

Walk No. 3

Circuit above the Domaine of Valcolombe



Enjoy your walk!

Distance: 4 km

Time: 1 ½ to 2 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

Remember to note your departure time!!

The walk starts at the Domaine of Valcolombe.

(To get there: - from the centre of Villecroze take the D51 towards Salernes. Around 100m after the sign saying you are leaving Villecroze the D51 turns sharp left, but immediately ahead is a small lane. Take this lane – it is the Chemin des Espèces. After 1.3km you will arrive at Valcolombe on your left. Enter the Domaine and park your car in front of the cellar.)

There are 2 possible ways to start the walk:

- either exit the Domaine and turn right onto the Chemin des Espèces (the way you arrived by car)
- or walk amongst the vines through an alley of Cyprus trees. At the end of this Cyprus alley you turn left and you will be back on the Chemin des Espèces where you turn right.

You will be retracing the way you arrived by car, but before arriving back onto the D51 you should turn left at house no.76 and go along the side of it.

After 100m take the flat rocky path immediately ahead of you and follow the yellow markers.

Go under the barrier ahead of you and continue to go up the side of the hill: you will stay on this path for around 40 minutes following the yellow markers. Take the time to stop on this part of the ascent to admire the views of the countryside.

The path will end at a track in the forest. **Attention: ignore the yellow markers now** (which continue to the left) **and take the track to the RIGHT.**

You continue on this wooded track for about 10 to 15 minutes, **keeping left** (this part of the walk does not have markers). When you see a green water tank, carry on to the left (leaving the tank to your right). You will arrive at the end of the track near some pylons.

A narrower path continues ahead and goes downhill: follow this path to the bottom (you will notice the yellow markers again). Remember to stop and admire the views en route!

When you reach a surfaced road, you are back on the Chemin des Espèces; turn left and after 600m you will arrive back where you started.

At the end of your walk don't miss out on a tasting of the Valcolombe wines.