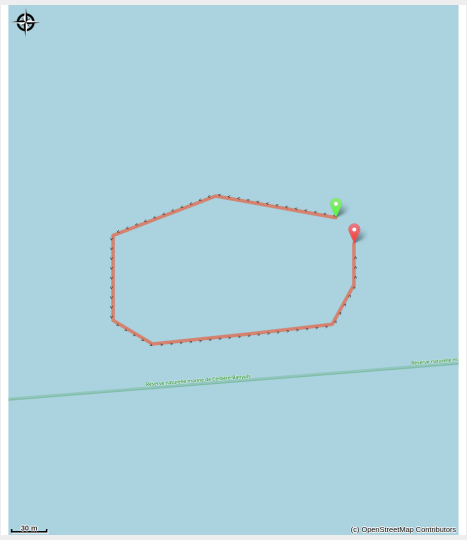
The Joël’ledge

Côte Vermeille



Gorgones rouges (Plongée Cap Cerbère)



Dive with the red and purple gorgonians

Admire this magnificient underwater landscape wtih its incredible colours

Useful information

Practice : Scuba diving

Duration : 1 h

Length : 0.6 km

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Boucle

Themes : Fauna, Flora, Géologie

Trek

Departure : Argelès-sur-Mer, Collioure Port, Port-Vendres, Banyuls-sur-Mer and Cerbère
Arrival : Argelès-sur-Mer, Collioure Port, Port-Vendres, Banyuls-sur-Mer and Cerbère
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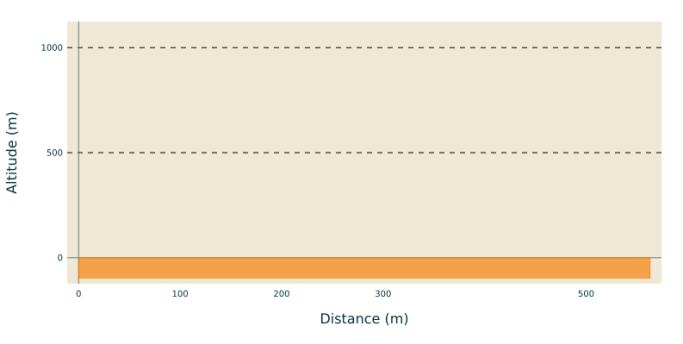
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 0 m Max elevation 0 m

The Joël’ ledge is a splendid peak covered with purple gorgonians. Situated further offshore, facing Cerbère, this site allows diving between 20 and 34 meters depth .

An exceptionally beautiful site. Composed of two rocky peaks of similar height, it offers very beautiful drop-offs covered with red gorgonians. These two peaks are separated from about 30 meters with the southern wall rather vertical and north faces inclined about 45]°. The wildlife is very rich in this area, anchoring is not allowed so as to not destroy the fauna. Only a concrete slab more respectful of the bottom must be sent to the top of the ledge to carry the divers on the site .

The bala dis on an average depth of twenty five meters, the hihgest point is 20 meters and the lowest 32 meters. It’s possible to continue to a deeper zone but there’s no particular interest.

the beautiful corraligenous massifs are full of cavities in which a luxuriant life is developing and in particular many red gorgonians and real rugs of sea roses. Around the red and purple gorgonians, abundant yellow solitary coral buds with pretty lace of Neptune cover the walls. During summer the barracudas are there and turn over the peak. The site is full of life and colors. A must see site !

