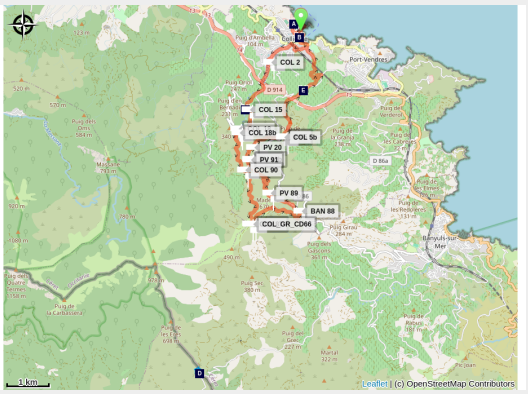
Harvest Trail

Côte Vermeille



(Hugues Argences)



On September 28 and 29, 2019, there was a weekend of trail running in the heart of the vineyards, between the Bay of Collioure and the Tour de Madeloc.

Useful information

Practice : Trail running

Duration : 3 h

Length : 18.5 km

Trek ascent : 1075 m

Difficulty : Hard

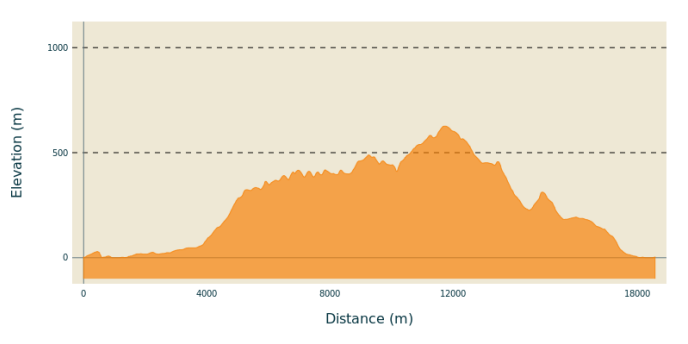
Type : Boucle

Themes : Sommet, Point de vue, Histoire, Montagne, Patrimoine

Trek

Departure : Boramar beach
Arrival : Boramar beach
Cities : 1. COLLIOURE
2. ARGELES SUR MER
3. BANYULS SUR MER
4. PORT-VENDRES

