

Roc del Grevol et Pic d'Orella

Rated: Difficult. Climb: 900 metres. Duration: 5 hours, without stops.

Follow: Route No. 11.

From the Tourism Office, Walkers' Centre, return to the church at the old village. With your back to the church door, go up the "**Rue de L'Eglise**" and at the end, take the footpath with a small stream on the left: this footpath leaves the village. On the right hand is the old windmill - "**Moulin de la Pave**". Shortly you come to fine shady spring – "**Fontaine des Oiseaux**". The footpath then goes uphill following a half buried pipe. Arriving at a fork, go right and immediately on the right will be a small reservoir at the end of which is a crossroads with a signpost. Take the path towards "**Dolmen-Pic Neulos – Col de L'Ullat**". To the left of the footpath is a small watering canal that you follow until you arrive at a main pathway crossroads where you can hear the river below.

Then, take the path on the right that leads down to the river; cross by the ford then the path climbs to reach a small tarred road. There are signposts; take the route indicated – "**Pic d'Orella**". Please keep clear of private property. After 50m the tarred road disappears and you follow the route which goes upwards with several bends until you reach the 4th. hairpin bend. At the track intersection on a hairpin bend, follow the track to the left marked (DFFC1 AL 11) and continue for 150m. You come across a track on the right; this is marked in yellow. Follow it upwards through a small rocky valley until you come to the top; here the views of the sea and plain are unrestricted and beautiful.

Trail intersection. Take the path that takes you to the top of "**Le Roc del Grèval**" and ignore the path to the left which is signposted "**Fontaine de la Vernosa**". The path continues upward, often with steep sections.

"**Gros Rocher – Roc del Grèvol**". (902m). This gives a good view over the plain. Having left the "**Roc**", the track meets up with a larger trail, which must be crossed to lead up to the "**Puig d'Orella**" at 1030m. Once again superb view over the plain. Now descend from the summit in a South Easterly direction towards the "**Col de l'Ullat**".

At the "**Col**" there is a picnic area and a small chalet. From this summit descend in an Easterly direction to Laroque and follow a small metalled road to a spring situated just below it. This is the "**Fontaine Reina de las Fonts**". The path marked in yellow returns to Laroque from the spring and goes rapidly downhill through beech woods, crosses a ravine and continues down through chestnut trees. The descent takes you down through 4 forested areas. The pathway then comes close to the river Vèze which you cross by the ford; it then passes by an ice pit and continues to descend where it crosses the river named "**Correc de les Teixoneres**".

The way down now goes through a narrow passage between two rocks where shepherds used to count their animals. A few metres further on you come to a crossroads; here carry on straight ahead. Leave the right hand track, marked in yellow and take the left path downhill. You come to the main paths' junction, where you started. Take the route back to the church.