



## *The Refuge des Cortalets of the French Alpine Club*

- Department of Pyrénées-Orientales – Canigó Massif (Label “Grand Site de France”)
- Warden : Thomas DULAC – Owner : Club Alpin Français (French Alpine Club)
- 2016 opening period considered:
  - Summer: Saturday 21<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October (104 beds, refuge and annex)
    - Summer telephone number:  
**From outside France 00334 68 96 36 19, from France 04 68 96 36 19**
    - Booking for the summer starts on 15<sup>th</sup> March, by e-mail [cortalets@yahoo.fr](mailto:cortalets@yahoo.fr)
    - 24/24 internet :  
<http://refugedescortalets.ffcam.fr/reservation.html>
  - Winter: the annex Jean Coderch has 19 beds and is open when the warden is not on site.  
For off-season information, please visit the [facebook page of the refuge des Cortalets](#)


**Mountain Weather Forecast      Pyrénées-Orientales**

0033 8 99 71 02 66 (French only)

[www.meteociel.fr](http://www.meteociel.fr)

**[Website of the refuge: www.cortalets.com](http://www.cortalets.com)**

## Price list

Type of stay ►	NIGHT	HALF-BOARD	HALF-BOARD + PACKED LUNCH	FULLBOARD Reservations 48 hours in advance. Dining room 12 h 30 to 15 h (meals € 18)
Client(s) ▼				
Individual	17,20	40,50	49,50	58,50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group (minimum 9 persons)</li> <li>• Youth under 25</li> <li>• Member of the STD (Société des touristes du Dauphiné)</li> </ul>	13,75	37,05	46,05	55,05
Youth between 8 and 18 accompanied by an adult	9,45	31	40	49
Child under 8 accompanied by an adult	Offert	10	19	28
Limited headroom or winter refuge	7,40	30,70	39,70	48,70
				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAF Member</li> <li>• Alpin Club Member having reciprocal rights</li> </ul>	8,60	31,90	40,90	49,90
CAF member under 25	4,30	27,60	36,60	45,60
Limited headroom or winter refuge	3,70	27	36	45
Guide / AMM / BE escalade / Cadre Fédéral / - 8 ans / Gardien	0	23,30	32,30	41,30

CATERING	ADULT	CHILD (from 8 to 18 yrs old)	CHILD (4 à 8 ans)
Evening meal	17,70	17,80	16,05
Breakfast	5,50		5,50
Packed lunch	9		
Snack at any hour of the day	De 3,50 à 12		
Menu and meal a la carte from 12.30 pm to 3 pm	De 7 à 18		
Hot and cold drinks	De 1.50 à 5		
Hot shower	2.50		

Please note that this information is non-binding and can be subject to change

### Deposit

You will have a firm booking when we receive your deposit (10 € per person).

For groups, the cheque is cashed one month before the arrival date and is non-refundable. For each cancellation a deposit of 10 € will be retained.

Three payment solutions:

1. Cheques Address to send the cheques:  
Thomas DULAC - 26 rue Edouard Vilar - 66 500 PRADES - France. (Cheques to be made out to: CORTALETS - DULAC)  
**Please indicate your name and your booking dates on the cheque.**
2. Down payment (Cheques are not acceptable from foreign bank accounts. In those cases, we need a down payment - non-refundable - which will be deducted from your final bill):  
Funds should be transferred to Crédit Agricole Caisse Régionale Sud Méditerranée IBAN  
FR76 1710 6000 0601 6938 8300 083  
BIC AGRIFRPP871  
**Please specify your name and your booking dates on the transfer.**
3. By internet :  
<http://refugedescortalets.ffcam.fr/reservation.html>

To join the French Alpine Club and get discounts on overnight stays:  
FFCAM Prades Canigou – 10, place de la République - BP 65 - 66502 PRADES-CEDEX FRANCE  
0033 4 68 96 18 90 <http://prades.ffcam.fr/>

We are looking forward to welcoming you,  
Thomas and the Cortalets team.

## *Some practical information*



We serve meals at **7.30 pm**. Your booking is assured until 6 pm. If you expect to arrive late, please call us (after 6 pm your reservation may be given to someone else).



