

2017 PRACTICAL INFORMATION SHEET FOR MARIAILLES REFUGE BY THE CARETAKERS Magali and Laurent

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OPENING DATES:

Open from the 28th of April to the 29th of October 2017

From Friday 2nd of June till Saturday the 30th of September 2017 inclusive: opened everyday.

From May until October open only on Friday nights, Saturdays and Bank holidays (possibility to book on other days of the week if previously agreed with the caretakers)

Bookings can only be made through the central booking service on Mariailles refuge's website.

TRAVELLING INFORMATION:

BY ROAD:

From Perpignan: N116, follow Prades/Villefranche de Conflent then D116 until Casteil then Col Jou.

A9 Motorway: Exit 42 then go on the D900 road and follow Andorre then follow the directions "From Perpignan" (see above)

From Bourg Madame: N116, follow Perpignan/Villefranche de Conflent then follow the directions "From Perpignan".

After the Col de Jou you can use a forest track to get to Mariailles in June and September however you can only get to Randé intermediate car park in July and August. The forest track is not regularly maintained therefore the track can be awkward especially if your car has a low bumper. Please do check if your insurance provides you with roadside assistance on this track. The usage of this track is under the responsibility of the driver or the owner of the vehicle. For more information please call the Canigou Grand Site: 04 68 96 45 86.

BY TRAIN AND/OR BUS

From Perpignan or Tour de Carol to Villefranche de Conflent. From there, you can take the bus to Vernet les Bains (bus fare 1€). From Vernet les Bains you can take a taxi or go through hiking trails.

WALKING

From Vernet les Bains-Pic de la Tena-Col de Jou-Mariailles (3h50 and +1100 m: the hike begins with a route marked out in yellow from the path between Hotel du Portugal and the thermal baths.

From Casteil-Col de Jou-Mariailles (3h30) and +1100 m. The path is marked out in yellow and starts from the animal park.

From Col de Jou car park (2h00) and +575 m. Follow the GR 10 (marked out in red and white)

From Randé car park (0h40) and + 200m. Follow the GR 10 (marked out in red and white)

ACTIVITIES

Walks around Mariailles

A loop from the Col de Jou is possible through Mariailles, count 4h00 and + 650 m.

From the shelter of the Pic du Canigou (Alti 2,784 m): Climbing the peak requires an average walking time of 4h00 (Aller) for +1 096 m of positive, (first markings GR (red and white)). The path through Mariailles allows you to climb the famous chimney. Other routes are possible. If you sleep at the refuge, you can leave your belongings there while hiking. From the Jou pass, climbing is possible but requires good physical condition for 9 and 10 hours of effort and + 1 700m.

From the shelter you can also discover the Pla Guillem, the crest of the seven men, the peak *Del trets vents*, the peak of the Roja, the gorges of the Cady, the gorges of the Cady, the Esquerdes de la Rotja: The caretakers are there to make you discover these beautiful Catalan landscapes, and make your stay pleasant.

Other hiking suggestions:

The Vernet les bains - Mariailles - Canigou - Vernet les bains loop allows you to fully experience the slopes of Western Canigou.

The tour of Canigou in 4 or 5 stages allows to discover all the diversity of the landscapes of the sacred mountain, information on: www.montourducanigo.com

Refugis del Torb offers a beautiful stroll by stage from the sanctuary of Nuria to the Canigou: www.refugisdeltorb.com

Organized tours with stages around Canigou with *Randonade* and *la Balaguère*

On GR10 and the GR36: The shelter of Mariailles is an indispensable stage. Even if the Py / Mariailles stage is relatively short, it is an opportunity to recharge the batteries or to visit the Pla Guillem or to climb the crest of the Seven Men which offers an unobstructed view of Canigou and the nature reserve of Prats de Mollo-La Preste. From 12.30am you may leave your belongings for light hiking.

The Trail

Our passion, We have concocted several Trail circuits that leave and arrive at Mariailles, enough to occupy a week end and to cross Canigou and Pla Guillem. The itineraries are more or less long between 2h and 10h, more or less physically demanding, which will satisfy everyone especially if you are in a group. **You are in high mountains please be careful!**

Mountain biking

Several circuits pass in front of the shelter of Mariailles. A larger loop leads to the Pla Guillem, the Esquerdes de la Rotja and Le Mantet.

Climbing

Several climbing areas are located near the shelter and the different sectors are described in the topography of Thomas DULAC "Les Pyrénées du levant". ("The Pyrenees of the Levant".)

THE REFUGE: DIRECTIONS FOR USE

	Adult	Group (from 11 people)	Children (6 to 11 yrs old)	Children (under 6yrs old)	
Half board	42.50	40	36	20	
Night	17	17	17	10	
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Hot shower	2.5	Picnic	9	Local tax	0.5
Evening meal			20	Vegetarian menu	+3
Hiker's packed lunch			13	Breakfast	7.5

Terms of payment: Payment is made by check or cash only, no bank cards. Deposit is required on the booking site (15 € per person) or by sending a check, you will receive a confirmation by mail. Any change or cancellation, even partial, for a group must be notified by telephone no later than 48 hours before the reserved date, otherwise the deposit will be retained.

Evening meal: Main course (meat and accompaniment), local cheese, dessert. Wine and coffee in supplement: in case of vegetarian meal (+ 3 €).

Conditions of reception

- * The Refuge is a collective type of accommodation, 53 places in dormitory.
- * Electricity is produced by photovoltaic panels (lighting and pumping water).
- * Introduce yourself to the caretaker upon arrival.
- * Times of the refuge: The shelter is closed from 9:45 to 12:30 in order to tidy up and restock. Opening of the dormitories around 3 pm. Evening meals at 7 pm. Breakfast between 6:30 am and 8 am and closing of the dormitories at 8:30 am. Lights off at 10 pm. For those who sleep at the shelter, it is possible to leave your belonging at the shelter during the hike.

- * Slippers and crates provided (shoes and backpacks are not allowed inside the dormitory).
- * Travel sheet (or sleeping bag) required; Possibility to rent a travel sheet 3 €.
- * Mattresses, blankets, board games, books, comics and a guitar are available
- * The shelter is equipped with hot showers with a charge of 2.5 €, we do not provide toiletries.
- * Dogs are not allowed in the refuge.
- * GSM coverage at the shelter can be hazardous and no WIFI is available.
- * The shelter does not take care of the hikers'bins.

Useful information

- * Mountain itinerary, you will need adapted equipment,
- * At the beginning of the season, there is snow on the slopes of Canigou, you may need an ice ax and boot cleats (spikes)
- * Map IGN TOP 25 2349 AND to the 1/25000 Massif of Canigou
- * Check the weather: France weather forecast: 0899 71 02 66, weather forecast Canigo, Snowforecast
- * Emergency Number: 112
- * At the shelter: you may need a lamp, dry and warm clothes and a travel sheet.