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## NEPTUNE blue trails

# Baie du Niel underwater trail



**Warning  
FRAGILE**



**Snorkelling**



**Natural**



**Accessible**



**Average  
frequentation**

## Geographic location

**France, Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, Var, Hyères**

## Name of the conservation area (or protected area)

**Marine area adjacent to Port-Cros National Park**

## Level of environmental protection

**Natura 2000 Hyères bay and ZIEM (zone prohibited to motor craft)**

## Name of the dive site

**Baie du Niel underwater trail**

## Geographic coordinates (reference system)

**LAT E 06°08'10.186"**

**LONG N 43°02'05.985"**

**Reference system WGS 84**



**LOCATION**



## Access to the dive site

**By land:** On the Giens peninsula between Pointe de la Vignette and Baie du Niel, access is located at the entrance to Renée Sabran Hospital (security post). It is reserved for disabled persons and their family with authorisation and presentation of the access card issued by the Director of the hospital.

## Site characteristics

Maximum depth **3 m**  
Difficulty **Low**



**Natural**



**Accessible:** site equipped to facilitate access for disabled persons

## Information about the managing body

The aim of the 'Un Fauteuil à la Mer' association is to provide reliable, descriptive and objective information concerning the accessibility of sites and facilities to develop tourist facilities that are adapted to all types of disabilities (physical, mental, hearing and visual).

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## INFORMATION



Authorisation not required



**Snorkelling**

## More information:

**The underwater trails booklet**  
(page 24)

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



## TRAIL MAP



Warning **FRAGILE**

**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 Baie du Niel underwater trail consists of several biotopes: sandy seabeds, rocky seabeds, seagrass meadows, cave, etc.

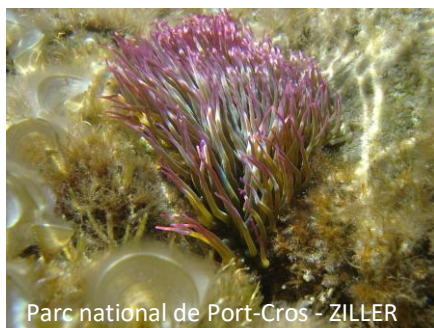
Peacock wrasse  
*Symphodus tinca*



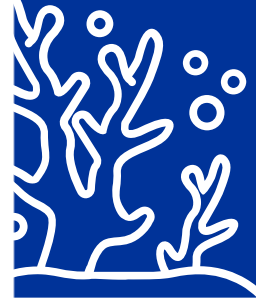
Common two-banded sea bream  
*Diplodus vulgaris*



Snakelocks anemone  
*Anemonia viridis*



Green sponge ball  
*Codium bursa*



NATURAL

### List of main species

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



Transparent kayak

Underwater trail



## ACCESSIBLE

At each buoy there is a flag describing the animal and plant species of the ZIEM (zone prohibited to motor craft).

To make the activity accessible to all, the association is equipped with mechanical chairs installed on the dock to facilitate entry into the water, a transparent kayak, an underwater thruster for persons with reduced mobility, FM snorkels with a transmitter on the dock for explanations about the seabed and an underwater camera at the first buoy that broadcasts live for those who cannot enter the water.