When the refuge des Cortalets is staffed, there are mattresses and blankets at your disposal. You only need a light sleeping bag. You can rent [sheets and sleeping bags](#) for 6 €, you can buy it for 15€



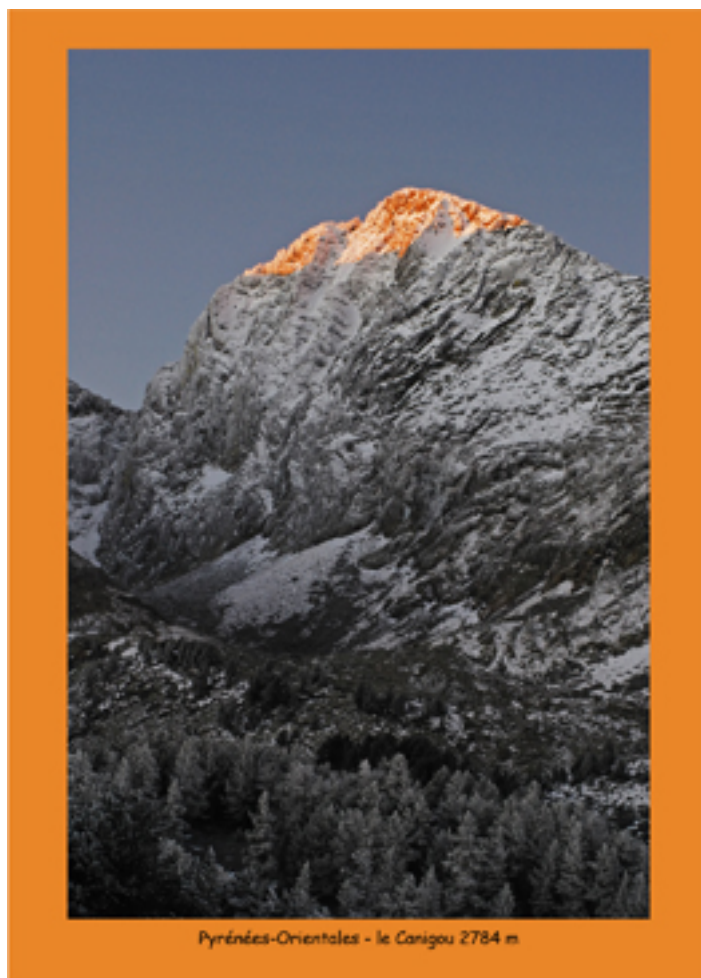
You can have a hot shower in the refuge (2,50 € token).



Dogs are not allowed inside the refuge. They may stay in the annex, but you need to contact the warden in advance.



If you want to have lunch very early in the morning in order to leave the refuge before sunrise, please let us know.



## *How to come to the refuge*

1. By train and then on foot
2. On foot
3. By car
4. With donkeys or horses
5. Other

### 1. By train and then on foot:

From the Prades train station, head for the village of Taurinya by the GRT83 (red and white markings). The trail passes the Abbey of Saint Michel de Cuxa (90 min walk).

