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NEPTUNE blue trails

Domaine du Rayol underwater trail



**Warning
FRAGILE**



Snorkelling



Natural



**Average
frequentation**

Geographic location

France, Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, Var, Le Rayol Canadel

Name of the conservation area (or protected area)

Marine area adjacent to Port-Cros National Park

Level of environmental protection

Natura 2000 Var coast

Name of the dive site

Domaine du Rayol underwater trail

Geographic coordinates (reference system)

LAT E 06°28'54.542"

LONG N 43°09'15.685"

Reference system WGS 84

LOCATION



Access to the dive site

By land: access to the underwater trail is via the Domain du Rayol reception (entry fee).

Site characteristics

Maximum depth **4 m**
Difficulty **Low**



Natural

Information about the managing body

The Domaine du Rayol association ensures the management and development of the garden of the domain, which is owned by the Conservatoire du Littoral (Coastal Trust). It hosts landscape architect Gilles Clément's Mediterranean Gardens project and welcomes visitors for an educational, naturalist and cultural discovery of the site. Equipped with an underwater trail, the Marine Garden provides the public with a guide to discover the different marine habitats and the biodiversity of the species that inhabit them.

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INFORMATION



Authorisation not required



Snorkelling

More information:

The underwater trails booklet (trail No.6, page 18)

<https://fr.calameo.com/read/000318363320c568f95e>



BIENVENUE AU PARC NATIONAL DE PORT-CROS



DECouvrez LES SENTIERS SOUS-MARINS



TRAIL MAP



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To preserve biodiversity
IT IS PROHIBITED

- to gather sea urchins from 16 April to 31 October in the department of Var
- to capture or hunt octopus from 1 June to 30 September
- to fish or hunt in the zones reserved for swimming, including the underwater trails

Description of the site of natural interest

The trail is located on the Domaine du Rayol in the heart of the Maures corniche and opposite Port Cros National Park. Well sheltered from wind, the cove offers a wide diversity of habitats. Numerous biotopes are present here: rocky talus, overhangs, caves, sandy beds, seagrass meadows, all in depths of less than 4 metres.



NATURAL

Damselfish
Chromis chromis



Parc national de Port-Cros - P.N. PORT-CROS

Red sea star
Echinaster sepositus



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Painted comber
Serranus scriba



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Green sponge ball
Codium bursa

List of main species

- **Snakelocks anemone** *Anemonia viridis*
- **Damselfish** *Chromis chromis*
- **Green sponge ball** *Codium bursa*
- **Red sea star** *Echinaster sepositus*
- **Ornate wrasse** *Thalassoma pavo*
- **Rainbow wrasse** *Coris julis*
- **Green wrasse** *Labrus viridis*
- **Octopus** *Octopus vulgaris*
- **Neptune grass** *Posidonia oceanica*
- **Common two-banded sea bream** *Diplodus vulgaris*
- **Salema porgy** *Sarpa salpa*
- **Painted comber** *Serranus scriba*