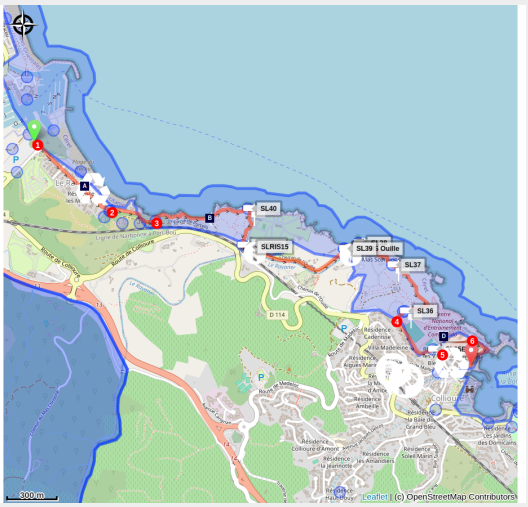
(E 12-Coastal Path/guide OTI) Le Racou - Collioure Tourist Office

Albères



(Frédéric Hédelin)



Sportively connect two emblematic sites of our region in a military-themed atmosphere...

This hike, featuring sublime viewpoints and a rich heritage, allows access to Collioure without the worry of finding parking. Coves, forts, artistic circuits, and many other beauties will delight you. Please note that access to the coves is not possible between Porteils Beach and Ouille Beach.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 2 h

Length : 4.5 km

Trek ascent : 103 m

Difficulty : Medium

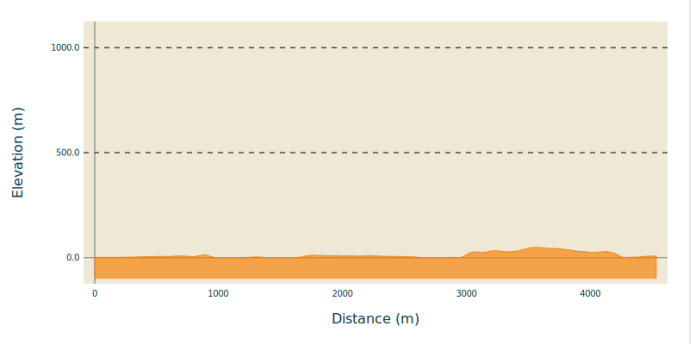
Type : Traversée

Themes : Flora, Point de vue, Architecture, Géologie, Histoire, Art, Littoral, Artisanat

Trek

Departure : Le Racou
Arrival : Tourist Office of Collioure
Cities : 1. ARGELES SUR MER
2. COLLIOURE

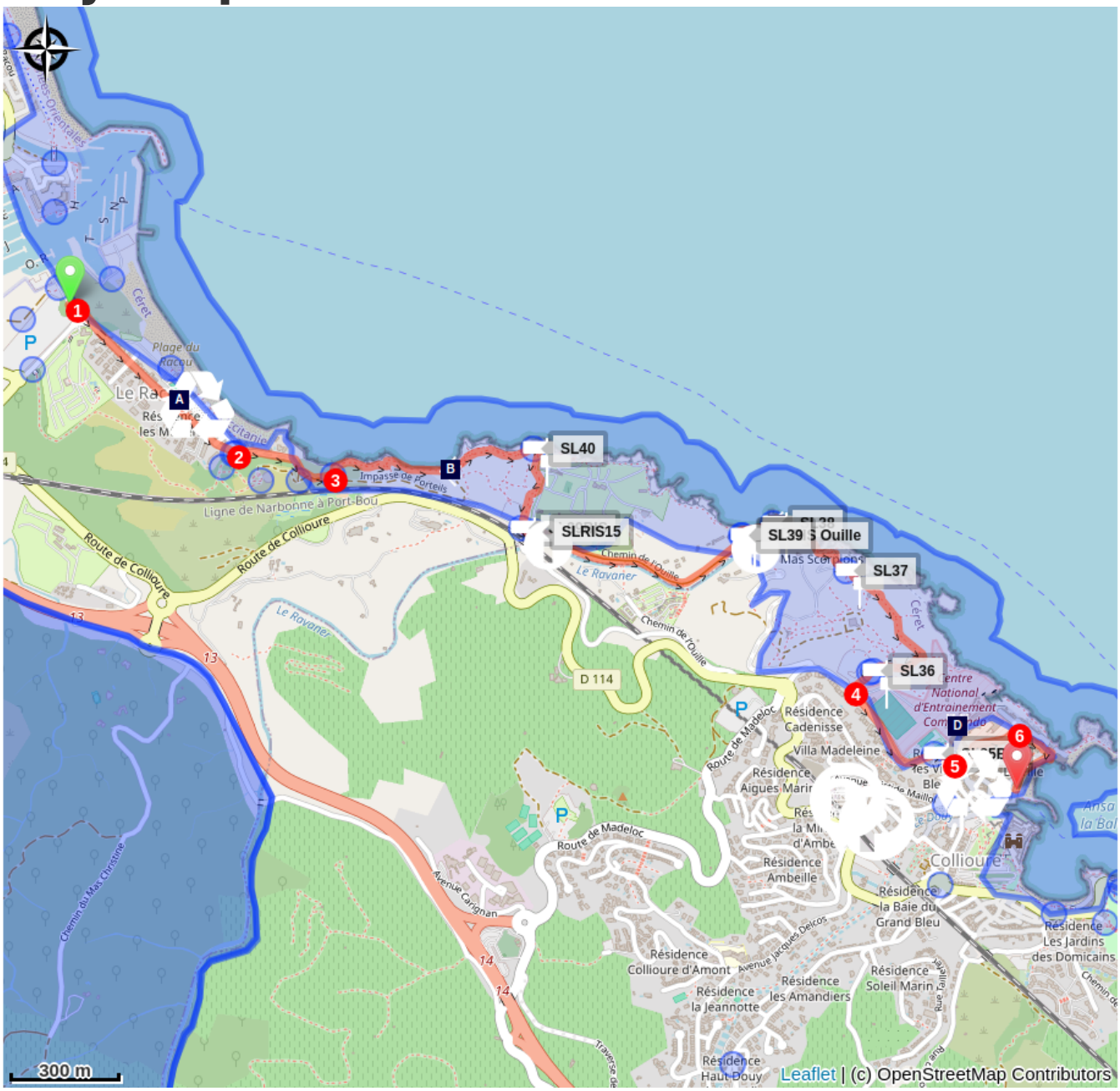
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 0 m Max elevation 49 m