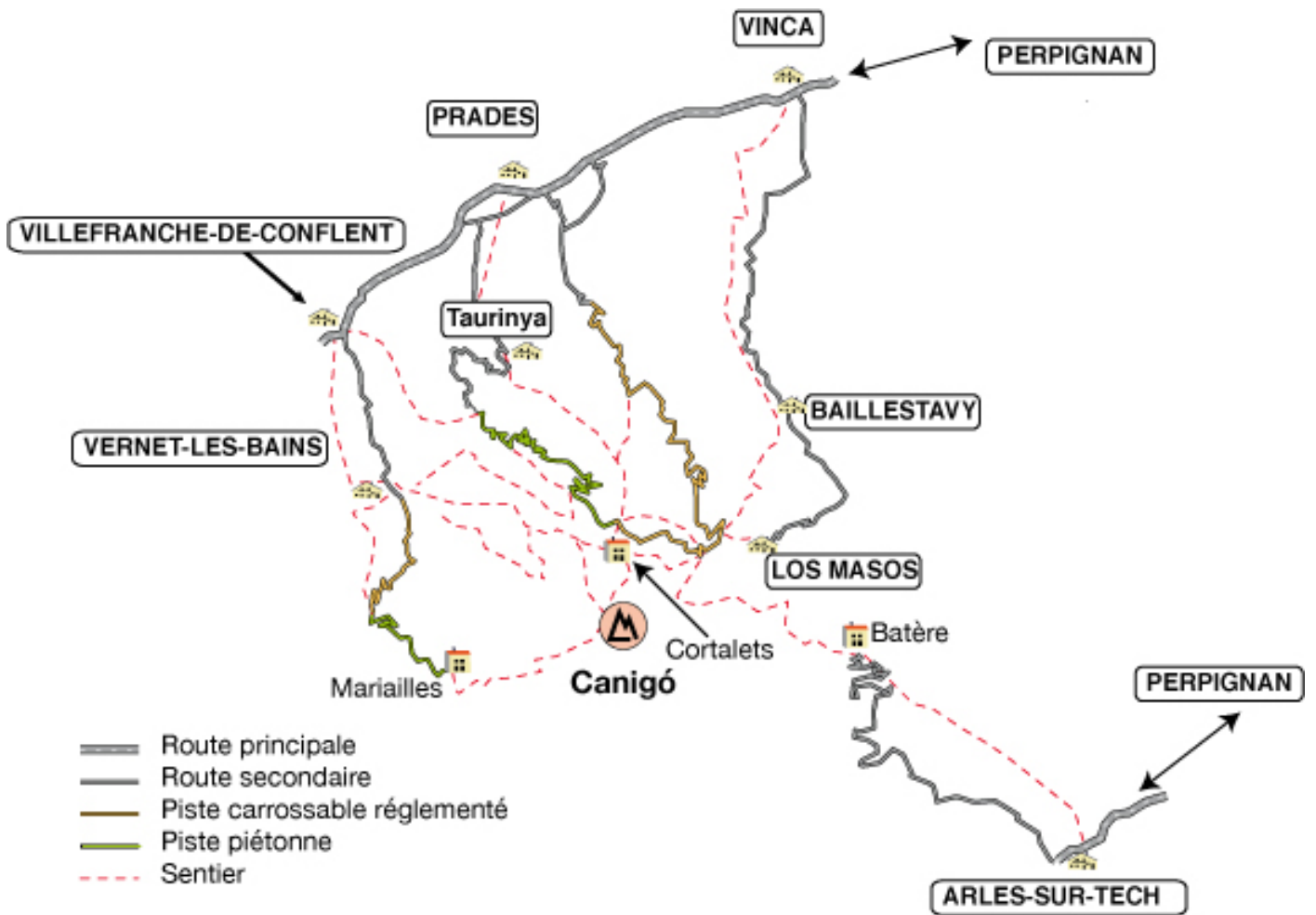
From Taurinya, you need to pass Llasseras, the rock Mosquit, the Soucarrade, the Ras des Cortalets and then the refuge des Cortalets. It is a 5 hour walk approximately (1780 metres of ascent).

From Prades to the refuge, it is about 6½ hours, and it takes about 4 hrs 45 minutes to return to Prades on foot.


### 2. On foot:

Place of departure (parking):

1. From the last **parking of the Ras des Cortalets** (located a few metres below the refuge, 2 hours away from Prades by car) follow the dirt track or the trail that is located right below the last parking, at the sharp turn. The refuge is 550 metres away. Height difference: **+ 50 m, 10 minute walk**.
2. From the **refuge de Mariailles** follow the trail GR10 and HRP (High Pyrenean Trail). The last part, called « the Chimney », located 100 m under the Canigó Summit, is very steep and you will need to use your hands to secure yourself during the ascent. Height difference: **+ 1 066 m/- 634 m, 5½ to 6 hr walk. You can avoid** the Chimney by taking the trail that passes by le Barbet (Porteille de Valmanya).
3. From the **parking above the col de Millères** follow a dirt track. Height difference **+ 1 050 m, 3 hr to 3½ hr** walk. You can take a smaller trail, located on the right when you are at the parking that leads to the col des Voltes. You will be walking on the right bank of the torrent of Fillols.
4. From the **Baillestavy village / La Fargue** follow the trail variant GR36. Height difference **+ 1 440 m, 4 hr½** walk.
5. From the **Valmanya village** follow the trail that leads to the forest house of the same name. You will enjoy some fabulous high mountain views. Height difference **+ 1 254 m, 6 hr½** walk.
6. From the **Los Masos (Valmanya)** village, follow the trail (Patriques woods). The trail is steep at the beginning and then presents a gentle slope. Total height difference **+ 1 210 m, 4 hr** walk approx.)
7. From **Batère and the col de la Cirère** follow the trail GR 10. Height difference **+ 209 m/- 252 m / + 671 m, 6 hr** walk to go up, **3½ hr** to go down).
8. From **Vernet-les-Bains** village follow the trail (maquis de Barbusse and refuge de Bonne-Aigue). Height difference **+ 1 427, 4½ hr to 5 hr** walk.



