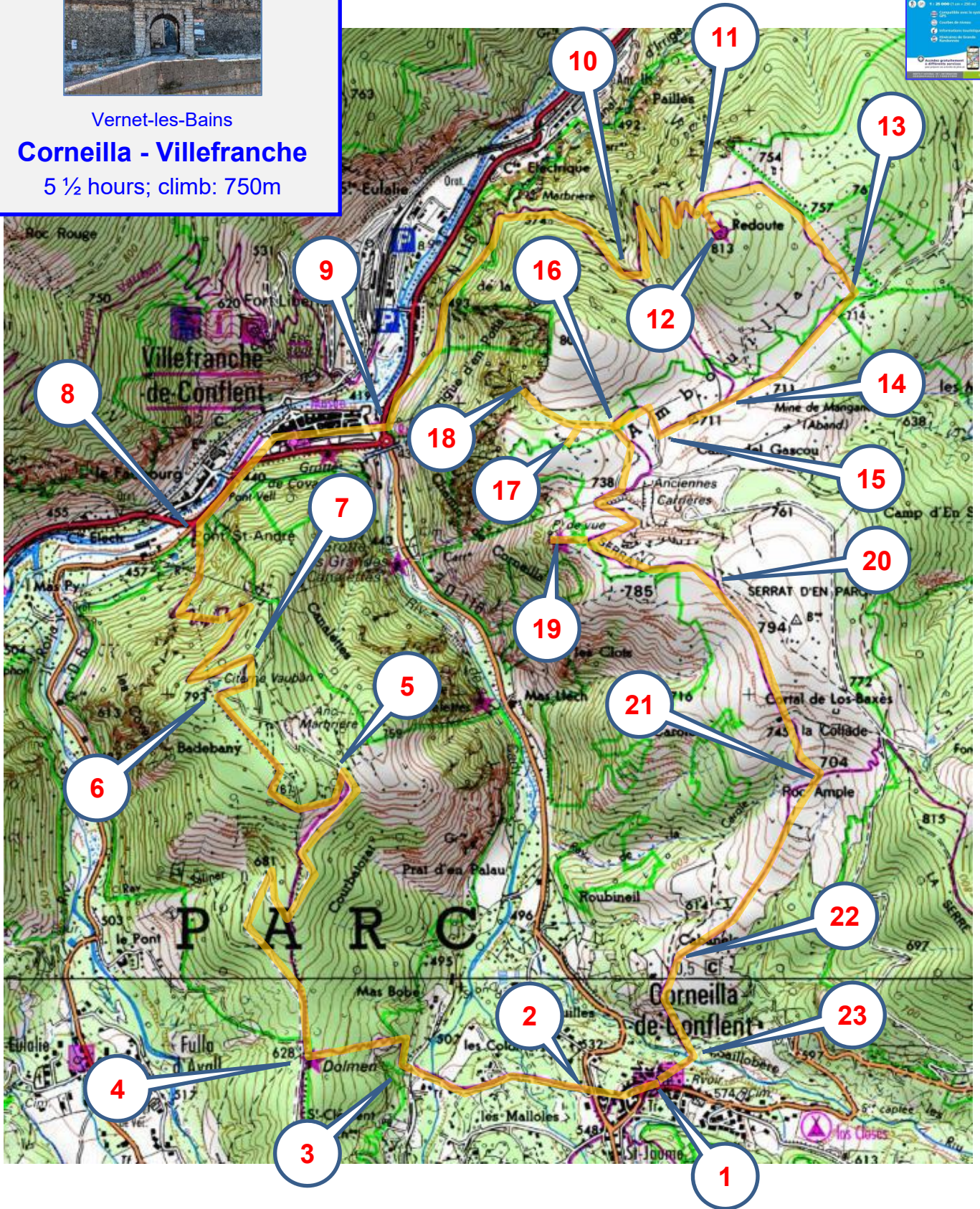




Vernet-les-Bains
Corneilla - Villefranche
5 ½ hours; climb: 750m



1 - Corneilla-de-Conflent, village centre. With the church behind us, we pass to the right of a pretty statue... In the old village, we go to the right again... We descend towards the main road.



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2 - We cross the road; we descend a staircase to a lane... We follow the lane ahead... We cross two rivers.



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3 - We leave the lane and we follow a path on the left... The path climbs a steep slope.



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4 - Dolmen. We go to the right... We follow a track, which climbs in zig-zags.



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5 - Bifurcation. We go to the left (sharp turn)... We continue to follow the track.



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6 - Hilltop ("Citerne Vauban"). We go to the right.



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7 - Path crossing. We go to the left... The path descends in zig-zags... We are careful on the exposed sections.



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8 - Junction with a road, at the foot of the hill. We go to the right... We cross the road and we enter the fortified village of Villefranche... We pass through the village.



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9 - "La porte de France" and a bridge over the Cady river... We cross a car park and a main road... We follow a waymarked path which climbs to the right... The path crosses a canal and it climbs towards a forest.



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10 - Bifurcation, in the forest. We go to the left... The path turns to the left... It leaves the forest and it climbs in zig-zags.



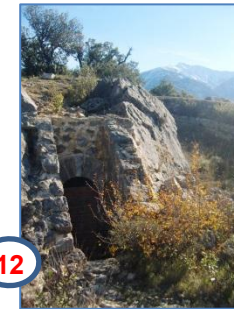
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11 - Bifurcation. We go to the right.



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12 - "La Redoute" (fortification of the 19th century)... We turn round and we descend to point 11, where we go to the right.



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13 - Junction. We go to the right, on a track.



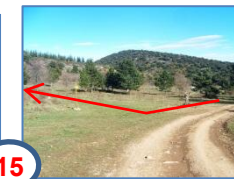
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14 - Clearing and junction. We go straight ahead.



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15 - Bifurcation. We leave the track and we follow a path on the right... The path turns to the left.



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16 - Junction. We go straight ahead... On the left, we visit the "Cabane d'en Bullas", a remarkable dry stone cabin (17)... We follow the path, which climbs to the right.



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18 - Viewpoint over Villefranche, vertiginous but safe... We turn round and go back... At the junction at point 16, we go to the right, on a stony path... The path, waymarked, turns to the right and it joins a track... We follow the track... Junction of tracks. We go to the right... Our track turns to the left, under a power line... We climb... The track turns to the right... At a junction we go straight ahead.



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19 - Second viewpoint, on a terrace... We turn round... After a hundred metres, at the junction, we go to the right, on a path... There are occasional yellow waymarks.



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20 - Bifurcation, just before a small embankment. We go to the right and we follow a path which descends... We pass some ruined farm buildings.



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21 - Junction. We go to the right and we continue to descend... The path follows a sunken lane.



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22 - Open area. We go straight ahead. The path continues to descend... The path enters woodland; it becomes stony; and it descends towards a stream.



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23 - Footbridge. We cross the bridge, we climb, and we go to the right... We return to the village of Corneilla, by the church.



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