

A Mediterranean bird festival

Aureille



A la découverte des oiseaux des Alpilles (©Jason Gaydier - PNR Alpilles)

An easy walking path around the Opies during which you will easily see all the rare or typical species of the Alpilles.

"I love to walk on the old transhumance route that connects the Alpilles to Crau. The simplicity and beauty of the landscape seem to amaze me every time, and here we can find an extraordinary biodiversity. All the beauty and richness of the site are seen through the beautiful light of a spring morning with the concert of bird songs and watching rare species: Black-eared wheatear, Southern grey hrike, Bonelli's Eagle ... " Lisbeth Zechner, project manager of LIFE at the RNP of the Alpilles.

Useful information

Practice : WALKING

Duration : 4 h

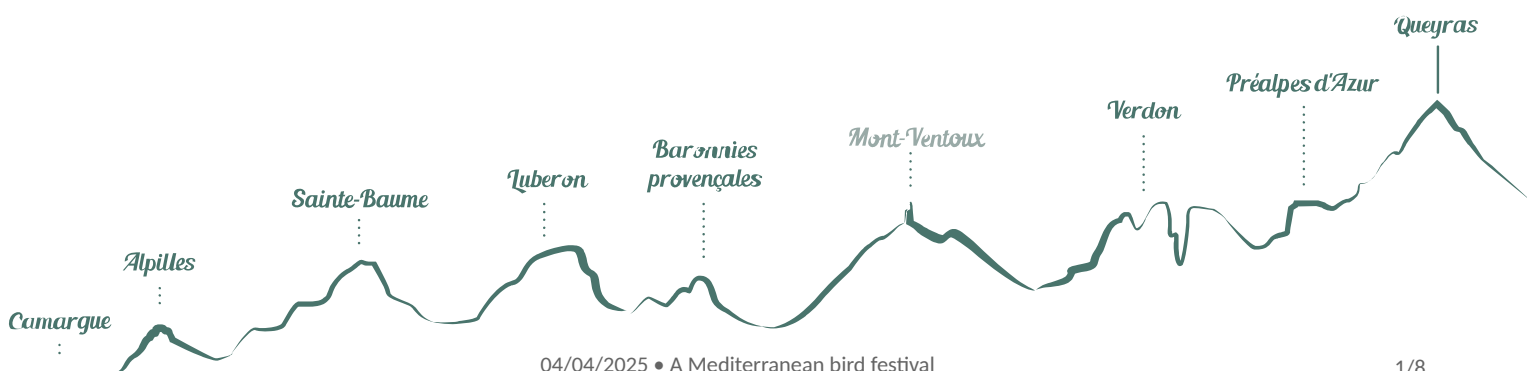
Length : 13.2 km

Trek ascent : 189 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Aller-retour

Themes : Farming and pastoralism,
Fauna, Heritage and history



Trek

Departure : Car park of the cemetery, in Aureille

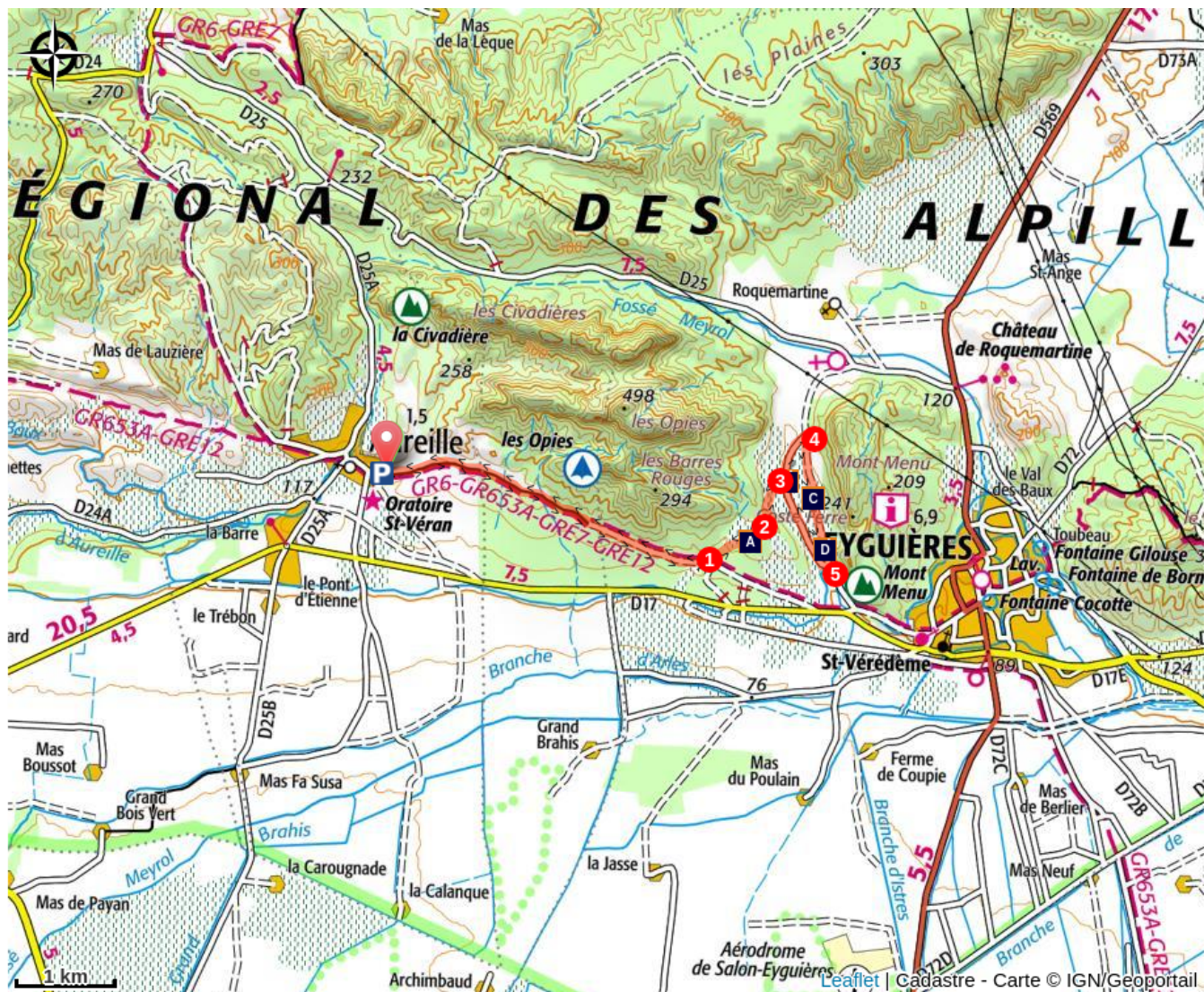
Arrival : Car park of the cemetery, in Aureille