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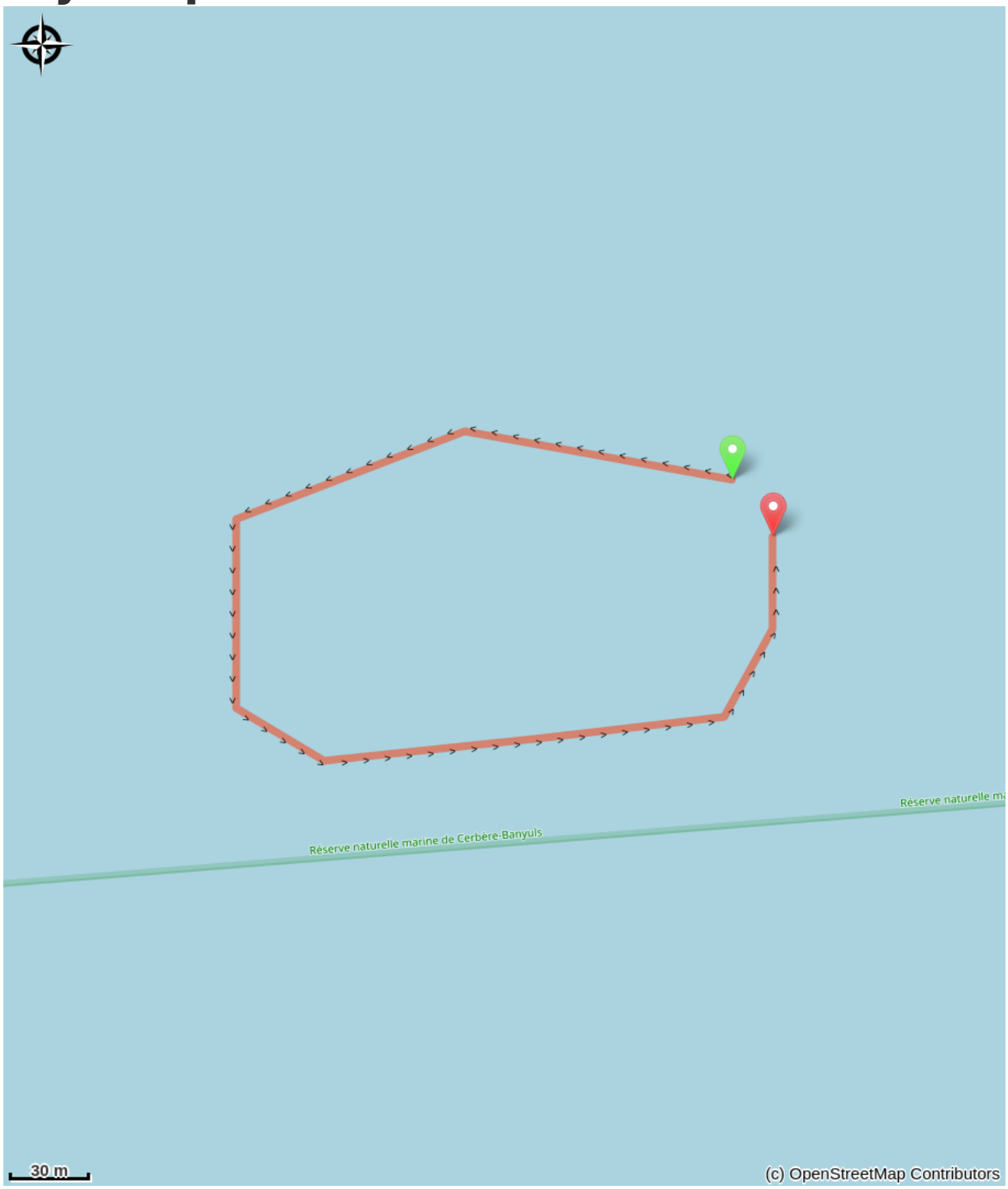
On your path...



Red gorgonians (A)

Red coral (B)

The barracuda (C)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

Play it safe and go with a professional scuba diving instructor from all the Port of Vermeille coast.

Argelès-sur-Mer:
Argelès Plongée: 06 78 48 76 30 / 06 83 89 96 90 - Résidence Santa Maria Rue des Matelots
Aquatile Plongée: 06 16 51 31 06 - Résidence Atalaya 2 Place Magellan
Archipel Plongée: 04 68 95 71 03 - 8 Résidence les Villégiales
Collioure:
CIP Collioure: 04 68 82 07 16 - 24 Rue Ravin du Coma Xeric
Port-Vendres:
Paradis des bulles: 06 70 55 69 18 - Quai Fanal
Tech of Plongée: 06 58 55 41 04 -2 Quai Fanal
CAP Port-Vendres: 04 34 12 09 27 - 4 rue Jules Ferry
Scuba Passion: 06 07 56 03 73 - Plage des Tamarins Route de la Jetée
Banyuls-sur-Mer:
Rédéris Plongée: 04 68 88 31 66 - Quai A Port Parking Méditerranée
Banyuls Plongée: 06 81 84 48 45
AquaBlue Plongée: 04 68 88 17 35 - 5 Quai Georges Petit
Plongée Bleue: 06 78 16 64 51 - 10 quai Georges Petit
Cerbère:
Aloès Plongée: 06 33 33 18 44 - Résidence les Aloes Cap Peyrefite
Plongée Cap Cerbère: 04 68 88 41 00 - Route d'Espagne

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.

Réserve Naturelle Marine de Cerbère-Banyuls

Sensitivity period: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, Decembre

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On your path...



Red gorgonians (A)

The coralline reefs are full of cavities that foster lush marine life, particularly highlighted by red gorgonians. You won’t be able to miss them, as they often form vibrant red or purple carpets, around which coral thrives and develops. These colonies create an ideal environment for a variety of marine species, making them a rich and vital part of the underwater ecosystem.

Attribution : Gilles Lescure



Red coral (B)

An object of desire, red coral has been used since antiquity as an ornament and for its medicinal and supernatural properties. Specific to the Mediterranean, the ancients believed it provided protection against bad luck and warded off lightning. Referred to as "the most beautiful carpet in the world" by J.Y. Cousteau, it is easy to understand the need to protect it.
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The barracuda (C)

A large carnivorous fish, the barracuda has an elongated body with a prominent lower jaw and fang-like teeth. Typically measuring between 50 centimeters and one meter, it is a formidable predator. Its diet consists of fish, octopuses, cuttlefish, and crustaceans. The barracuda hunts by ambush, quickly lunging at its prey with a sudden burst of speed. With its silvery color, black stripes on its back, and large eyes, it is impossible to miss!

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