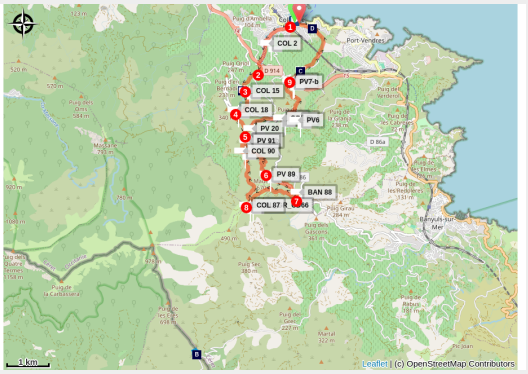
# Madeloc Massif

Côte Vermeille



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## Experience the military atmosphère and spirituality of a hermitage, while hiking by breathtaking landscapes

From the Collioure Castle the path climbs up through the vineyard. After the little Chapel of Notre Dame de Consolation, the path climbs up to the ridges of the Madeloc  Tower. From there, the  scenery is wonderful with the Vermeille Coast and the three beautiful villages of Collioure, Port-Vendres and Banyuls

### Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 6 h

Length : 16.8 km

Trek ascent : 1045 m

Difficulty : Hard

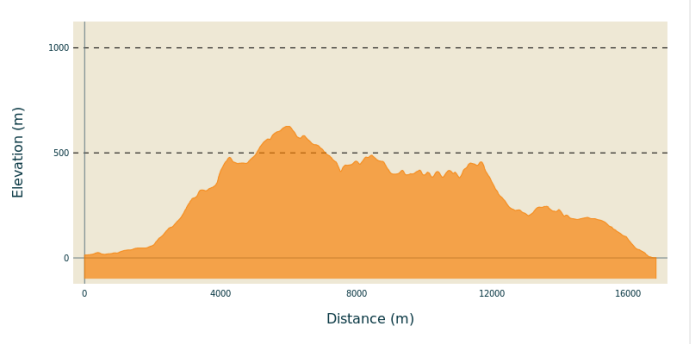
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Themes : Sommet, Point de vue, Histoire, Montagne, Patrimoine

# Trek

**Departure** : Roundabout Général de Gaulle avenue
**Arrival** : Roundabout Général de Gaulle avenue
**Markings** : PR
**Cities** : 1. COLLIOURE
2. PORT-VENDRES
3. BANYULS SUR MER
4. ARGELES SUR MER