Markings :  GR[®]  PR

Arriving at the cemetery, cross the gate to take the GR6 marked trail leading away from the village and follow it. Continue straight ahead, leaving the various small paths aside at multiple intersections Stay on this trail that continues to the foothills of the mountain on the left. Arriving to the sheep pen, go straight for 500 m.

- 1 - Pass the gate which cuts the road and at the crossroads, follow the second marked trail PR (yellow marking) which starts on the left. 400 metres further, turn on the right to go remain on the marked trail going up the hill.
- 2 - Reaching to the gate, turn to the right, leaving the private property and turn left, to go down the path leading to the domaine du vallon des Glauges.
- 3 - Reaching to the domaine, continue straight on the road the tour of the wine estate.
- 4 - At the intersection, turn right and continue for 1.5 km on the gravel path between the vineyards, visible on the right side of the cliff overlooking on the left.
- 5 - Arriving back on the road, turn right and return to the domaine. (Traffic!)
- 3 - Turn left at the intersection represented by the reference point number 3 to start the route back.

On your path...



 View on the Crau lowland (A)

 Opies view (C)

 Gauges Valley Estate (B)

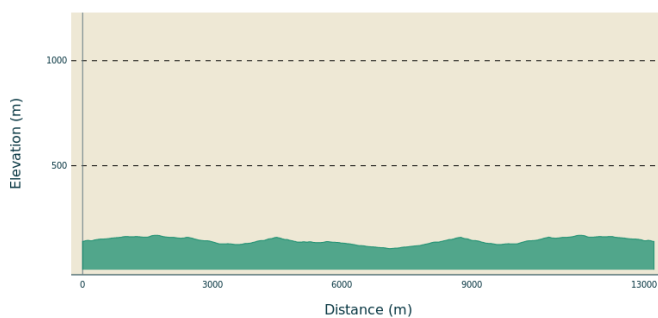
 The olive tree (D)

All useful information

Advices

Very little shade on the trail, make sure to take a cap. Come rather early in the morning (7.00) or late afternoon (18.00) to enjoy the tranquillity of the area and to see and hear the birds sing. Bring a pair of binoculars..

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 105 m

Max elevation 169 m

Transports

Consult the timetable for Aureille on the website www.lepilote.com

Access

On the D25b, enter Aureille. Turn right towards the cemetery at the end of the Avenue de la Gare.

Advised parking

Car park of the cemetery, in Aureille

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On your path...



View on the Crau lowland (A)

The Crau lowland forms a triangle with an estimated surface area of 550 km². It is an arid pastoral lawn, forming a specific vegetation, named "coussoul". The south is called "Dry Crau", a remarkable steppe habitat. Today there are 95 km² of intact steppe. The northern part of Crau, irrigated from the 16th century through the Crau canal and put into cultivation, forms the "Crau humide", where the Crau hay is produced, the first forage to obtain an AOC.

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Gauges Valley Estate (B)

The Gauges valley estate has a total surface area of 72 hectares, 45 of which are dedicated to wine production and 4 to olive oil. Their distribution, between valleys, slopes and plateaus, allows to have wines with diversified character. The estate also strives to have a reasoned culture, combining the needs of the vines and the protection of the ecosystem, as evidenced by the 23 hectares of woods and garrigue preserved.

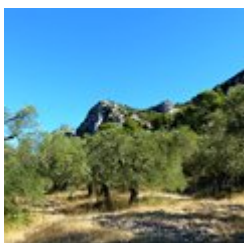
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Opies view (C)

This relief is characterized by a set of ridges where is the highest point of the territory of the Park: the Opies, at 498 m altitude. From the tower that symbolizes the summit, it is possible to see up to the alpine massifs. This tower was a watchtower, built at the dawn of the twentieth century, to prevent the fire in the massif. It is now used to house the Mistral adventurers who have reached the summit.

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The olive tree (D)

Emblematic culture of the territory of the Alpilles, the olive tree is the symbol of the dry Mediterranean climate. Its multiple trunks are the result of a release at the strain level following a significant frost in 1956. Today, some of the olives and oils produced in the Alpilles are recognized nationally and internationally, benefiting from the Protected Designation of Origin (PDO).

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