

### **The castle of Roquevert, the Roc Blanc site and the bridge over the Désix**

On the borders of the territories of Tréviach, Sournia, Prats de Sournia and Pézilla du Conflent, are the old castles of Roquevert and Roc Blanc as well as the bridge over the Désix.

The castle of Roquevert (XIIIth century), mentioned for the first time in 1395, is part of the barony of Rabouillet which belongs to a branch of the Peyrepertuse family. It overlooks the Rapane (East / West) and the Désix (Southwest / Northeast) valleys. The castle was built according to a quadrangular plan, on a rocky outcrop.

To the east of this building, the castle of Roc Blanc (11th-12th centuries) rose directly above the Rapane valley. Today it is difficult to access. Triangular in shape, it occupied a ten by ten meters surface.

The bridge over the Désix, 32.5 meters long (10.5 wide), consists of three 6.5 meter high arches,. It allowed people to cross the river on foot or by cart. The central arch was built at the turn of the 12th-13th centuries, it is the oldest. No traces of an earlier bridge are visible: was there a wooden bridge or a simple passage built in the bed of the river? Nothing validates or invalidates this hypothesis.