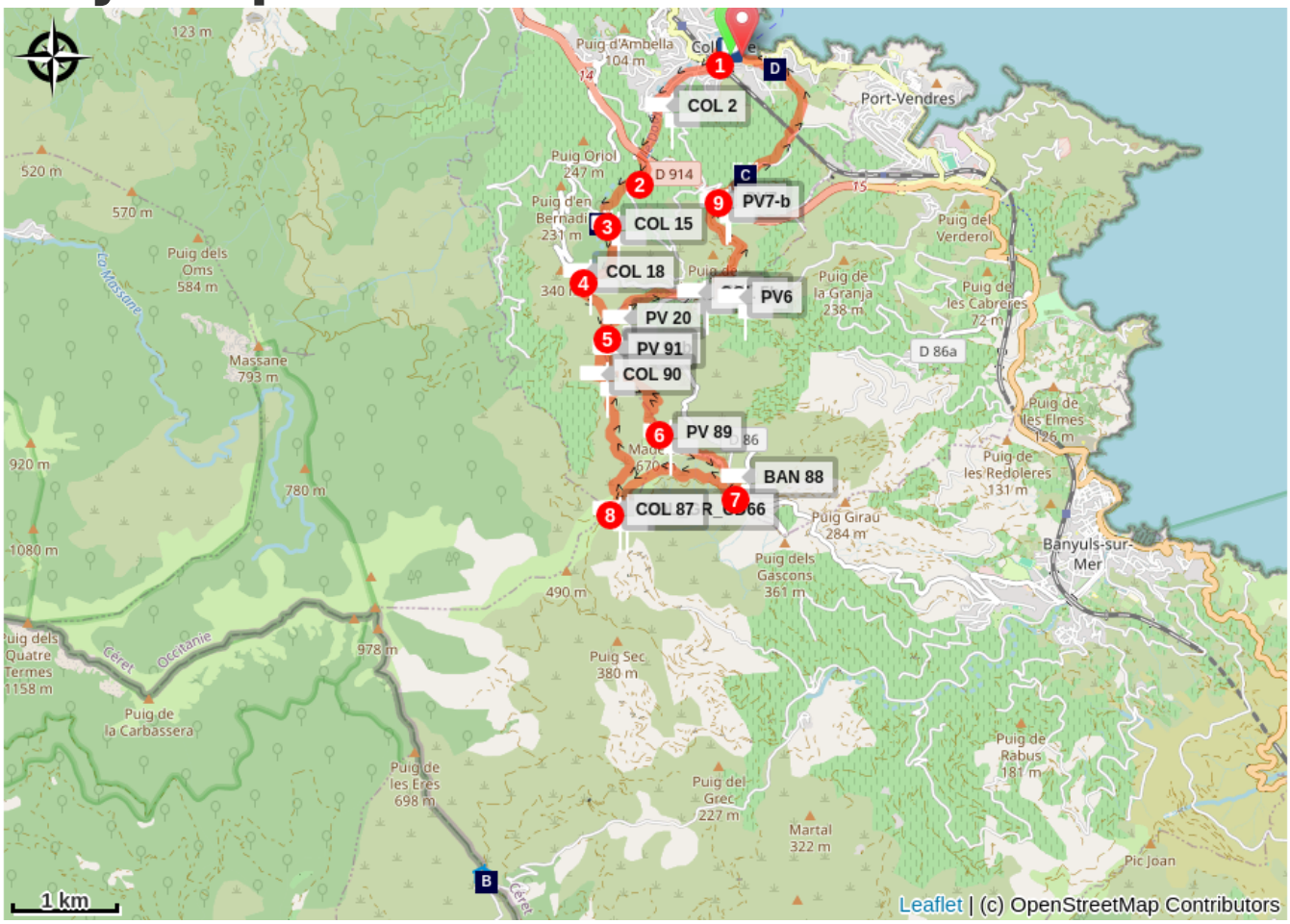
## Altimetric profile




Min elevation 1 m  Max elevation 626 m

1. Follow the exit of the Glacis carpark and go down to the roundabout. Cross the street and go in front of the church, Rue du Temple. Pass under the railway, continue on Galère street as it crosses Chemin de Consolation and take the left to leave the village.
2. Pass under the viaduct and go straight to the SaintThérése Oratory. Take the left path at the little bridge.
3. Take the big paved path that leads to Consolation. Continue on the path, then take the rocky steps on the left to reach ConsolationBeyond that, the path runs along a fenced vineyard, and becomes gradually steeper & steeper as it approaches RD 86 and Col de la Serre vineyard.
4. At the level of Col de la Serre, leave the road and climb the path on the left. Upon arriving at Mas de la Serre, continue on the left path and climb a steep slope towards the Taillefer Battery.
5. Go back down towards the Col of Taillefer and continue on to the path that is in front of you, and after several turns, you will come upon the  Madeloc Tower . Enjoy the exceptional view on the Vermeille Coast, The Massane Tower and the Roussillon Plains.
6. Go down by a small road to the la Batterie des 500 and go straight on the stony path opposite  that joins the GR 10 on right  .Do not leave to the Col of Gascons.
7. Continue towards the Vallaury Col. Bypass the Madeloc Massif by the Formingo Col, then pass Vallaurria. You'll see several ruins on this path.
8. At the crossroads, take the path on the right for 50 meters, and continue to the right after  having seen the Madeloc Tower. Follow this path on the hillside to the Col de la Serre.
9. Come back to the hut of Mas de la Serra and continue left. Return to point 4 on this itinerary, and follow in reverse ,first on the road then by the path that goes down towards Notre-Dame-de-Consolation and Collioure.

# On your path...




Ermitage Notre Dame de Consolation (A)

Col de Banyuls-sur-Mer (B)

Fort Dugommier (C)

Collioure Mill (D)

# All useful information

## ⚠ Advices

**You enjoy nature, You like it, take care of it...**

Along the hiking trail, rubbish bins are at your disposal.
Every month over tens of thousands of hikers and walkers visit this exceptional site. Please do not litter and use the rubbish bins (glass, plastic, rubbish etc...).
Also, please dispose of any litter you might find along the trail.
Help keep this site clean with simple yet essential gestures. Lets give back to nature what nature gave us

## How to come ?

Transports

Bus 2€

Access

By RD 114 in the direction of  Port-Vendres.

# 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:

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# On your path...



## Ermitage Notre Dame de Consolation (A)

The Hermitage of Our Lady of Consolation dates, according to the oldest writings, to 1496. According to some, the building was built on an old site of pagan worship. Numerous hermitages line the Massif des Albères testifying to the rise of these buildings during the 17th century. This hermitage is also very nice to take a break along your hike. In the shade of the trees, you will be able to take advantage of the place to have a picnic in complete tranquility.

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## Col de Banyuls-sur-Mer (B)

This incredibly wild and unspoiled site, which serves as the border between France and Spain, has been the scene of many twists and turns in the history of refugees. Discover the beauty of the place and let yourself be amazed by the unique panorama of the site.

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## Fort Dugommier (C)

Fortress built to monitor the towns of Collioure and Port-Vendres, Fort Dugommier was born in 1893. Because of its strategic location, it sweeps the coast of the eye. However, the Second World War did not spare him by destroying a large part of the fort. He now belongs to an association. Walk pleasant, but beware of the wind because there, it blows!

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## Collioure Mill (D)

This windmill is quite rare in the area, most of which are water mills. It ceases its activity in the nineteenth century and gradually turns into ruins. Perfectly restored in a traditional way by the municipality in 2001, it is now in working order for the elaboration of Collioure olive oil. Near the city, it is a perfect destination for a nice little walk.

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