[Stroll] Discovering the flora and fauna

Albères

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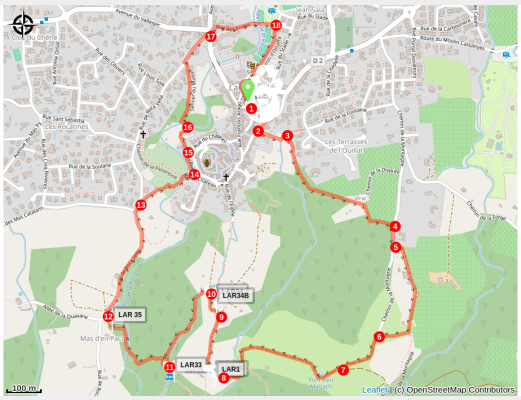


An ideal hike to do with the family with a questionnaire to entertain children, discover the flora and fauna and a few surprises from the heritage of Laroque-des-Albères.

Download the children's brochure

This family walk will allow you to discover the fauna and flora of Laroque-des-Albères and its immediate surroundings.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 4.5 km

Trek ascent : 112 m

Difficulty : Easy

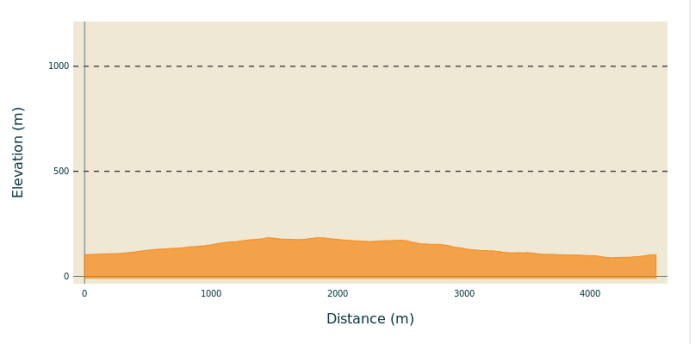
Type : Boucle

Themes : Fauna, Flora, Histoire

Trek

Departure : Tourist Office of Laroque
Arrival : Tourist Office of Laroque
Cities : 1. LAROQUE DES ALBERES

