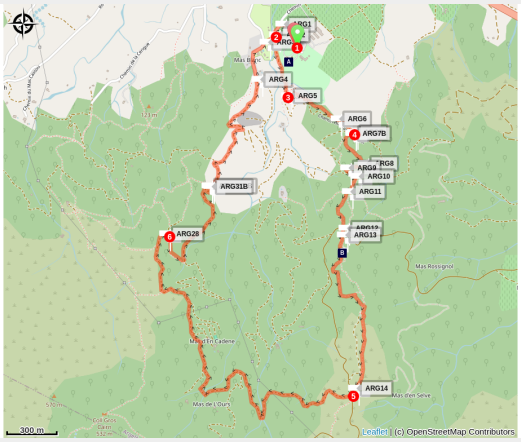
The Maquis Trail

Albères



(Elisabeth Coste)



A meeting with history along the way, among the farmhouses nestled in the maquis.

An intermediate-level route for hikers and trail runners, combining open panoramas with exceptional cultural heritage.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 3 h

Length : 8.6 km

Trek ascent : 443 m

Difficulty : Medium

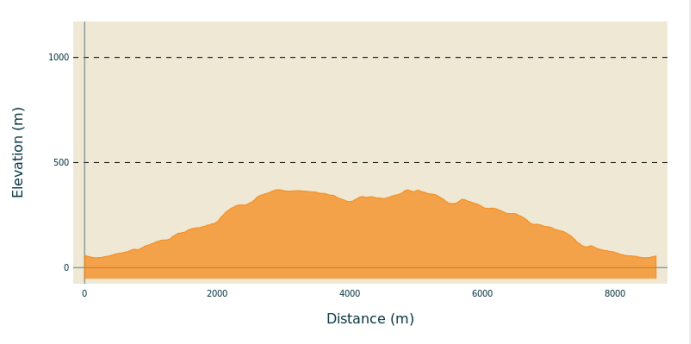
Type : Boucle

Themes : Flora, Point de vue, Architecture, Géologie, Histoire, Patrimoine

Trek

Departure : Valmy Castle
Arrival : Valmy Castle
Cities : 1. ARGELES SUR MER

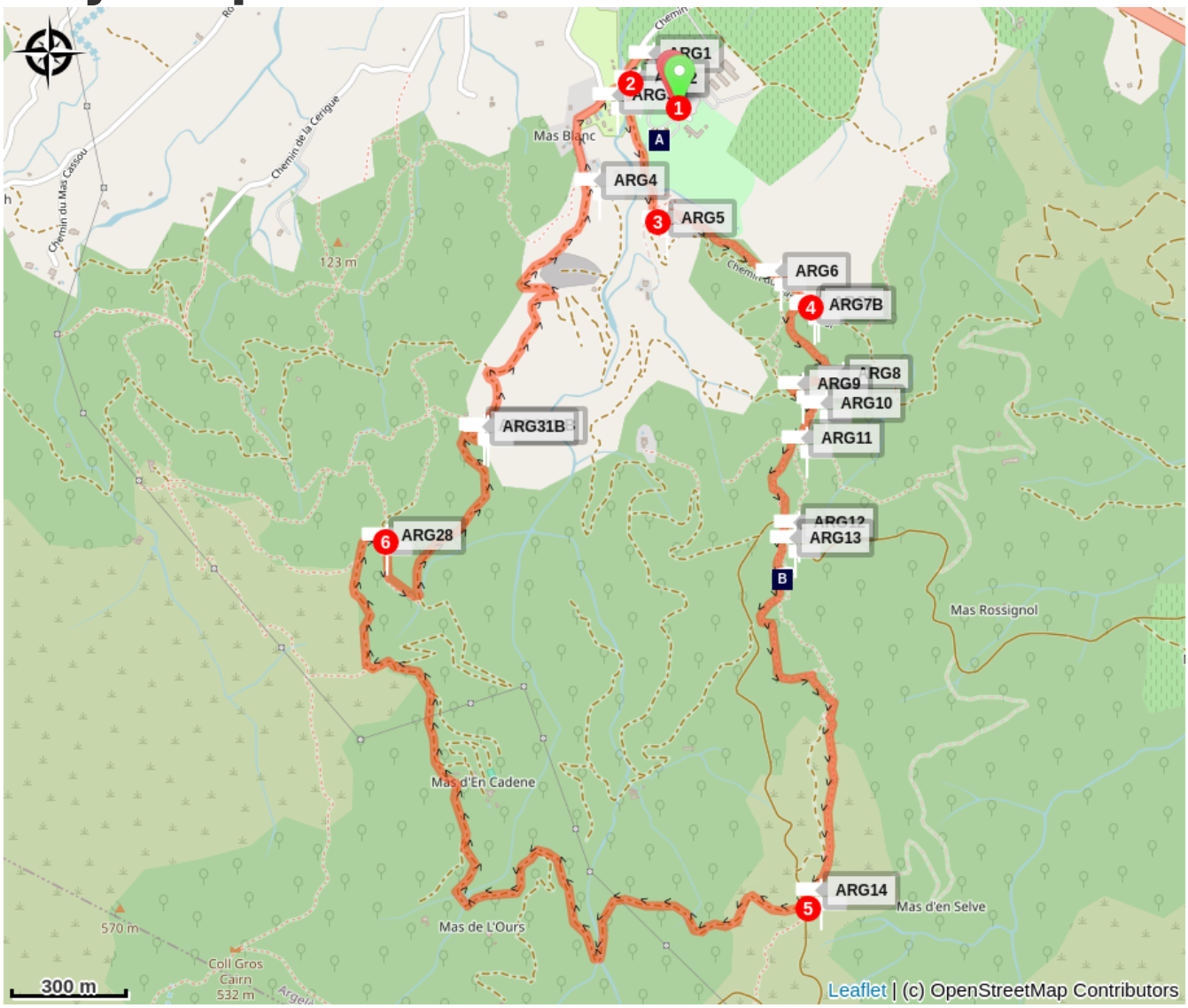
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 47 m Max elevation 371 m

1. From the car park, walk back down the road and head towards the Mimosas campsite.
2. Before reaching the campsite, take the track on the left.
3. Continue, keeping to the left.
4. Follow the direction signs for the dolmens.
5. Then follow the signs towards Saint-Laurent-du-Mont Chapel (AL29 track).
6. After admiring this beautiful chapel and the ori located below it, head back down towards Valmy Castle via the DFCI track.

On your path...



Château de Valmy (A)

Dolmen dels Collets de Cotlliure (B)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

Bring plenty of water and a snack. Wear proper hiking shoes, a windbreaker, and a cap or hat. Check the weather forecast before setting off and stay on marked trails. Take all your litter back with you.

How to come ?

Transports

Bus 2€

Access

D914

Advised parking

Valmy Castle 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...



Château de Valmy (A)

An amazing space leaning against the Albères, embracing the vineyards and the Mediterranean: welcome to the Château de Valmy. Art Nouveau style, it is the work of the Danish architect Viggo Petersen. It is Pierre Bardou, a Peruvian industrialist creator of the brand JOB, who controls this castle for his daughter Jeanne from 1888 to 1900. His descendants are still owners of the castle. They relaunched the wine business and created guest rooms at the Château. Go check it out !

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Dolmen dels Collets de Cotlliure (B)

Find this dolmen on the path that connects the Château de Valmy to the Tour de la Massane. The path will lead you first to the Dolmen de la Cova de l'Alarb, then you will arrive directly at the Dolmen del Collets area. Open your eyes and look around. The dolmen is there but in poor condition.

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