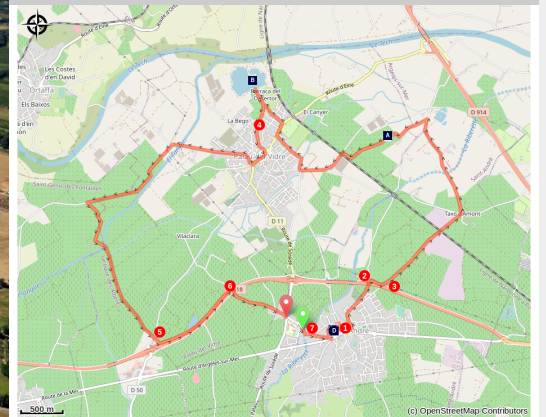


# "Loop of Albères" Nature has come knocking

Albères - ST ANDRE



(Frédéric Hédelin)



*Bike ride to discover the natural heritage around the villages of Albères.*

## Useful information

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Practice : Cycling

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Duration : 1 h 30

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Length : 15.4 km

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Trek ascent : 62 m

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Difficulty : Easy

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Type : Boucle

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Themes : Flora, Histoire, Plaine

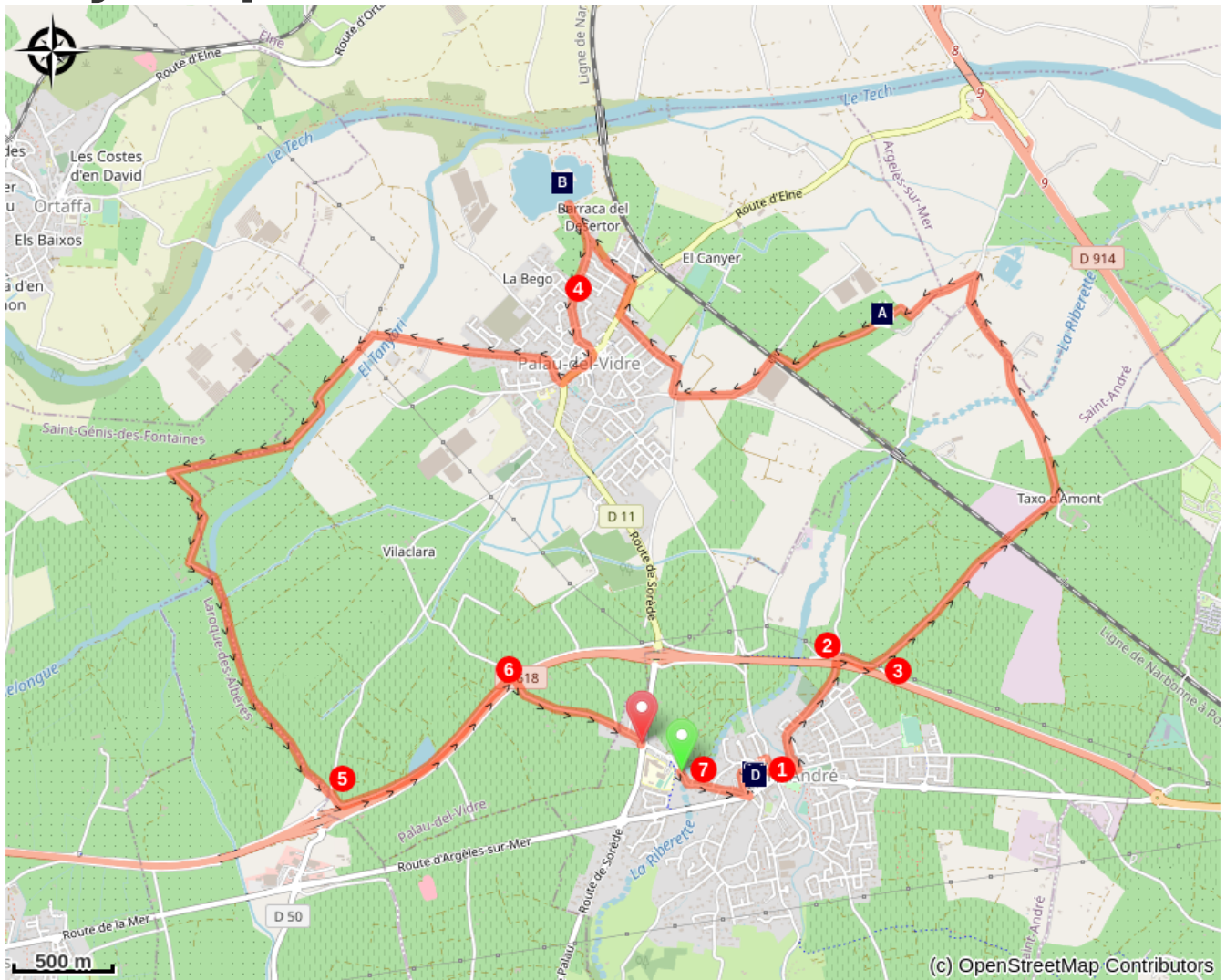
# Trek

Departure : Car park of the city hall of Sorède

Arrival : Car park of the city hall of Sorède

1. When you leave the town hall car park, go to the right and start following the signs. Leave Saint André in the direction of Taxo.
2. Take a portion of cycle path 1 that you leave quickly
3. You will reach "La ferme de découverte". Continue your road towards Palau-del-Vidre. Arriving in the village, you cross the main road to get to the lake of San Marti, now, turn around and advance for 200m.
4. Continue straight to reach the heart of the village and then head towards Ortaffa. You pass the activity site "Rando et Chariots".
5. Continuing your way, you return again on the cycle path.
6. Leave the cycle path passing under the expressway and go, on the dirt road, towards Saint-André.
7. Attention, at the school 's level, you have to borrow a fording; it can sometimes be closed after heavy showers. End your route in the historic center of Saint André.


# On your path...



 Ferme de découverte de Saint-André (A)

 Church of Saint André (C)

 Sant Marti Lake in Palau (B)

 Maison de l'art roman de Saint André (D)

# All useful information

## Environmental sensitive areas

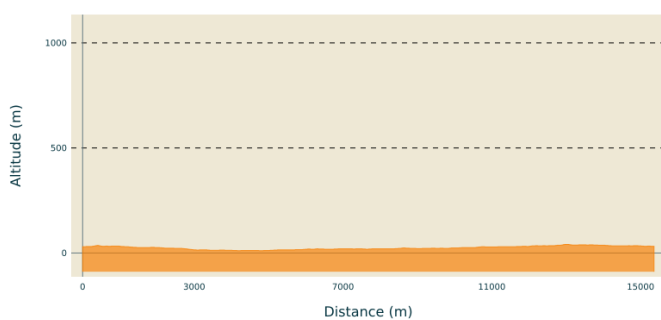
Along your trek, you will go through sensitive areas related to the presence of a specific species or environment. In these areas, an appropriate behaviour allows to contribute to their preservation. For detailed information, specific forms are accessible for each area.