Altimetric profile

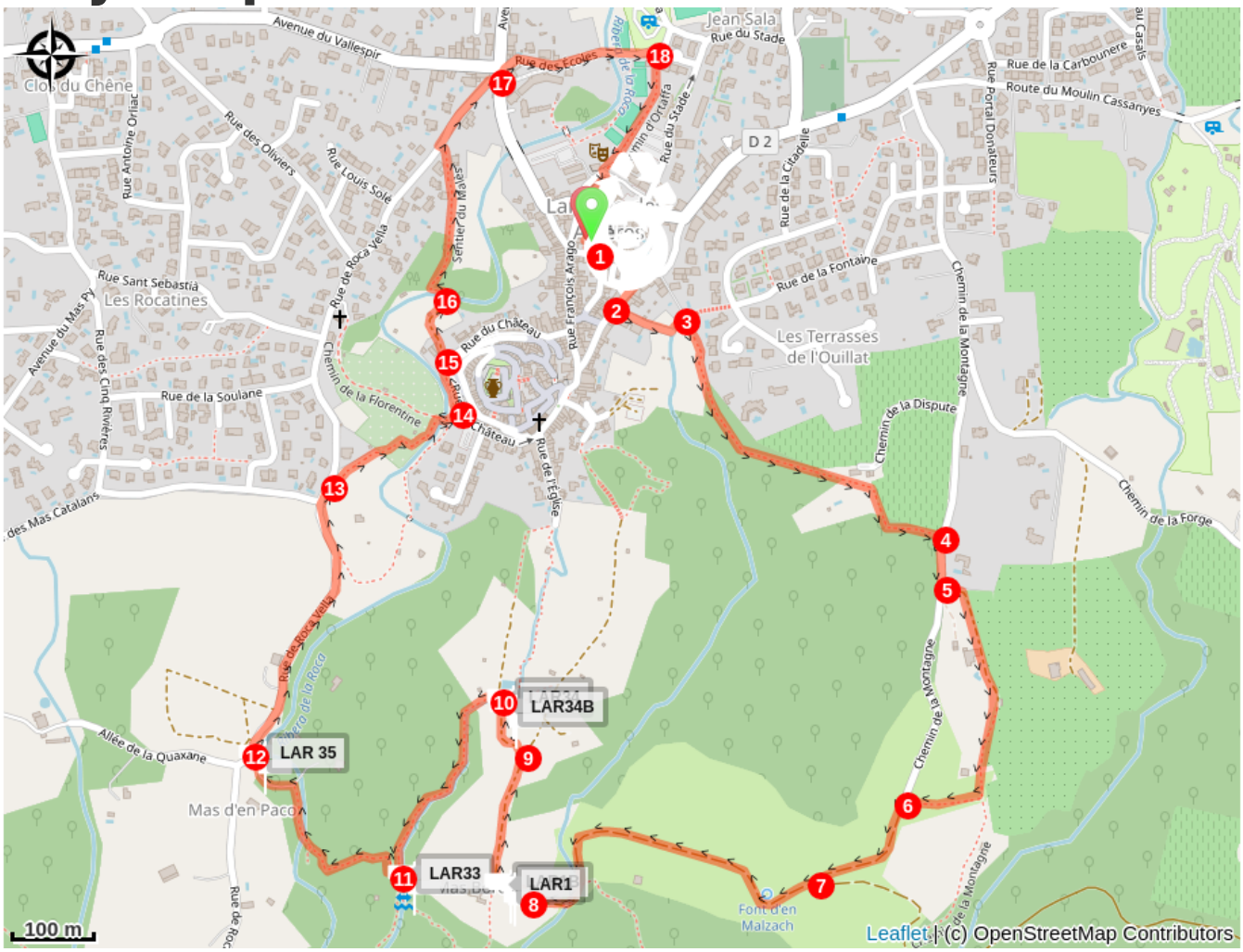


Min elevation 89 m Max elevation 185 m

1. Starting from the Office de Tourisme. On leaving the Office de Tourisme, go up the steps and through the gate. Go left on to the rue Carboneill and follow this street then turn right on to the Joffre.
2. At the next intersection go left on to the rue du Moulin and left again. Continue up to the next intersection.
3. Don’t go up the steps opposite but turn right. You are on the Chemin des Disputes (this lane is signposted only at the other end of the lane). Continue straight on; don’t go down the lane on the right but go up the steps and follow the dry stone wall and vineyards. Here you have a wonderful view of the côte Vermeille (Vermillion coast). On arriving at the intersection with the small tarmacked road, go right. Several metres further on, go left on to the path between two fences and follow the yellow markings.
4. Follow the track. On the left, you can enjoy the view over Sorède and the Happy Valley (Vallée Heureuse). Observe below the Mimosa fields, the Almond trees and the terracing. At the end of this little path go right between two stone walls.
5. At the crossroads, you can see the cork oaks amongst the ruins of an old mas (farmhouse).
6. Take the path on the left to head for the mountains.
7. At the following intersection, take the path on the right. After a few metres, you will notice the Font (fountain) d’en Malzac. Continue along this path to get to the Mas d’en Bordes (Large stone built house).
8. When you reach the house, stay on the right and go down the path on the right.
9. At the next crossroads go left then left straight away to get to the pool.
10. When you get to the pool go left and follow the irrigation channel.
11. Further along, go down on the right towards the Spring (la source minérale). The spring water is sparkling and ferrous.
12. At the spring follow the river down and cross the small ford. Keep left to reach the road. Go left down the road back towards the village.
13. Several metres after an intersection and just after the 40 sign, go down a path on the right. Cross over the stream and continue along amongst the gardens to get to the river.
14. Cross the small metallic bridge and turn left straight away on to a small path that leads to the chemin de Malès.

15. Don’t go up the path on the right which takes you up to the old village, but continue staight on following the Malès path.
16. Cross over the metallic bridge and take the path on the left ! Follow this path up to the road keep right and go down to join the main road.
17. Cross over the road and go down the Rue des Ecoles .
18. After the Club House go right on to the Chemin d’Ortaffa and go up to the village and the Office de Tourisme in order to collect the anwsers to you children’s questionnaire.

On your path...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Clos du Chêne
Rue des Ecoles
Jean Sala
Rue du Stade
Rue de la Carbounere
Route du Moulin Cassanyes
Rue Portal Donateurs
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Rue de la Citadelle
Rue du Stade
Rue Antoine Oriac
Rue des Oliviers
Rue Louis Sole
Rue de Roca Vella
Sentier du Males
Rue Sant Sebastia
Les Rocatines
Avenue du Mas Py
Rue des Cinq Rivières
Rue de la Soulane
Chemin de la Florentine
Rue du Château
Rue François Arago
Rue de la Fontaine
Les Terrasses de l'Ouillat
Chemin de la Montagne
Chemin de la Dispute
Chemin de la Forge
Rue de l'Eglise
des Mas Catalans
Rue de Roca Vella
Allée de la Quaxane
LAR 35
LAR34B
LAR33
LAR1
Mas d'en Paco
Font d'en Malzach
100 m
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All useful information

⚠ Advices

It is an easy walk but don’t forget to follow the general safety tips; (take sufficient drinking water, wear appropriate footwear and clothing; hats, sunglasses, suncream and don’t stray from the indicated path). All along the route, you will find pleasant spots for pick-nicking. Each spot on the map indicated in bold text corresponds to a stop on your child’s activity sheet.
Some sections of the route are neither managed nor marked by the CC-ACVI. It is a municipal association that takes care of it.

How to come ?

Transports

Bus à 2€

Advised parking

Hikers' parking at the stadium