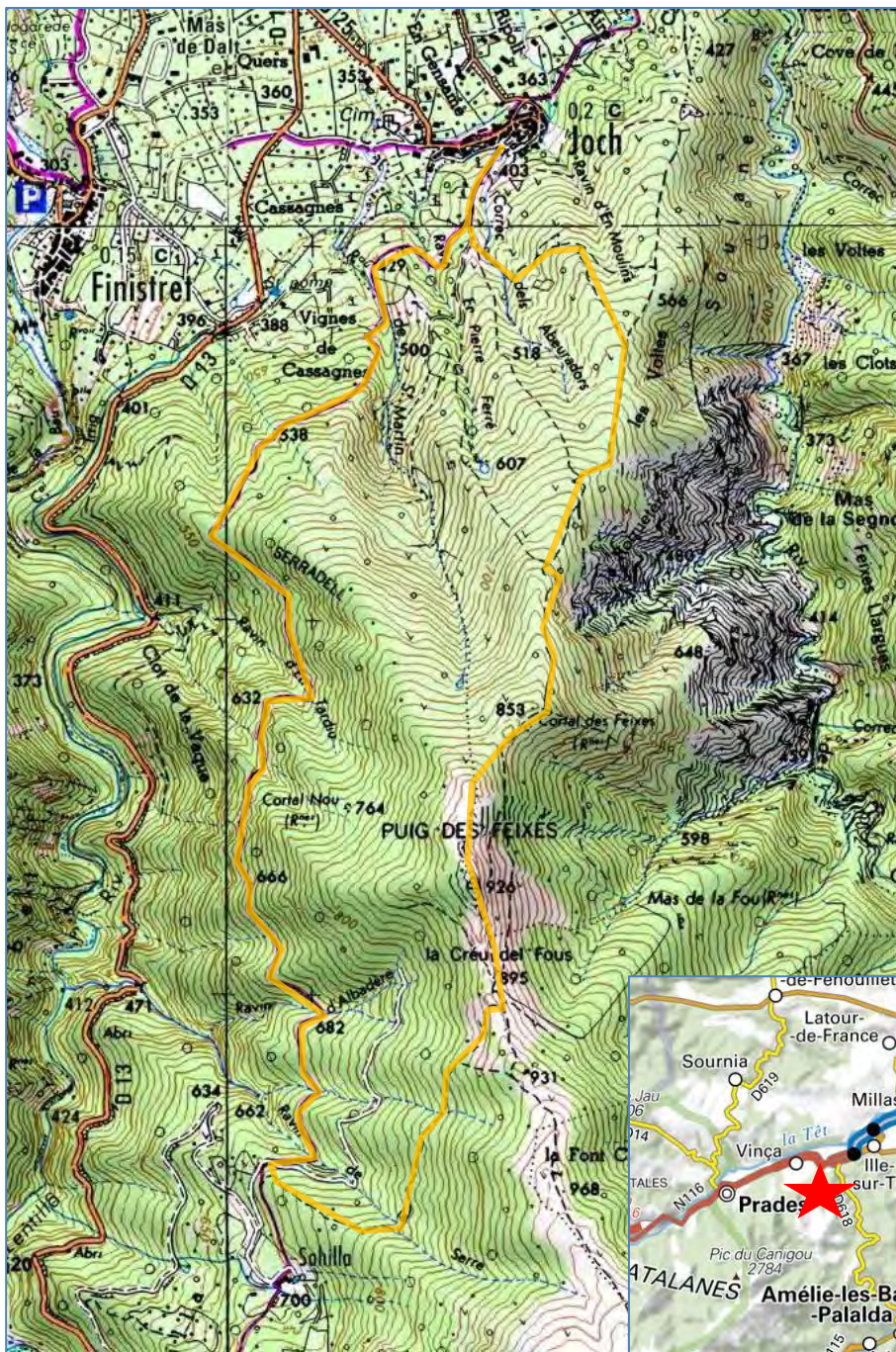


JOCH - PUIG DES FEIXES

Conflent, Pyrénées-Orientales, France

Duration: about 3 hours walking

Climb: 500 metres



START: In the village of Joch, we go up to the highest part of the village, where there is a car park and a water tower. We follow a track which climbs beyond the water tower.

We go to the right of a small monument celebrating a link with the town of Calella (in Catalunya). Just to the left of a track which descends a little is a path which enters woodland. We follow that path. We later see yellow waymarks along the path.

The path later climbs through a forest. We are then high above the Lentilla valley, on the right.

After more than three kilometres on this path, we meet a forest track. We go straight across the track to follow a path opposite. The path is indicated by yellow-and-white waymarks.

This path climbs steeply, it crosses a ravine, on the left, and then it continues its climb, to an open ridge.

When we reach the ridge, we turn left and we follow a path along the ridge line to the highest point, the "Puig des Feixes". There are occasional yellow waymarks along this path.

Further along the ridge, at a wonderful viewpoint, is an iron cross.

The path then descends steeply, turning slightly to the right. We cross a small col. Then we follow the path down the shoulder of a hill. We pass a number of smaller iron crosses on the path.

At a path fork, we go to the left and we follow another path, down to Joch. This path also descends quite steeply. Near the bottom, it crosses a ravine and returns us to our starting point by the water tower at the top of the village.



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