### 3. By car:

- From Prades, go towards Los Masos (third exit at the first Prades roundabout when you come from Perpignan). The track (called la piste du Llech) begins after passing through the village of Villerach. You can use your own car but avoid using cars with limited clearance. The track is 21 km long and is suitable for vehicles but some parts are in poor condition.
  - From Perpignan: about 2½ hours
  - From Prades: 1½ to 2 hours
- The traffic on the track of the col de Millères (called la piste du Balatg) is closed. Please visit the website of [Canigó Grand Site](#).
- You can also book four-wheeled transport (4X4). Please check with the companies: Montagne et transports 04 68 30 02 82 - VILLACEQUE 04 68 05 51 14 - TSA 0 609 719 162 – La Caravelle du Conflent 06 11 22 48 79
-  To mount buggy two places: you drive yourself, possibility of driving for people with physical disabilities, you are accompanied by a driver start from Ile Sur Tet Franck 06 80 43 54 73

### 4. With donkeys or horses

With donkeys: Fabien BOYER 06 02 29 34 54 boyerfabien@laposte.fr <http://www.caravanigou.fr/>

## **5. Other:**

- For safety reasons, this track is closed during the winter from 31<sup>st</sup> December to 15<sup>th</sup> May (in the event of exceptional weather conditions, the trail may be closed earlier and open later).
- On 18<sup>th</sup> June, a traditional event called La Trobada, attracts thousands of people. Therefore the track is closed at the Mas Malet on 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm and opens again on 19<sup>th</sup> June in the morning or later in the afternoon. The same applies for the event of the San Juan Bonfires taking place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June (the track closes at 2 pm and opens again on 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the morning). It takes about 2½ hours to walk from the Mas Malet to the Roc Mosquit and another 90 minutes to reach the refuge. For exemption requests: <http://trobadadelcanigo.info/4.html>.

Information

<http://cortalets.com/spip.php?article74>

## **Neighbouring refuges located within one day's walk from the Cortalets:**

[Refuge des Mariailles \(staffed\)](#) 00334 68 05 57 99  
Refuge de Bonne-Aigue (not staffed)  
Refuge de Pla Guillem (not staffed)  
[Gite de Batère \(staffed\)](#) 00334 68 39 12 01

## **Summits accessible from the refuge within a day (name, height difference):**

CANIGÓ	2784 m	+634m
Barbet	2733 m	+583 m

## **One day hiking trails around the refuge:**

The Canigó (round-trip)  
Loop trail: Col des Voltes – Bonne-Aigue – la Perdrix  
Loop trail: Barbet – Canigou

## **Other itineraries (loop trails, crossing trails, etc.):**

The Transpyreneen Hiking Trail  
From Sea to Mountain: Banyuls-sur-Mer – Pic du Canigó (refuge des Cortalets) **in 4 days**  
Vernet-les-Bains – Refuge de Mariailles – Canigó – Refuge des Cortalets – Vernet-les-Bains  
The Rondes du Canigó (trails created in 2010 by the Conseil Général 66 - Department Council), etc.

## **What makes it a unique place (geography, fishing, rock climbing, etc.)**

Classified site: Canigó Grand Site (pond, fauna, flora and mugo pine forest).  
Accessible during the summer for families, possibilities to hike by foot, with donkeys, by horseback or to do mountain biking.  
Ski touring, nordic skiing and snowshoeing possible during the winter.  
Many multi pitch rock climbing routes are accessible within a 45 min walk from the refuge.  
Winter mountaineering, snow in gullies, snow slopes, mixed route.

**Services offered at the refuge (meal, reception, animation, etc.):**

Lecture on the Pyrenees or the Sahara (on request)  
Many tips on the possible ways of climbing in the mountains.  
Live concert, etc.

*Pictures taken from the refuge, East side*

