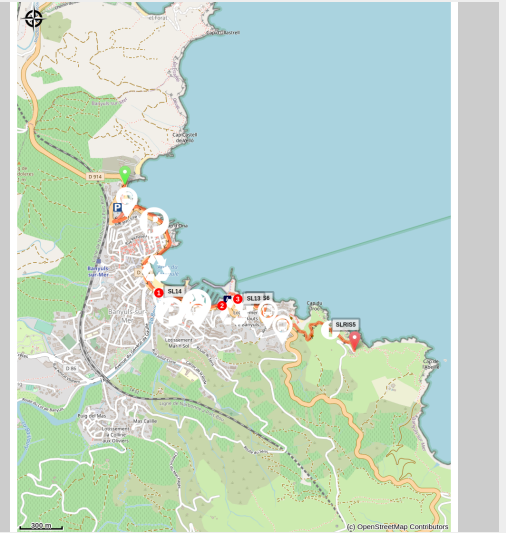


# Sentier littoral - Crossing of Banyuls-sur-Mer

Côte Vermeille - BANYULS SUR MER



Point de vue depuis le Laboratoire Arago (Gilles Martinez)

## *From Art to Science*

Une petite baignade dans une crique pendant votre randonnée sur le Sentier littoral? La CCACVI vous permet de retrouver la qualité des eaux de baignade mise à jour quotidiennement sur la Côte Vermeille pendant la saison estivale. Tous les résultats sont accessibles en [cliquant ici](#)

## Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 3.5 km

Trek ascent : 118 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Traversée

Themes : Fauna, Flora, Point de vue, Histoire, Littoral

Accessibility : Fauteuil roulant, Poussette

# Trek

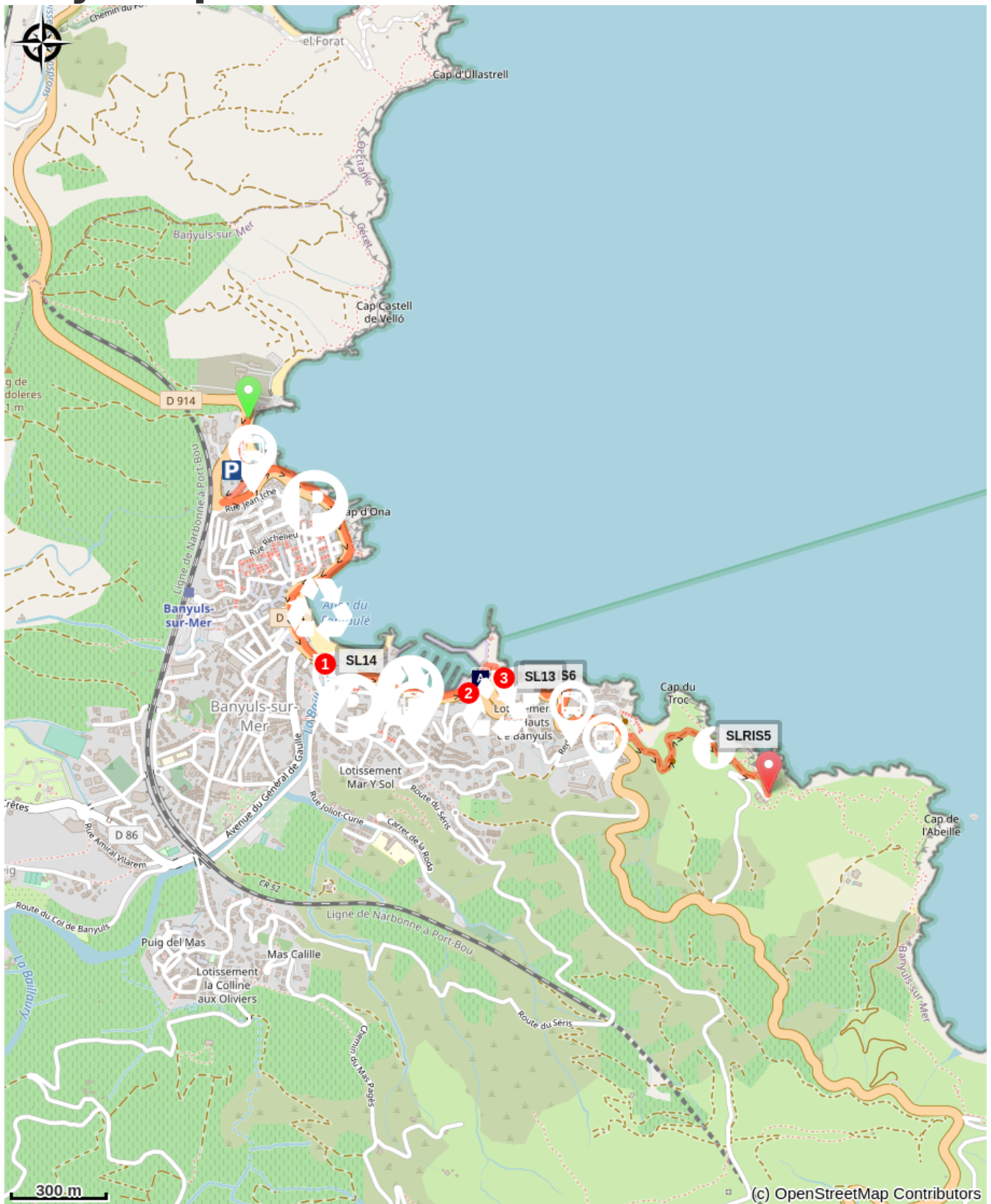
Departure : Plage des Elmes

Arrival : Water treatment plant

Markings :  PR

1. Turn left on the pavement towards Cap d'Osne and continue down to the central beach . Continue along past the bars and restaurants to arrive in front of the tourism office, where we can admire a statue of native son, Aristide Maillol ("L'île de France sans bras").
2. Continue in direction of the Arago Laboratory (Aquarium) by the Alleys Maillol. Here you can see another sculpture by the artist Maillol ("La jeune fille allongée") . At the port entrance (classified « Port de terroir »), continue on the path in front of the Arago laboratoy that leads to the Grosse Island..
3. Turn right at the end of the building ~~turn right~~ and take the stairs that lead to the RD 914. At the beginning of the 1880's after building the Marine Station of Roscoff, on the Manche sea, the zoologist of the Sorbonne, Henri de Lacaze Duthiers (1821—1901) decided to explore the Mediterranean Coast to and to establish a second station. The rocky coast near Spain offered a variety of habitats and organisms. Henri De Lacaze Duthiers, attracted by Banyuls sur mer, decided to build his new laboratory there.

# On your path...



 Arago Laboratory (A)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

### **You enjoy nature, You like it, take care of it...**

Along the hiking trail, rubbish bins are at your disposal. Every month over tens of thousands of hikers and walkers visit this exceptional site. Please do not litter and use the rubbish bins (glass, plastic, rubbish etc...). Also, please dispose of any litter you might find along the trail. Help keep this site clean with simple yet essential gestures. Lets give back to nature what nature gave us

## **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.



### **Réserve Naturelle Marine de Cerbère-Banyuls**

Sensitivity period: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, Decembre

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## **Zone Natura 2000 Directive Habitat**

Sensitivity period:

Zone Natura 2000 Directive Oiseaux

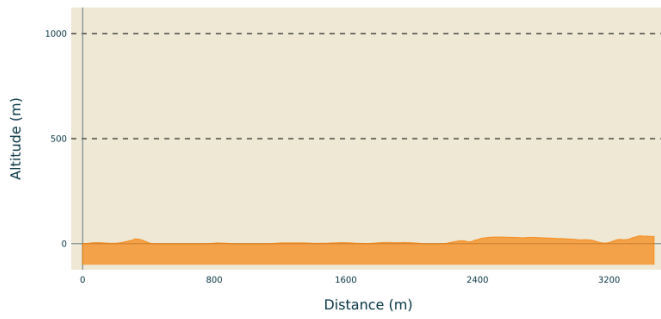


### **Zone Natura 2000 Directive Oiseaux**

Sensitivity period:

Zone Natura 2000 Directive oiseaux

## **Altimetric profile**



Min elevation 0 m  
Max elevation 37 m

## Transports

Bus stop : République Avenue

## Access

By the RD 914, Possibility of parking at Elmes'carpark.

# On your path...

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## Arago Laboratory (A)

In the early 1880s, the zoologist Henri De Lacaze Duthiers prospected the Mediterranean Coast to establish a marine station. In 1882, the Arago Laboratory opened its doors at its current location, and the public aquarium was inaugurated in 1884. The laboratory welcomed scientists who wanted to advance marine science. The research structures were regularly expanded to welcome new researchers who contributed to the renown of the laboratory.

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