

Hike

14 The Battle of Boulou

LE BOULOU

Le Boulou keeps its Catalonian soul, during a Sardana or other festivities and invites guests to share local traditions. There are lots of activities to choose from: hiking, mountain biking or just cycling, horse riding, tennis, fishing, casino, 'Espace des Arts' (art gallery) ... You can also make a nice detour to the 'Maison de l'Eau et de la Méditerranée' where you will learn all there is to know about water, the Tech river, and the Mediterranean Sea. Do not miss La Casa Del Volo where the entire history of the town through the ages is related. Le Boulou is also a renowned thermal station.

LA BATAILLE DU BOULOU

From the shadows of the Valmanya River to the arid heights of the Pla del Rey, thanks to this historical trail, you will walk in the footsteps of the notable but unknown Battle of Boulou (1793-1794). Notable because inscribed on the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, unknown because ignored by the general public. Explanatory panels and a table of orientation will make you discover the places of the last clashes between French and Spanish soldiers, without forgetting the beauty of the landscapes, the richness of the Mediterranean vegetation, the importance of the vineyard and the charms of hiking.

TO DISCOVER

A rich historical trail retracing the events of the Battle of Boulou.

Chapelle Saint-Luc.

Very beautiful views over the Roussillon plain.

ONLINE MAP



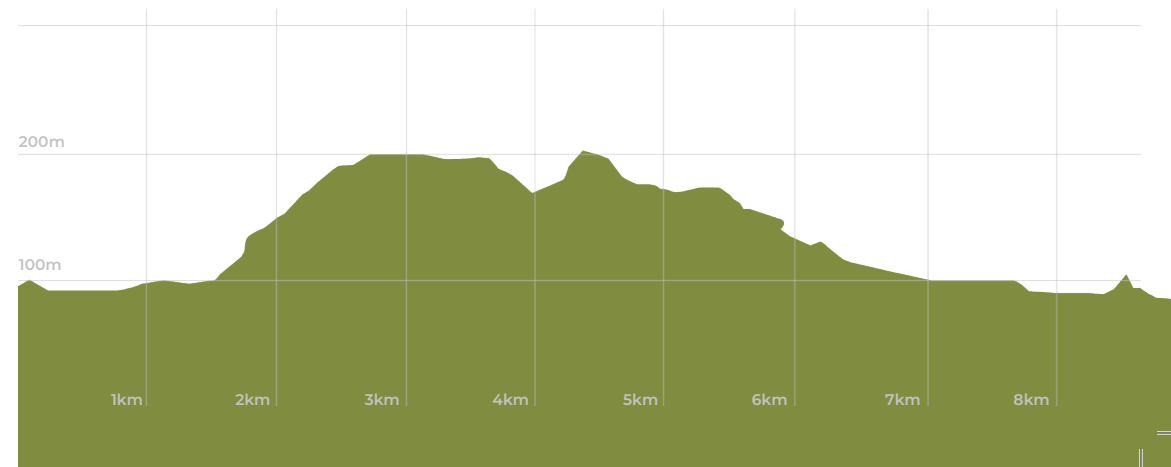
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170m d+



DIFFICULTY

1h50 - 8,5 km



Departure : from Le Boulou town hall car park

From Le Boulou town hall car park, turn left onto the boulevard du Pic Neoulous. After the roundabout, take the right turn to rue du Mas Descals as far as the bridge under the motorway. At the intersection turn right, then left onto the road that passes over the deflection. Park after the little green bridge.

0 min : Take the track DFCI No. A30, which runs along the river Valmanya.

1 10 min : At the fork (history panel 1), take the trail that climbs to the right. Access to panels 2 and 3.

2 30 min : At the crossroads, take the left lane. At the junction (point 2): if you take the path on the right you can get to a viewpoint with a superb panorama as well as panels 4, 5 and 6. Then return back to the junction. Opposite is the panel n°7 giving information about the events of the battle of Boulou. The walk then continues on the left path to get to panels 8 and 9.

45 min : Turn on to the path on the right. After the tenth historic sign continue to the junction, then turn left. At the first fork, go right and continue up to the history panel 11. Retake the left path.

50 min : At the intersection take the wide path on the right. Reach the panels 12, 13 and 14. Ignore a path on the left and continue on the main path.

3 1h00 : At Historical sign number 15 take the small path on the left towards the Chapelle Saint Luc. Once at the Chapel follow the dirt road to the paved road.

1h05 : At the paved road turn left.

4 1h15 : At the junction indicating the Mas d'en Bosc and Mas Pine, turn left towards Mas d'En Bosc. Reach panel 16.

1h25 : A new intersection occurs, continue to the right. Panels 17 and 18.

1h40 : Intersection with the path taken at the beginning of the hike, continue straight to the car park.