Altimetric profile



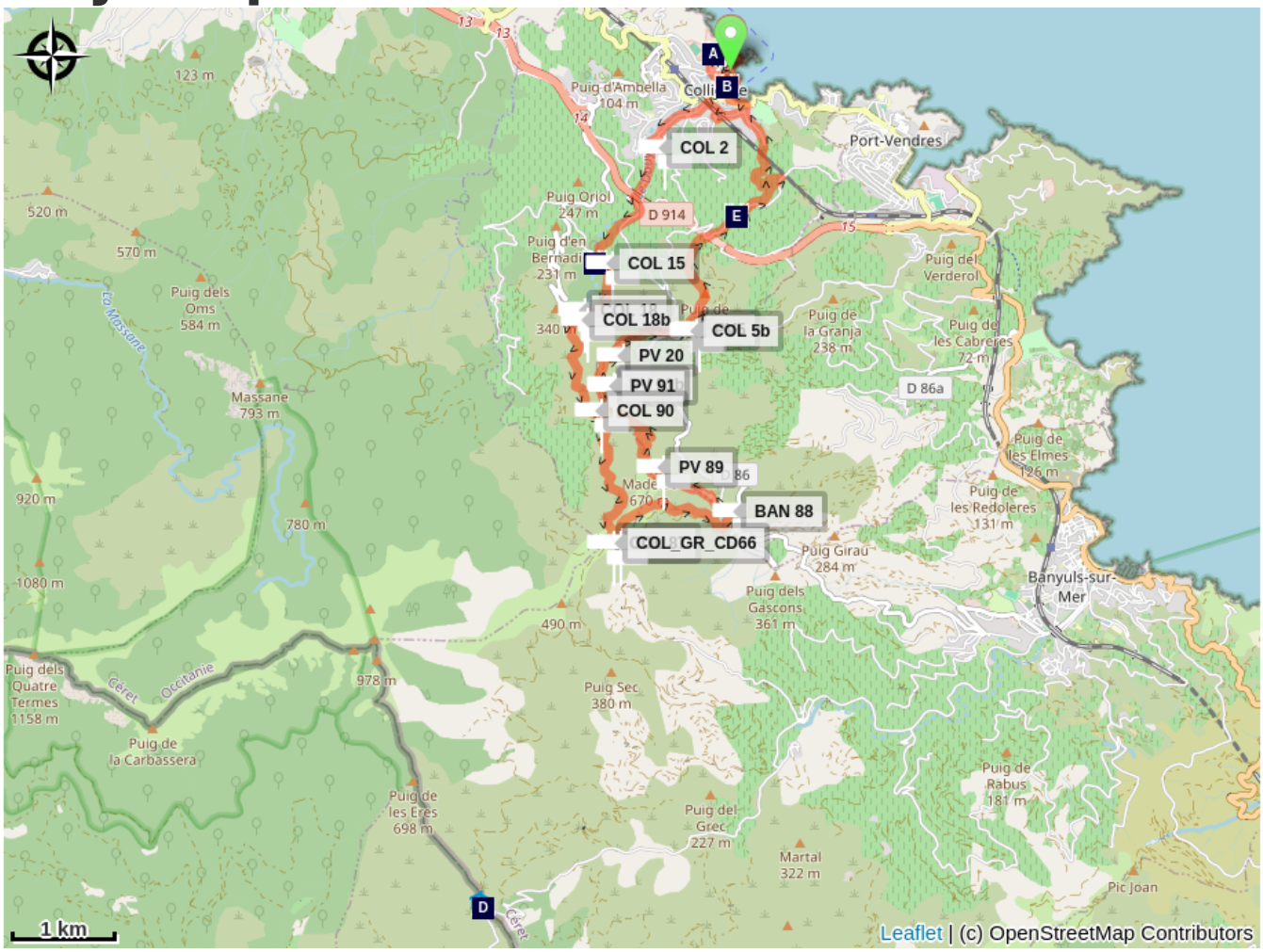
Min elevation 0 m Max elevation 626 m

The event described is a challenging trail race that takes place amidst the stunning natural landscapes between Collioure Bay and the Madeloc Tower, held in late September. This trail, which features rugged terrain, steep ascents, and long distances, is designed for mountain trail runners.

Starting from the Boramar beach, the course takes participants up through the scenic route to Notre-Dame de Consolation, before continuing the steep climb toward the Madeloc Tower, the highest point of the race at 670 meters. The descent towards Collioure follows a ridgeline, passing through the Taillefer pass and Col de Mollo, before weaving between the Fort Dugommier and Fort St-Elme. The race concludes at the foot of the Château Royal in Collioure.

The trail is suited for experienced runners who enjoy mountain races, though parts of the route are on paved roads. The course record is set at 1 hour, 30 minutes, and 43 seconds.

On your path...



Fort Miradoux (A)

Royal Castle of Collioure (B)

Ermitage Notre Dame de Consolation (C)

Col de Banyuls-sur-Mer (D)

Fort Dugommier (E)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

Before embarking on a trail run, it's important to check the weather conditions as well as any access restrictions to the mountain areas, particularly during fire vigilance periods. Additionally, respecting the work of farmers, landowners, and operators is crucial. Ensure gates are closed after passing through, and avoid cutting across fields when following the trail routes. Be responsible and take your litter back to designated waste collection points at the start of your hike.

Trail routes are also well-suited for hiking.

How to come ?

Transports

Bus 1€

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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On your path...



Fort Miradoux (A)

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).

Attribution : admin66pm



Royal Castle of Collioure (B)

Built in the 13th century to house the court of the Kings of Majorca, the Royal Castle of Collioure has been listed as a historical monument since 1922. Reinforced many times, the castle eventually pushed the city back to the foot of the cape turned into a citadel in the 17th century. It is inseparable from Collioure as the city can not be separated from the sea. To return to the heart of the world of the Royal Castle of Collioure, do not forget the guided tours!

Attribution : CCACVI



Ermitage Notre Dame de Consolation (C)

The Hermitage of Our Lady of Consolation dates, according to the oldest writings, to 1496. According to some, the building was built on an old site of pagan worship. Numerous hermitages line the Massif des Albères testifying to the rise of these buildings during the 17th century. This hermitage is also very nice to take a break along your hike. In the shade of the trees, you will be able to take advantage of the place to have a picnic in complete tranquility.

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Col de Banyuls-sur-Mer (D)

This incredibly wild and unspoiled site, which serves as the border between France and Spain, has been the scene of many twists and turns in the history of refugees. Discover the beauty of the place and let yourself be amazed by the unique panorama of the site.

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Fort Dugommier (E)

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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