#### Walk No. 2

# Chapel Saint-Victor to the Combe D'Aillaud

## Enjoy your walk!



Distance: 8.5 km (Short hike)

Ascent: 800m

Less than 3 hours

Level: Stroll – Walk – Hike

Make sure you have the right equipment: - good walking shoes; some supplies including at least 1 litre of water.

Respect the environment: do not pick wild flowers, plants or branches.....and collect up your rubbish.

#### **Security notes**

Villecroze tourist office: +33 4 94 67 50 00 Emergencies: 112

BEWARE FIRES: PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE WHILST WALKING IN THE SUMMER MONTHS.

FIRE CAN CAUSE IMMEDIATE DANGER

## Notes on markers

Follow the yellow markers which appear from time to time. Do not take any notice of the red markers (botanical path)



Remember to note your departure time!!

The walk begins opposite the entrance to the cemetery.

Take the steps which go down alongside the Chapel Saint-Victor.

Go down the steps in front of the gazebo, follow the path and you will arrive at the Villecroze-Salernes road.

Turn right and then right again onto the Chemin des Especes for about 20 metres, then take the first right before number 76, the first house.

Continue uphill turning right after about 50 metres onto the track made of flat rocks.

Go to the barrier and pass underneath it and continue to ascend the side of the hill.

Follow this track for about 20 – 30 minutes.

You will come upon a larger track and you turn right onto it.

You follow this track for about 10 minutes. You will then come to the Villecroze – Aups road.

Cross the road and take the track to the right of the water tank. A bit further on, leave the track on your left which goes westwards and take the one which turns right.

After 50m the path clearly turns left at a right angle, leaving, to the right and ahead, 2 other tracks which you should not take.

Do not be distracted by the small paths adjacent and follow the track.

There are very good views of Tourtour and the Massif of the Maures. You will be able to see the Saracen Tower of Grimaldi.

You will have left the water tank about 35 - 45 minutes ago when the track becomes less visible but turns northwards. Look for the markers on the ground. 50m farther on you arrive at a fork and you should go right. Shortly afterwards you will come to the foot of a collapsed walled terrace which you cross. ahead there is a large open space with a caravan at the bottom.

Go along the walled terrace on the right, through the copse, where you will find a clear path after about 100m which turns right.

The path crosses a plateau of pines and green oaks and then starts to descend the hill side.

The path is now rather chaotic and rocky.

Continue until you reach a road, which you cross. (Villecroze to the right, Tourtour to the left ).

Take the track opposite, slightly to the left, which crosses a meadow.

In the distance you will hear a waterfall.

(On the left of the meadow you will find the river where there is a marvellous place for a picnic. Afterwards return to the meadow.)

At the end of the meadow a small path begins to the right of a large pine.

Go along the stream amidst the dense vegetation of creepers, and then leave the stream to follow the path. Ignore the small path which descends to the left and stay on the path ahead in a fairly flat area.

The path arrives at a road and you take that to the right.

You then come out onto the Villecroze/Tourtour road, and you take this to the left for about 30m. There a small path goes off to the right and goes down the hill.

Further on there will be the road which goes down to a metal security barrier ahead. Pass behind this barrier and descend about 50m. Watch out for the markers on the ground and take the right-hand track for another 100m, where a small path goes down to the right to a part of the old road going to Tourtour.

Go towards the left and then take the main road, still to the left, which leads to the village. 100m after the village sign, take the Boulevard des Pins opposite the Hotel le Rocher and stay on this until you reach the cemetery road on the right.

! Attention heavy traffic 100m ahead.

We hope that you enjoyed yourselves.

If you would like to make any observations, please do not hesitate to contact us.