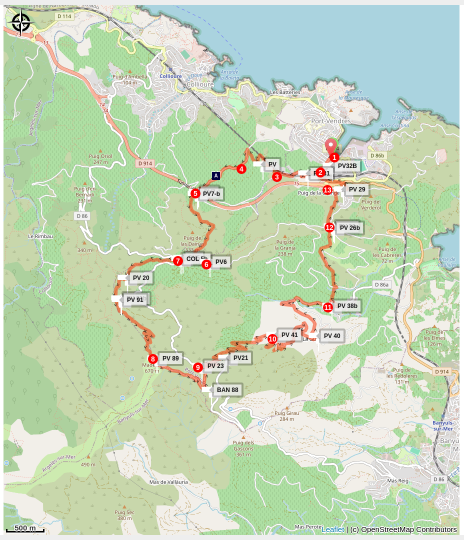
The Way of the forts

Côte Vermeille



(Frédéric Hedelin)



A hike around the Forts and the discovery of the charming village of Cosprons. The Madeloc Tower as a bonus.

It is a difficult Loop allowing to discover the local defense system. The village of Cosprons at the end of the route is a pleasant surprise. The view and vegetation throughout the circuit are additional assets.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 8 h

Length : 18.8 km

Trek ascent : 884 m

Difficulty : Hard

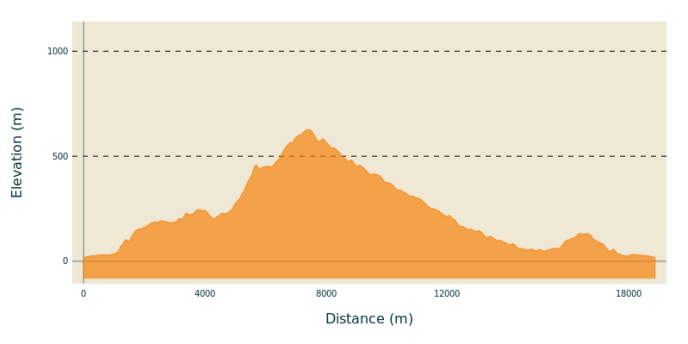
Type : Boucle

Themes : Flora

Trek

Departure : Tourist office of Port-Vendres
Arrival : Tourist office of Port-Vendres
Cities : 1. PORT-VENDRES
2. COLLIOURE
3. BANYULS SUR MER

