

# The epanchoir short - Canal du Midi

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## A family walk along the Canal du Midi

Discover the port by picturing its economic activity in the 19th century with the shipment of wheat, wood from the Montagne Noire, marble from Caunes and at the beginning of the 20th century as a shipping centre for Minervois wines. Then enjoy the sites and engineering structures that punctuate the Canal du Midi: Le Pont du Canal bridge "Passelis", the former inn of La Dinée (built at the time of the creation of the Canal and which was used as a stopover for boatmen and users of the Canal) the Aqueduct, and finally: the Epanchoir (Spillway) de l'Argent Double (listed as a historical monument) an aqueduct bridge designed on plans by Vauban and which allows the overflow of water to be evacuated during high floods.

### Useful information

Practice : By foot

Duration : 1 h

Length : 3.7 km

Trek ascent : 55 m

Difficulty : Very easy

Type : Boucle

Themes : Archéologie et histoire, Canal du Midi

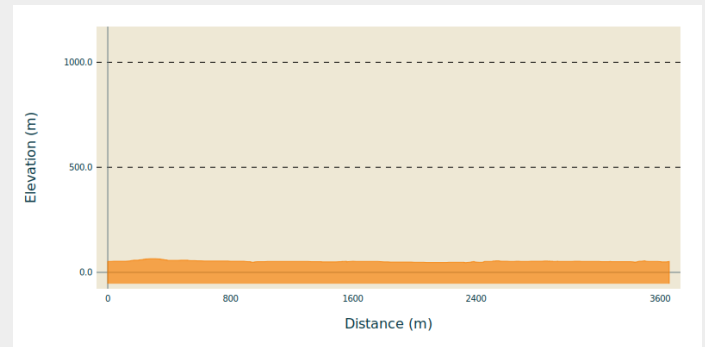
# Trek

**Departure** : LA REDORTE - Port la Fabrique

**Arrival** : LA REDORTE - Port la Fabrique

**Cities** : 1. La Redorte

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 46 m Max elevation 65 m

## Signs: Yellow markings

Start from the Port. In front of the canal, turn left to take the passage of the tree nurseries (direction North), then cross the RD 11 and the cemetery parking lot.

Climb the embankment and go along the cemetery wall (direction North). At the path, turn left and go down along the cemetery, then turn right onto a path lined with many olive trees (direction East).

In front of the canal, turn left and cross the bridge over the Argent-Double river, "Le Passelis". Follow the towpath. You will pass in front of "La Dinée", currently the operation centre of the Voies Navigables de France (Navigable Waterways of France), then in front of the "Drain de La Dinée" or aqueduct, on the left, which collects by drainage the waters of the plain of Azille.

Pass over the stone bridge of the Canal du Midi, on the right (direction South).

Go towards the "Métairie (farmhouse) du Bois", which is bypassed on the left. You will soon pass the old (dilapidated) lavoir of the Métairie.

Then take the path on the right just before the small lake (trout fishing). Go along the Argent-Double river and cross the "Petit Bois" which is much appreciated for its shade in the summer.

Cross the river on a small bridge. We arrive in front of the Epanchoir. Climb up to the Epanchoir and cross it. Pass under the bridge of the RD 11 and continue along the canal until the next bridge (road of Puichéric), turn right to cross the bridge.

At the end of the bridge, turn left into a small passageway that goes down towards the port.

# On your path...



# All useful information

## **Advices**

Attention pont facilement submersible

## **How to come ?**

Transports

[RTCA - Ligne A](#)

Access

D11

Advised parking

Port la Fabrique

## **Information desks**

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