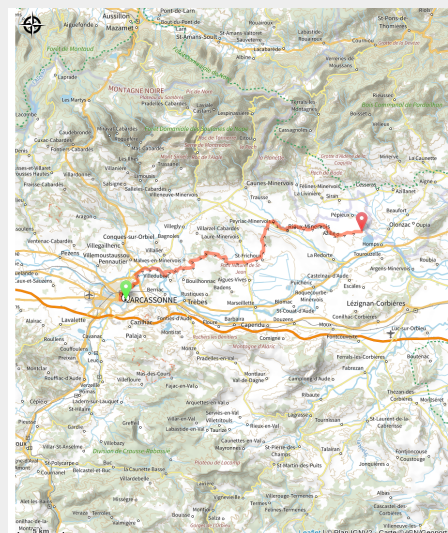


GR 78 Camin Romieu from Azille to Carcassonne

Canal du midi - Carcassonne



(JJ Gelbart - AFCC)



Throughout medieval Occitania, the romieu, or romiu (sometimes francised as "roumieu"), is the pilgrim: both the one who goes to Rome and the one who takes the same paths but heads west, walking towards Santiago de Compostela.

Between Azille and Carcassonne, a rare occurrence, the trace of these pilgrimages has been inscribed in the toponymy: an old path still bears the name of camin romieu.

Whether you come from Beziers and Capestang via the Canal du Midi or start from Homps at the lake of Jouarres, you will discover the vineyards and typical villages of the Minervois.

Useful information

Practice : By foot

Duration : 2 days

Length : 41.6 km

Trek ascent : 428 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Traversée

Themes : Archéologie et histoire,
Gîte d'étape, Canal du Midi

Trek

Departure : Azille , lake of Jouarres

Arrival : Carcassonne

Markings :  GR

Cities : 1. Carcassonne

2. Villemoustaussou

3. Villalier

4. Villedubert

5. Bouilhonnac

6. Malves-en-Minervois

7. Laure-Minervois

8. Aigues-Vives

9. Saint-Frichoux

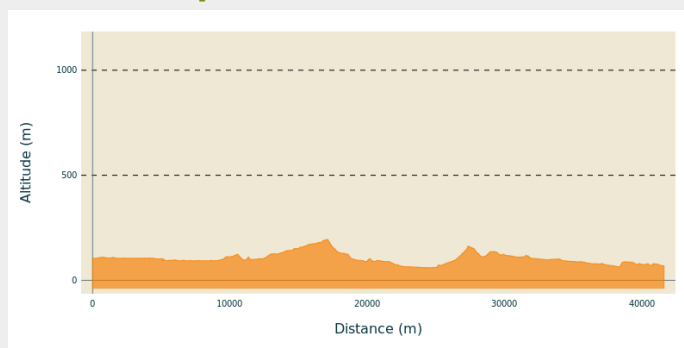
10. Peyriac-Minervois

11. Rieux-Minervois

12. Azille

13. Pépieux

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 60 m Max elevation 195 m

Towns crossed : Carcassonne, Villemoustaussou, Villalier, Villedubert, Bouilhonnac, Malves-en-Minervois, Laure-Minervois, Aigues-Vives, Saint-Frichoux, Peyriac-Minervois, Rieux-Minervois, Azille, Pépieux

Signs : Red and white

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** WARNING: This is a global description of the part from Azille to Carcassonne. For more details on this trail, the purchase of the IGN map or the guidebook is recommended.*

Passing by the lake of Jouarres and the village of Azille, reach Rieux Minervois and discover its heptagonal church and its sculptures by the Master of Cabestany as well as the statue of St Jacques, on the way to Compostela (pilgrim accommodation).

From Azille to Peyriac-Minervois, the path follows the old railway line from Moux to Caunes-Minervois, which is now a shaded greenway.

Once in Peyriac-Minervois, it bends southwards to reach Saint-Frichoux, a village on a small hill overlooking the depression of the Marseillette's swampland.

From there, the path heads west again, towards Malves-en-Minervois (pilgrim accommodation) to Carcassonne along the canal du Midi (shared route with the GR36.)

You can then carry on the chemin de St Jacques de Compostelle (Way of St. James) to Fanjeaux, Mirepoix etc...

On your path...



All useful information

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