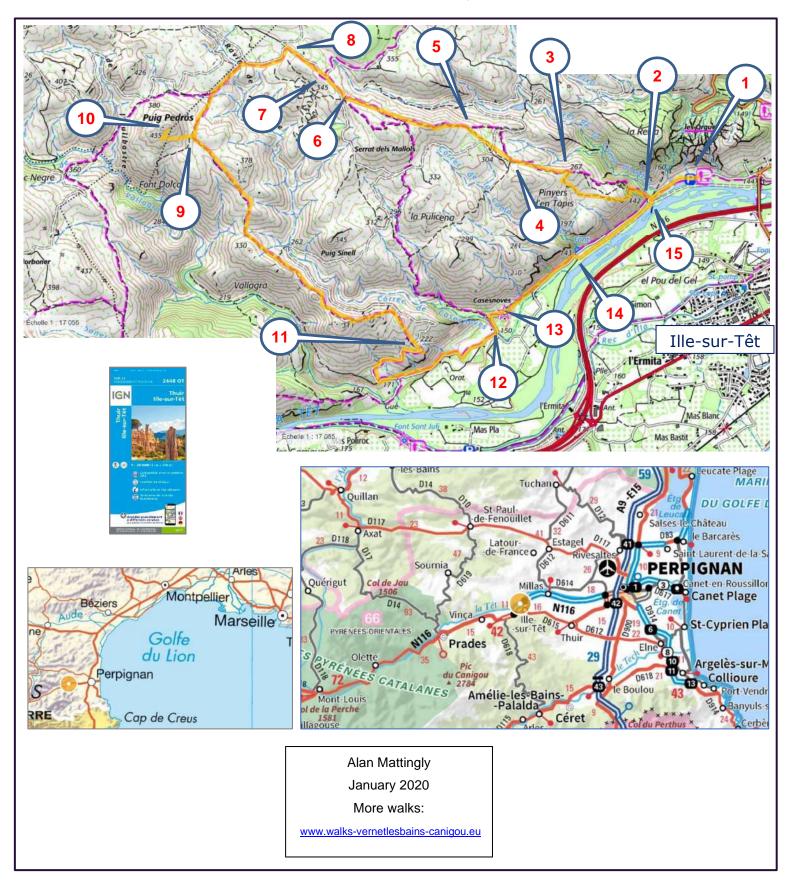
ILLE-sur-TÊT: PUIG PEDRÓS

Pyrénées-Orientales, France Duration and ascent: 3h30; 320m



- A beautiful circuit on well-used paths across an uncultivated, open plateau. The route climbs to the summit of Puig Pedrós, where there is an ancient marker denoting the former southern frontier of France. There are wonderful views to the Mediterranean coast and to the mountains of the eastern Pyrenees. The route descends to the deserted medieval hamlet of Casesnoves, and finishes alongside the fast-flowing River Têt.
- 1 START. Picnic site and car park close to a small lake and the River Têt, north of Ille-sur-Têt. We go along the track, with the lake and river on the left.
- **2** Track-path bifurcation. We follow the path to the right, uphill, into some woods... At a path bifurcation, we follow the main path, to the left... The path climbs steeply... The path emerges into more open land, with a view back to Ille-sur-Têt. The path climbs and it bears to the right.
- **3** Path junction. We go to the left.
- **4** Path crossing. We go straight ahead... We cross a track and we continue straight ahead.
- **5** Path junction. We go to the left.
- **6** Path-track junction. We go to the right, along the track.
- 7 Track bifurcation. We go to the left.
- **8** Track bifurcation. We go to the left. The track descends a little. Where the track bears to the right, we take a path on the left and we descend into a ravine... We climb out of the ravine, and we follow the path towards Puig Pedrós. At a path bifurcation, we go to the left.
- **9** Path bifurcation, just below Puig Pedrós. We go to the right, up towards the summit of Puig Pedrós. The path climbs, but it goes to the left of the summit. Just below the summit, we leave the path and we go up to the right. We follow faint yellow waymarks over rocks to the summit.
- **10** Summit of Puig Pedrós. Here, there is an ancient frontier marker. We descend to the path bifurcation at point 9. We go to the right. We descend for some distance along, or close to, the line of a ridge.
- 11 Path-track junction. We descend to the right, along the track... The track bends to the left. At a track junction, we go to the left. We are now below the high ground, in the valley of the River Têt.
- 12 Track bifurcation. We go to the left... We follow the track as it bends to the right.
- **13** The deserted medieval hamlet of Casesnoves. We continue straight ahead, on a track where there have been some landslips.
- **14** Track bifurcation. We go to the right, and then we go immediately to the left. We follow the track with the River Têt close by, on our right.
- **15** Track bifurcation. We go to the left, then we go immediately to the right. We continue along the track and we soon return to the start of this circuit.