



# Réserve Naturelle Régionale GORGES DE DALUIS

## Welcome to the Daluis Gorges Regional Nature Reserve

The river Var, which takes its source a few kilometers upstream, carved its bed along more than 900 metres in the Pelite of the Permian period, creating spectacular escarpments in the red rock, which have led to the area being known as the Little Colorado of Nice. This landscape has no equivalent in France other than the nearby Gorges of Cians. The Reserve, with an area of 1,082 hectares including 789 hectares on the commune of Guillaumes and 293 within the commune of Daluis, is in keeping with this singular and grandiose landscape. We invite you to be attentive and discreet in order to admire the wild flora and fauna.

### Renowned worldwide for mineralogy

More than 70 types of mineral have been recorded in the Daluis Gorge. Some, such as Barotite or Gilmarite, were discovered here for the first time, which confers upon the site an international reputation. Several archaeological remains bear witness to the interest of men in the exploitation of this wealth of minerals, including native copper.



Gilmarite © Yves VESSELY

### A unique diversity of wildlife

Marking the transition to the Mediterranean and Alps, the Daluis Gorge is home to remarkable natural riches. Endemic species, found nowhere else on Earth, live here. This is the case, for example, of two species of snails, the *Macularia Saintivesi* and the *Solatopupa Cianensis*.



Marbrée des pérites © Stéphanie LARBOURET

### Classification Natural Reserve

The site has been classified as a Regional Nature Reserve thanks to the encounter of the Community of Communes Alpes d'Azur and the French League for the protection of Birds (LPO) whose desire is to jointly protect the quality of this natural and geological heritage. Their common interest in this exceptional area led to the creation by the Southern Region of the first nature reserve in the Alpes-Maritimes.



Saxifragas à feuilles en languette © Cécile LEMARCHAND

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