1. Start from the parking lot and cross Le Racou along the beachfront.
2. Take the trail that ascends, making a detour to the panoramic viewpoint above, then return to the coastal path. Head towards the cove of Porteils and then to Ouille Beach. After Ravaner, large steps carved into the shale cliff lead up to the cliff top. Next, pass the concrete platform of a cannon, built during the German occupation, located on the left.
3. Descend towards the talweg and cross it using a wooden footbridge. Ascend to the gate of the property "d’en Bertrand. Continue straight under the wall. On the right, you'll see Fort Rond and Fort Carré, part of an 18th-century defensive system, and opposite, Fort Miradou, currently the National Commando Training Center (CNEC). Continue towards Collioure, noting Fort Carré and the Tour de l'étoile. Proceed until you reach the stadium parking lot.
4. Descend towards Collioure, taking Rue du Pla de las Fourques on the left.
5. Turn right at the roundabout and take the small street that climbs through Collioure's typical neighborhoods.
6. Then head towards Boramar Beach and the Tourist Office, making a detour to the small beach of Saint Vincent behind the church of the same name.

On your path...



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

Criques de Porteils (B)

Ouille Beach (C)

Fort Miradoux (D)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

You're enjoying nature, you love it, take care of it...

As you hike along this trail, you'll find regular waste collection points at your disposal. Out of respect for this exceptional space, frequented each month by tens of thousands of hikers and walkers, we kindly ask you to deposit all your waste (glass, paper, food scraps, etc.) at these collection points, including any litter you might unfortunately come across during your walk.

By adhering to these simple yet essential actions, let's preserve this site clean, just as nature graciously bestowed it upon us.

How to come ?

Transports

Bus 2€

Access

D 914, D114, D81

Advised parking

Parking at the entrance of Le Racou

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

On your path...



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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Criques de Porteils (B)

The largest cove in Argelès, stretching 180 meters, Porteils Cove isn't the easiest to find. Many smaller coves are scattered throughout the area, with access varying depending on the season. Generally, you'll find peace there, lulled by the waves of turquoise waters.

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Ouille Beach (C)

The beach of Ouille, between Collioure and Racou, is a real paradise. This confidential beach is mostly frequented by locals or customers of neighboring campsites. With its small pebbles, it extends about 100 meters below the cliffs of the Côte Vermeille. This beach, very quiet even in high season, however, is not monitored and parking to access is quite far. In short, a great place to be away from the crowd.

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Fort Miradoux (D)

In 1669, Vauban who wanted to make Collioure a garrison town, decided to shave the old town and create Fort Miradoux on the site of the old Fort Sainte-Thérèse built around 1540 by Charles V. This fort because of its location was of paramount importance in the defense of the castle. Today, Fort Miradoux, owned by the Army has become the National Commando Training Center (CNEC).

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