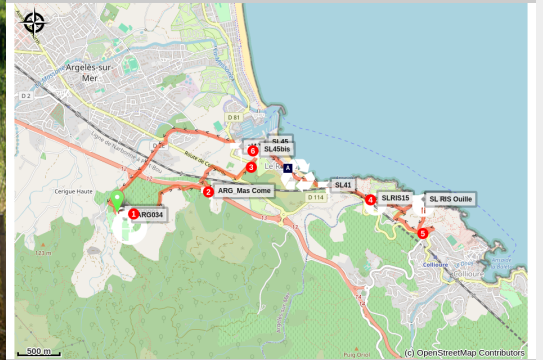


# The Porteils Coves (Mountain bike)

Albères - ARGELES SUR MER



(OMT Argeles sur mer)



## *Going down from the Ouille cove*

Argelès-sur-Mer with its beaches and coves. This route will make you discover the magnificent Cove of Ouille, at the gates of Collioure

## Useful information

Practice : Mountain Bike

Duration : 2 h

Length : 11.4 km

Trek ascent : 182 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Boucle

Themes : Flora, Point de vue

# Trek

Departure : Valmy carpark (mountain bike area)

Arrival : Valmy carpark (mountain bike area)

Markings : ▶ VTT

1. Cross the carpark and take the path behind the vine cellar and the panoramic restaurant « La Table de Valmy ». Pursue on the path which go through the vineyards until the Mas d'en Comes.
2. At the level of the ford, under the bridge of the fast road, follow the path of Priou , then cross the Collioure road to lead to the secure cycle path. Be careful to the intersection s (respect the highway code).
3. Take the direction of Le Racou, cross the hamlet and climb the fairly steep hill to a shale stone staircase. Admire the panorama of the start of the Vermeille Coast composed of a multitude of small coves including the Cove of Porteils. Be careful, this part of the trail that runs along the cliffs is very busy. At Crique de Porteils, continue straight ahead parallel to the railway until the entrance to Camping les Criques de Porteils.
4. Take the path along the stream "le Ravaner". On the left of the restaurant "L'imprévu", take the path that winds. Get off and push your bike because the slope is really very steep. Arriving on the flat, enjoy the 360 ° panorama.
5. Go down the road, retrieve the roundabout and take the road on the right (without going down to the campsite). At the level of the railway, take the path already used before to go to Racou.
6. Cross the road next to the boaters' car park. Join the dirt road in front of you and follow the route to the cycle path which will take you to Valmy.

# On your path...



Un petit recoin catalan : « Le Racou » (A)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

Follow the mountain bike's signs n ° 6 (blue)

## **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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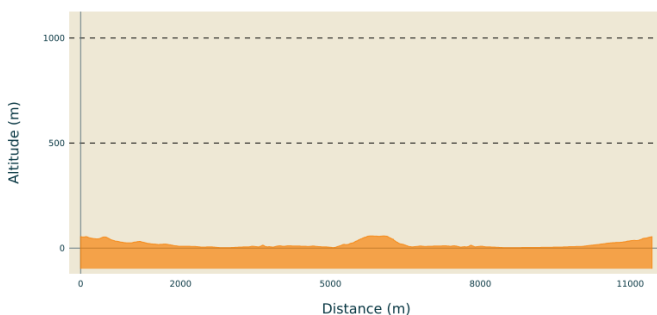


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## **Altimetric profile**



Min elevation 2 m  
Max elevation 58 m

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## 🏰 Un petit recoin catalan : « Le Racou » (A)

The term "Racou" means "nook" in Catalan. Located between rocky coast and sandy beach, it is one of the typical places of the Argelesian coastline. The first installations of "demountable" wooden cabins go back to the 1920s but will be destroyed during the German occupation. In the 1960s, the Racou already has three lines of houses. This place is almost a village in its own right. Through its tiny alleyways floats a retro atmosphere where there is good walking.

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