## Zone Natura 2000 Directive Habitat

Sensitivity period:

Zone Natura 2000 Directive Oiseaux

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 11 m  
Max elevation 41 m

## Advised parking

Parking de la Mairie

# On your path...

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## Ferme de découverte de Saint-André (A)

A veritable conservatory, the “Discovery Farm” contributes to the knowledge of species and biodiversity, as well as to the safeguarding of certain endangered species. An astonishing variety of sheep from the five continents can be observed. Some 300 animals are to be discovered on 3 hectares through fun and educational routes.

Attribution : Ferme découverte

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## Sant Marti Lake in Palau (B)

This magnificent lake has been landscaped with a wide variety of plants for the enjoyment of walkers. Health trails and games for children also decorate this place for the enjoyment of all. It is also and above all a true fisherman's paradise. Here fishing permits are sold by the day.

Attribution : Mairie de Palau

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## Church of Saint André (C)

Romanesque church classified as a historic monument, it was the church abbey of a Benedictine monastery in medieval times. Built between 10th and 12th centuries, it houses magnificent marble sculptures from the 11th and 12th centuries, notably a lintel in sculpted marble from the 11th century - akin to that of St Genis des Fontaines - which marks the 1st Romanesque sculpture in

Roussillon! Guided tours offered in season by La Maison d'art roman”,

Attribution : mairie de Saint André

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## Maison de l'art roman de Saint André (D)

This interpretation center is dedicated to the old Romanesque abbey of Saint-André (current parish church). It allows the discovery of Romanesque art in a fun and interactive way. You can admire copies of medieval sculptures preserved on the site or scattered in other places in the department. The permanent exhibition presents the history and pre-Romanesque and Romanesque architecture of the former Benedictine abbey of Saint-André. It places them in their context in Catalonia

Attribution : mairie de Saint André

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