

# **Meyrargues / Draguignan**

# **Mediterranean Cycle Route**



**Départ** Meyrarques **Arrivée** Draguignan

Durée 6 h 04 min Distance 104,18 Km

Niveau it's steep Thématique Castels & Monuments Play at spotting perched castles at the start of this joyous stage of the Mediterranean Cycle Route through the Haut-Var area. Many cyclists you encounter will be following the circuit Les Châteaux de l'Ouest Haut-Var. The privately-owned Château de St-Martin-de-Pallières offers a perfect example of the remarkable castles of these parts, dominating their villages. After steep portions on quiet road, you join easier stretches on former train lines. Les Carmes's pools at Barjols and Sillans Waterfall provide refreshing stops. Between Salernes and Flayosc, a former portion of train line takes you through a staggering, almost wild defile. Once the slope up to Le Flayosquet tackled, enjoy the descent to Draguignan, although this is technically demanding.

#### The route

This stage will gradually be laid out properly, but it presents a number of difficulties at present, so cycle along with care.

The route is being signposted from Meyrargues station on the border between the counties of the Bouches du Rhône and the Var.

Signposting is in place leaving Salernes, taking the former Provence rail line to Flayosc.

#### Take care:

Between Pontèves and Sillans-la-Cascade, the route's surface is in a very bad state of repair in several spots at time of writing.

Before Flayosc there's a series of short tunnels for which you need to put on your lights. Note that you may encounter some motorized traffic coming in the opposite direction in these tunnels.

Dangerous descent along the Chemin du Seyran track at the level of Bondil before Draguignan.

Smooth surfaces: along most of this stage.
Rough surfaces: at Pontèves, on the forest road between the D60 and D560 roads. Before Sillans-la-Cascade, on the former Route de Sillans, parallel to the D560 road and just before Sillans on the Chemin de Provence (watch out for potholes). Note the dangerous descent along the Chemin du Seyran, at the level of Bondil, before Draguignan, where the surface is in a very bad state of repair. After Salernes, on the former Provence railway line. On the link towards Les Arcs sur Argens, along the track at the level of the vineyards of the Domaine de Ste Roseline.

### Link

Draguignan < > Les Arcs-sur-Argens: from Draguignan, behind the tourist office, you can join a greenway via Trans-en-Provence to Les Arcs-sur-Argens. Note that there are some major slopes between Trans-en-Provence and Ste-Roseline, where you join the Voie de la Vigne through vineyards up to Les Arcs-sur-Argens.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## **Tourist Offices**

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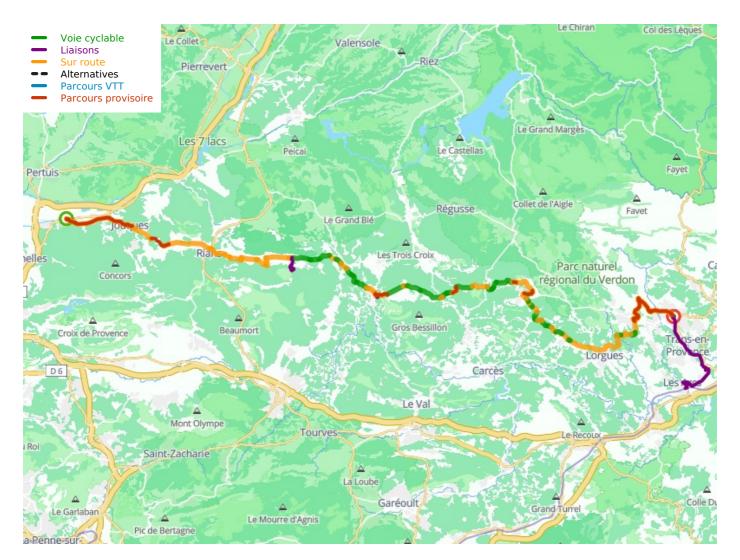
Office de tourisme intercommunal de Dracénie 33 (0)4 98 10 51 05

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## **SNCF train stations**

Meyrargues station Les Arcs-sur-Argens / Draguignan stations

**Consult the timetables** 



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# **Arrivée** Draguignan

