

175 - Pic d'Aillary

The Pic d'Aillary is with 2,215 meters the highest peak in the vicinity of the refuge and the lake of Arlet. The hike is located in the middle of the high mountains of the French Pyrenees near the Spanish border, and during much of the hike we have views all around on this so great mountain range. The hike to the top is relatively easy and the reward is great: fantastic views of the Lac d'Arlet and the surrounding Pyrenees.

- Where we parked the car (1) we take a trail on the left side of the road, signposted towards Refuge d'Arlet.
- After 5-10 minutes we come to a bridge (2). Do not go over it, but turn right, towards the Refuge d'Arlet. In principle, we follow the course of the dirt road, but take some shortcuts. After about 10 minutes we come out again on the dirt road (3) which now runs right/straight on.
- The dirt road quickly turns into a narrow trail and we ascend through the forest. When we are out of the forest we end up on a dirt road (4) where we turn left.
- After five minutes we arrive at a fork (5) with signposts, where we go straight ahead/right, towards Refuge d'Arlet.
- We follow the white-red marking and milestones on this trail, also when after more than an hour in a bend we follow the path further to the left (6).
- About 10-15 minutes later we ignore the path on the right (7) and continue straight on to the Refuge d'Arlet.
- Half an hour later we arrive at a pass (8) from where we see the Refuge d'Arlet and the Lac d'Arlet. We further follow the trail and arrive about 10 minutes later at the mountain refuge (9). Right behind the mountain refuge we take a trail to the left.
- We further follow this trail and ascend more than 200 meters to the top of Pic d'Aillary (10).
- The way back is via the same route.

Fact Sheet

Duration: 7:00 hrs.
 Distance: 19.3 km.
 Route type: Round trip
 Path type: Dirt roads, trails
 Marking: White-red, milestones
 Total difference in altitude: 1,150 m.
 Highest point: 2,217 m.
 Difficulty: Medium (5/15)



How to get there?

The hike starts near the power plant of Les Forges d'Abel, in the Pyrenees in France, just across the border with Spain. From Spain take the N-330 towards Canfranc/Candanchú and take the tunnel to France. Turn left as soon as you leave the tunnel, towards Les Forges d'Abel. Follow the main road through the village. We pass the power plant and drive a little further along a dirt road (in a not too good condition) until we cannot go any further, where we park the car.



GPS Coordinates:

Latitude: N 42 48.843
 Longitude: W 0 34.949

