

Hike

10 Col de Porteille

MAUREILLAS-LAS-ILLAS

One town but three villages with Las Illas and Riunoguès, each with its character and riches of all kinds: an exceptional heritage and nature leisure activities characterize the three villages.

Maureillas, built in the Middle Ages around a «Cellera» and the Church of Saint Etienne. Las Illas, near the border with Catalonia, nestled at the bottom of the wild valleys. Riunoguès, in the middle of the Subéraies, ideally placed on the «Voie Verte» (cycle lane) between Maureillas and Le Perthus.

COL DE PORTEILLE

Riunoguès in Catalan means river (riu) and walnut (Nogues). This small village with a dozen houses dates from the eighth century. The inhabitants were followers of Charlemagne. The modest little church of San Miquel is a historical monument. At the Battle of Le Boulou, in 1794, the French armies of the Republic controlled by General Dugommier won against the Spanish armies who escaped by road from Col de Portella. The Spaniards had made this road in 1793 to avoid Fort Bellegarde in Le Perthus.

TO DISCOVER

The chapel of Saint-Michel in Riunoguès.

The boundary markers on the border with Spain.

ONLINE MAP



RUINOGUÈS

390 m d+



DIFFICULTY

3H45 - 11 km



**Departure : From Ceret follow Maureillas then Riunoguès.
Park in Riunoguès without blocking the road or another car.**

0 min : Take the path going down on the right side of the restaurant.

5 min : At the first intersection take the right-hand path.

1 10 min : At the second intersection go up to the left. Leave behind the Mas Marcadal, and follow the bend to the left.

20 min : At the crossroads, take the left lane. Follow this track ignoring all side roads up to the Col de Portella.

2 1h20 : Arrive at the Col de Portella, follow the left path (GR®10 section). Keep following the main track and ignore all side trails.

3 On the edge of the trail you can see boundary markers.

4 1h55 : A new crossroads allows you to go down on the left, towards Riunoguès (GR®10 end of the section). Stay on the main trail.

2h20 : Cortal Mirapeix ruins. Always follow the main track.

5 2h30 : In a bend a path goes on the right, leave it and turn left. Pass the Mas de Cap Deus.

2h40 : A junction with a tarmac road allows you to take the left path to rejoin Riunoguès.

