

# La Grotte des Maquisards - The resistants cave

Montagne Noire - Trassanel



*Near to the GR 36 and the giant chasm of Cabrespine, a nice walk on the Mediterranean slope of the Montagne Noire and its limestone landscapes.*

Important place of Aude's resistance during WWII, Trassanel's maquis saw 41 men die, including the mayor and head of the maquis Antoine Armagnac, during a manhunt led by German troops at the start of august 1944. During this tragedy, resistant found shelter in the cave that you will be able to see during the trek. A stele is erected nearby.

## Useful information

Practice : By foot

Duration : 3 h

Length : 6.2 km

Trek ascent : 404 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Boucle

Themes : Flora, Point de vue, Archéologie et histoire

# Trek

**Departure** : TRASSANEL

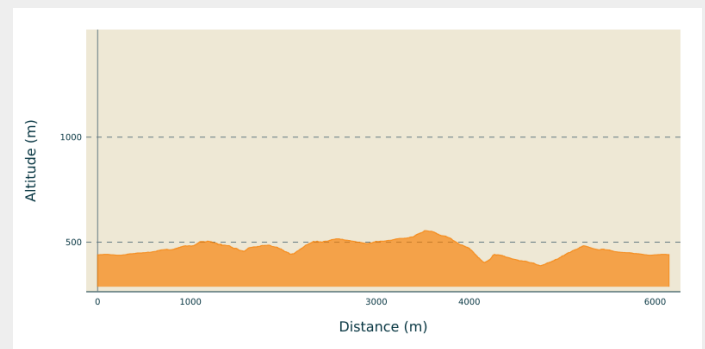
**Arrival** : TRASSANEL

**Markings** : — PR

**Cities** : 1. Trassanel

2. Cabrespine

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 388 m    Max elevation 555 m

## Yellow mark with a circle

Departure from the parking lot on the left before the village's entrance.

Leave the parking lot and go towards the village. Once at the first house, turn right onto rue du 8 Aout 1944.

About 100 meters later, outside of the village, take the path on the right towards the Maquis stele.

Behind it, on the left, the path carries on through vegetation with some difficult passages on the rocks : be careful when the weather is humid.

Once you have crossed "Laure's gulch", you will need to go up a little in order to cross another gulch a bit further : "Matte Arnaude's" one.

Then go up through a more dense vegetation that will shield you from the sun.

There is a path through a small wall in the shadow of some oak trees.

Once at the pass, go slightly on the right on a relatively flat path for 1 km : please remember to close all three gates.

Soon after, you will encounter a cross-path : turn right to go slightly up. Soon, you will come across a fork.

Turn right and admire a beautiful point of view, then go down for 500 meters until the Coroluna cave.

Carry on going down until Escoles ravine, then go back up.

At the cross-path, turn left. You will walk in front of another bigger cave that was used as a shelter by the resistance.

There is a commemorative plaque above the entrance.

While passing by, it would be nice to have a thought towards them : "they died for

FRANCE and FREEDOM".

Follow the itinerary towards the stream (it can be dry sometimes).

Walk back up for 90 m bringing you back to the Maquis stele .

Go back to Trassanel village in order to go back to the parking lot.

# On your path...



# All useful information

## How to come ?

Advised parking

Parking à gauche avant l'entrée du village.

## Information desks

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