The Hérault waterfalls - long

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Belvédère sur les cascades de l'Hérault (Régis Descamps)



A path exploring the first kilometres of the River Hérault, before its waters rush down the steep slopes to the Mediterranean.

From the spring of the river Hérault (Prat Peyrot), this path winds through the forest on the steep southern slopes of Mont Aigoual. Dotted with varied texts on fauna, flora and forest management, referred to in the leaflet, it makes its way to a spectacular viewpoint over the Hérault waterfalls.

Useful information

Practice : Discovery trails

Duration : 2 h 30

Length : 5.4 km

Trek ascent : 207 m

Difficulty : Medium

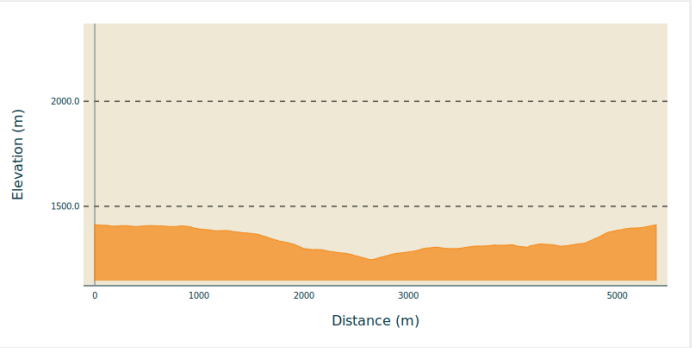
Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna and flora, Water and geology

Trek

Departure : AltiAigoual resort (Prat Peyrot)
Arrival : AltiAigoual resort (Prat Peyrot)
Markings : découverte PNC
Cities : 1. Meyrueis
2. Val-d'Aigoual

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1246 m Max elevation 1412 m

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River capture (A)

All useful information

Is in the midst of the park

The national park is an unrestricted natural area but subjected to regulations which must be known by all visitors.

Advices

Narrow and craggy path – firm shoes are essential.
Do not leave the path as this environment is unstable and very delicate. Horse-riding or mountain-biking are not allowed on or adapted to discovery trails.

How to come ?

Transports

LiO is the regional public transport service of the Occitanie/ Pyrénées – Méditerranée region. It facilitates everyone’s movements by prioritising public transport. For more information, go to www.lio.laregion.fr

Access

Starting at Part Peyrot: D48 from Le Vigan via the Col de la Serreyrède pass or else D18 from Lozère via the Col du Perjuret pass

Advised parking

Prat Peyrot

Information desks

Tourism & national parc'house
Col de la Serreyrède, 30570 Val d'Aigoual

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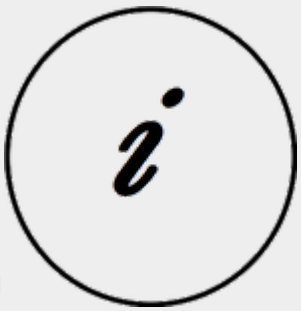

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River capture (A)

Violent precipitation and the steep gradient of Mediterranean torrents cause regressive (i.e. upstream) erosion of the valleys through which they flow. This erosion can invert the sense of flow and thus “capture” for the Mediterranean a waterway that had, until then, flowed into the Atlantic. One example is the Hérault with its waterfalls, the capture being located at the falls. The Hérault and the Dauphine brook used to flow via L'Espérou into the Dourbie... River pebbles found around the village by geologists attest to the existence of a waterway in the past.

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