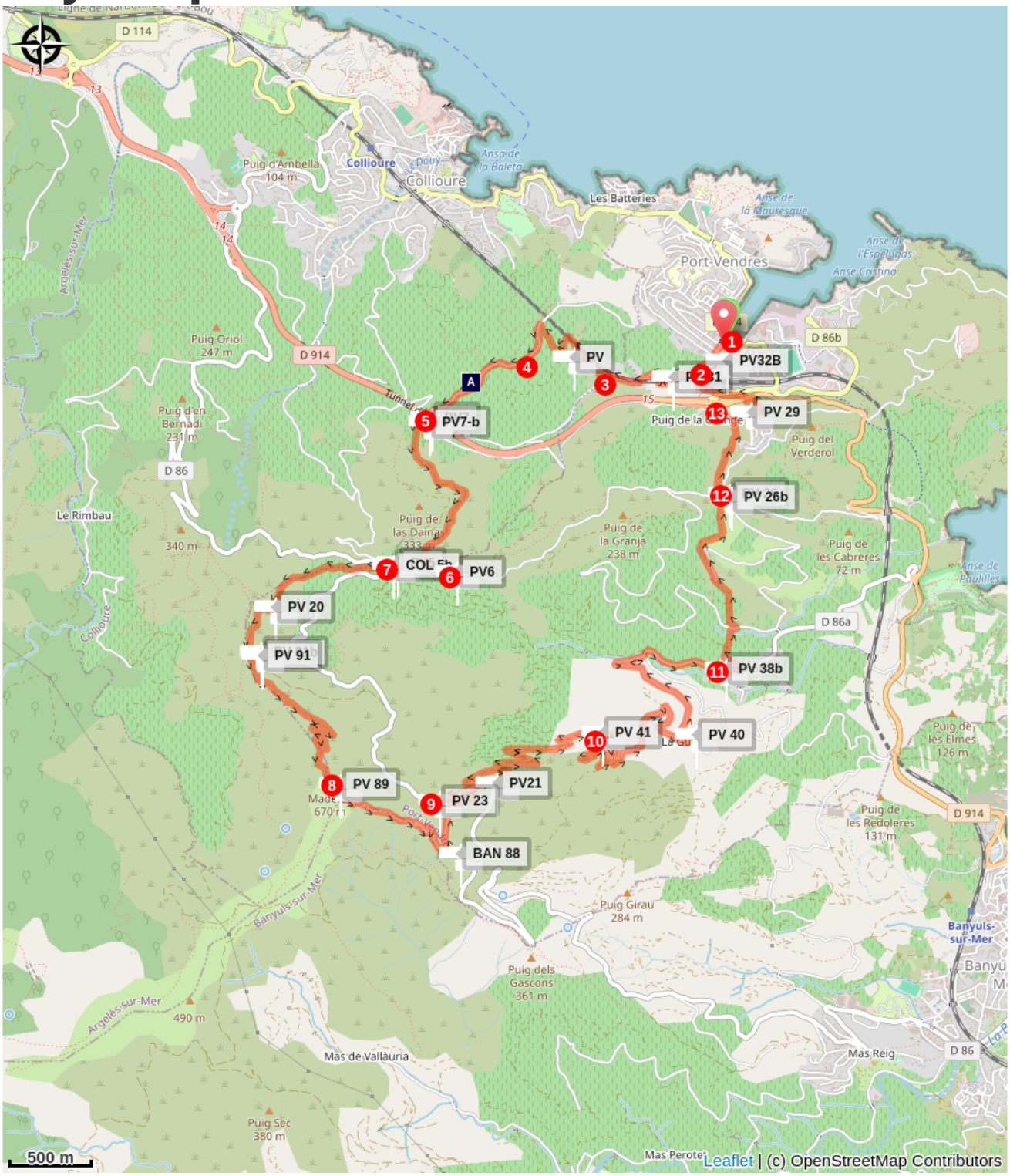
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 17 m Max elevation 626 m

1. From the Tourist Office, go right and go up to Place de la Castellane. Take straight on Strategic Route.
2. Turn right onto Chemin du Val de Pintes.
3. At the height of the dam, turn right on the vineyard route.
4. Arrive on Chemin del Coll de Mala Cara, turn left towards Fort Dugommier. At the fort, take the direction of Coll d'en Raixat.
5. At the crossroads, take the path on the left towards the Col de la Mala Cara.
6. At Col de la Mala Cara, turn right towards Col de Mollo.
7. At the Col de Mollo, go straight on the path which goes up to the Taillefer barracks then to the Col de Taillefer. Then go up to the Madeloc Tower.
8. Go down the tower via the tarmac road, passing the Batteries 500.
9. At this point, turn right onto Route des Crêtes and pass in front of the Batterie de la Galline.
10. Continue towards the village of Cosprons where you will pass in front of the “La Guinelle” vinegar factory .
11. Arrived in the village of Cosprons, take the direction of the chapel and the water tower. Cross the ford and take the uphill path, the mule drivers path. (yellow markings) towards Coll de Perdiguer.
12. Then go down towards the roundabout of the D914.
13. Cross the roundabout and turn left onto the path which follows the rails and overlooks the Port-Vendres station, pass the tunnel and arrive at the station. Go on Route Stratégique then towards Place de la Castellane and join the Tourist Office.

On your path...



Fort Dugommier (A)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

Do not forget to take water, a hat or cap and good walking shoes. Do not throw waste into the environment.

How to come ?

Transports

Bus 2€

Access

D914, D114, D86, D86b

Advised parking

Tourist Office car park

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:

Zone Natura 2000 Directive Oiseaux



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On your path...



Fort Dugommier (A)

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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