

## IN DUILHAC SOUS PEYRPERTUSE « LE MOUIN DE RIBAUTE »

Difficulty : Easy

Time: 02h45

Drop : 130m

Length: 5,5km



### Description :

A beautiful village underneath the massive Castle made of clear limestone. Naturally, you will go to the « Fontaine des Amoureux » close to the former Oil mill, which has been renovated and transformed into a Restaurant, where you can still see the mechanism. You continue to go down direction the gardens, small pieces of land cultivated with vegetables. Then you follow a path under oak trees in direction of the Verdoubert river with its waterfalls and its holes dug into the rock. The ruins of the Mill of Ribaute, the former flour mill of the villagers and a few ruins of sheep barns show that the land has been occupied by farmers.

## **Detailed description :**

The start is next to big plane tree on the right of the D14 in direction Rouffiach, just before the « Auberge du Moulin » which is the former oil mill that has been used until 1921. You take the winding path of the gardens underneath the village. Leaving the gardens you will walk next to vineyards and you will soon follow a path which becomes smaller (1). You will join the D14 on which you will continue for about 50 meters before you take a path on your right (2) (above the Col de la Croix). In a narrow curve you leave the path and continue straight ahead on a path that leads down to the valley. On your left you have a sight on the valley of the Verdoble.

Arriving in the valley you will pass in front of several ruins of sheep barns. In front on your right at about 100 meters you will find the Mill of Ribaute. It is an ancient Flour mill which belonged to the villagers. This is an remarkable fact because usually the mills belonged to the Lords who took taxes on the use of the mill and so had a good income (3).

Cross the river to accede to the waterfalls and follow the path leading upriver.

To return to the village go back to the sheep barns and take the path in the valley. You will join the gardens. Take the path on your right (steep) which will lead you to the D14 in 5 minutes. Then go right to reach the big plane tree where you started (200).

## **Hiking path**

**Signage:** Yellow

**Map :** IGN 2447 OT

**Meeting point :** D14 in direction Rouffiach at the big plane tree

**Access to the Cathar trails**