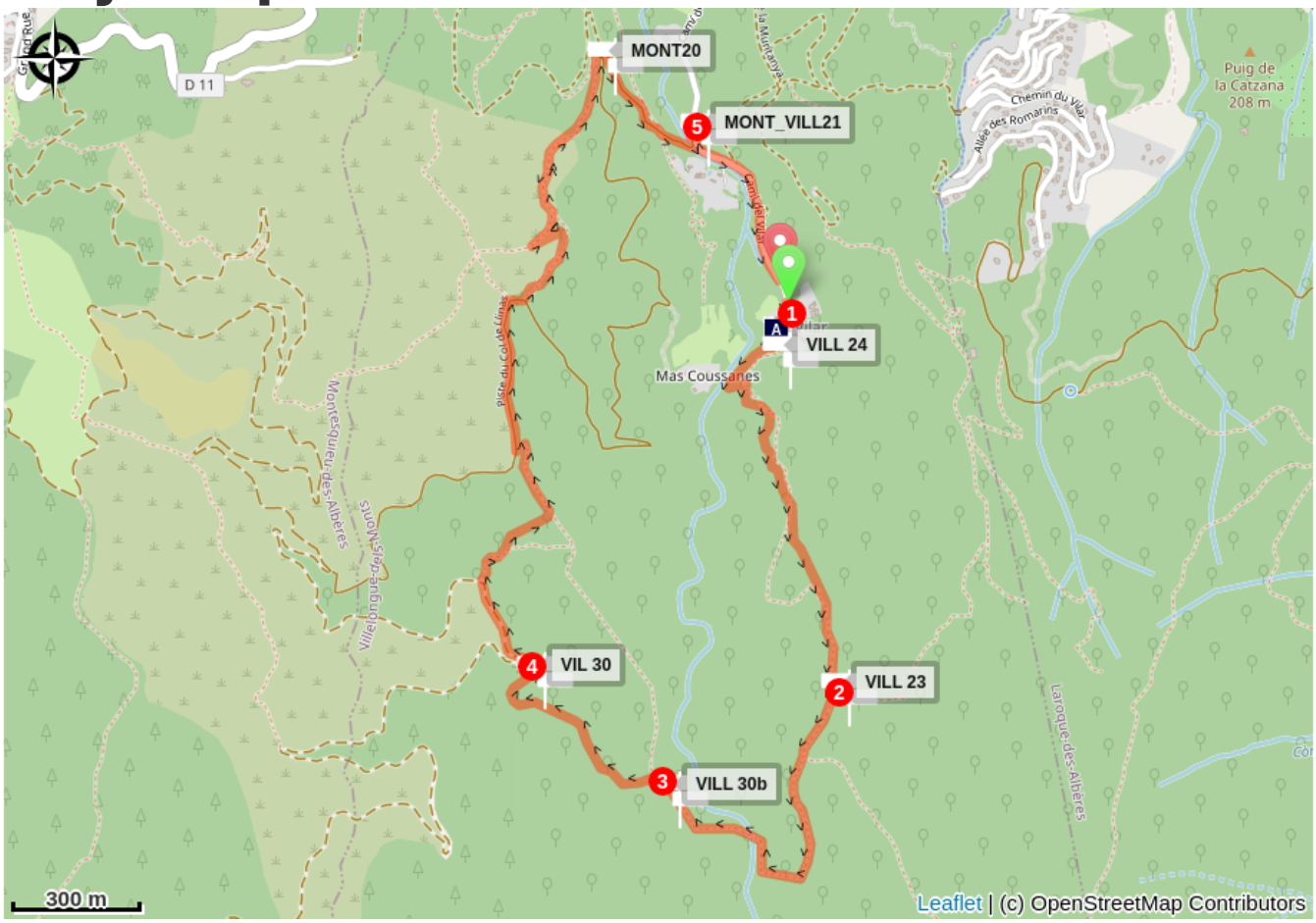
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 210 m Max elevation 600 m

1. Pass by the Santa Maria del Vilar Priory (don't hesitate to visit). Continue along the stream and begin the fairly steep climb in the forest following the yellow markings.
2. At the signpost, take a right towards Mas del Pou.
3. Continue on the path until you reach Mas del Pou, where everything is provided for a picnic break (even sheltered areas), do not descend to the right into the forest.
4. Turn right above the Mas onto the DFCI track towards Villelongue-dels-Monts. Attention! A few meters ahead, a wooden sign indicates the Priory on the right, do not head in that direction but continue on the track until you reach the bridge over the Villelongue stream.
5. Turn right onto the small paved road back to the Priory.

On your path...



Priory Santa Maria del Vilar (A)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

Be sure to bring enough water for hydration, wear sturdy walking shoes, a hat, and a windbreaker.
Check the weather forecast before departure.
Stay on the marked trails.
Do not leave any waste in nature.
The Mas del Pou site is ideal for a picnic break.

How to come ?

Transports

Bus 2€

Access

D11, "Chemin du Vilar"

Advised parking

Car park near the Santa Maria del Vilar Priory

On your path...



Priory Santa Maria del Vilar (A)

Nestled in the heart of Albères, priory Santa Maria del Vilar crosses the ages. Founded in 1083, monks transformed the building from the Carolingian era into a hospitable pilgrim for Compostela and added a church. In 1802, the place changes completely function since it is sold to a farmer who transforms the church into a stable. Abandoned in 1942, it disappears gradually under the vegetation but has now been restored and hosts opera concerts.

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