

Vernet-les-Bains

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via
Refuge Bonne-Aigue
11 hours (out and back)
Climb: 2100m



1 - THE START (Vernet-les-Bains, Place de l'Entente Cordiale). We follow the D27 (the Fillols road). After a short distance, we go to the left to follow the Chemin des Escoumeilles, towards the St Vincent river.



2 - We cross a footbridge. We go to the right and, after a few metres, we go to the left.



5 - Clearing, on the top of a hill. (On the right, a monument to wartime Resistance fighters (the "Maquis"), and a superb viewpoint.) We go to the left...The path climbs steeply, in zig-zags.



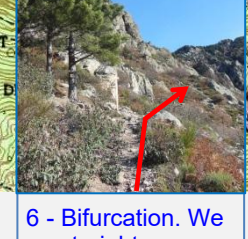
3 - Intersection. We cross a road and we go straight ahead.

4 - Bifurcation, near a small car park. We go to the right...Our path climbs through a forest...The path crosses a small open plateau...The path re-enters the forest and it climbs in zig-zags.



2 - We cross a footbridge. We go to the right and, after a few metres, we go to the left.

6 - Bifurcation. We go straight ahead...After a long climb, the path traverses a scree slope and then it descends a little.



8 - Track. (On the right, the "Bonne Aigue" mountain refuge, and another magnificent viewpoint.) We go to the left, along the track, for a few metres...We then follow a path on the right (the path is indicated by red-and-white waymarks)...We leave the forest...We pass to the left of a handsome stone cabin ("la Casteille")...The path crosses a ridge and it turns to the right.



7 - Mountain stream. We cross the stream and we follow the path opposite...The path climbs very steeply, in a pine forest.



10 - "Pic Joffre". Our path reaches a ridge again and it turns to the right...The path climbs along the ridge, towards the summit of the mountain...On the final section, the path climbs in zig-zags, across steep and rocky ground.



9 - Junction of paths. We go to the right. Here we leave the red-and-white waymarks. We now follow yellow waymarks.



11 - The PIC DU CANIGOU. Altitude: 2785 metres... We descend by the same route.

