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Cover photograph: Old trail to Montsor (El Cinquè Llac route). In the distance, Sant Antoni Reservoir.

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## **PROLOGUE**

Why have geologists and scientists from around the world been drawn to the southern slopes of the Pyrenees for more than a century? Probably because our mountains, valleys, rivers and ravines are an open book where people can go on a journey back in time. Here, they can discover how the universe was formed, how planet Earth and the living beings on it have evolved over more than 500 million years and how the inhabitants of this region used to live and still live, following the unique traditions of their ancestors. For all these reasons, in 2018, after years of dedication, this genuine heritage and all the hard work were duly recognised and we became part of UNESCO's Global Geoparks Network.

I have the pleasure of introducing this guide, which aims to provide information for all types of visitors about the rich heritage of the Origens Geopark, as well as a selection of the tourist and cultural attractions in the area so that they can enjoy this incredible landscape and discover first-hand the fascinating history of an authentic region, which without a doubt will take their breath away.

In name of the Geopark Association, formed by all of the towns and districts in the Pallars Jussà region; by the towns of Àger, Camarasa and Vilanova de Meià, in Noguera; by Baix Pallars, in Pallars Sobirà; by Coll de Nargó in Alt Urgell, and by the Regional Councils of Pallars Jussà and Noguera, welcome to the Orígens Geopark.

Maria Pilar Cases Lopetegui

President

Orígens UNESCO Global Geoparks



## A UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

The Geoparks Network was created in the year 2000 and in 2015 became part of a UNESCO programme that ensures the conservation, management and dissemination of areas that have a geological, palaeontological and mining heritage of international relevance.

Management of the Geoparks is based on an overall vision of the region, which includes protection, education and sustainable development in benefit of the local population. The Geoparks involve the local population so that common objectives can be achieved.

A UNESCO Global Geopark uses its geological heritage, in connection with all the other aspects of natural areas and cultural heritage, to raise awareness and disseminate aspects that directly affect society.



The Geoparks are regions that are founded on teamwork and cooperation. The Global Geoparks Network comprises more than 150 regions in over 40 countries around the world, a number that increases each year.



The UNESCO Global Geoparks describe planet Earth's 4600 million years of history and the geological events that shaped it, as well as the evolution of humanity itself. Not only do they reveal evidence of past climatic changes, but they also inform local communities of the current challenges and help them prepare for risks of earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions.

# THE ORÍGENS GEOPARK

The Orígens Geopark is located on the southern slopes of the Pyrenees, in the province of Lleida, and covers 2000 km², which includes the towns and districts of the Pallars Jussà region (Abella de la Conca, Castell de Mur, Conca de Dalt, Gavet de la Conca, Isona i Conca Dellà, La Pobla de Segur, Llimiana, Salàs de Pallars, Sant Esteve de la Sarga, Sarroca de Bellera, Senterada, Talarn, La Torre de Capdella and Tremp), part of the region of Noguera (Àger, Camarasa and Vilanova de Meià), the town of Baix Pallars in Pallars Sobirà and Coll de Nargó in Alt Urgell. These towns and districts, together with the Regional Councils of Pallars Jussà and Noguera, form the Geopark Association, responsible for the geopark's management.

It is an extraordinary region for observing, learning about and enjoying earth sciences, thanks to the enormous wealth of natural and cultural heritage.

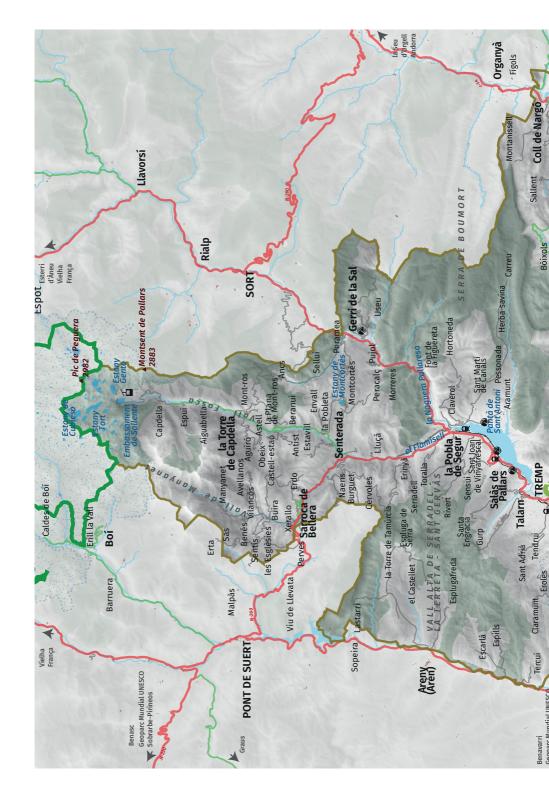
In the Orígens Geopark, one can truly travel back in time and discover the origins and evolution of Earth and life, from the Big Bang to present day. Diverse and breathtaking experiences can be enjoyed and visitors can follow in the footsteps of the last dinosaurs that lived in Europe or hike through spectacular gorges, such as Mont-rebei or Collegats. Also, the Geopark makes it possible to trace the steps of humanity from prehistory to present day, thanks to a wide range of tours and activities. Even today, the essence of this region, transmitted by its inhabitants, can still be enjoyed through festive traditions and local products.

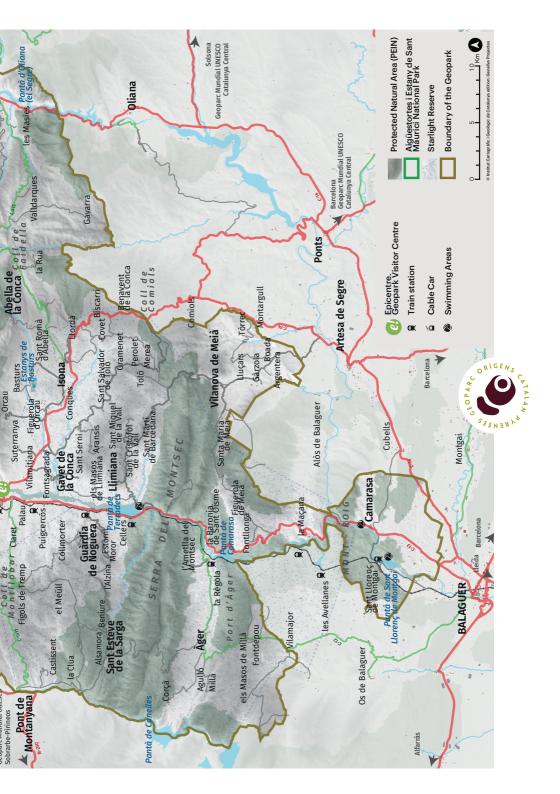
Finally, the Origens Geopark has another valuable aspect: its rural setting, far from large cities, which allows people to observe one of the starriest skies of Catalonia, something which has earned it the Starlight Foundation certification.



La Serpent Cave. Photo: Jordi Colom

The exceptional geological values of this region earned its recognition, in 2018, as a UNESCO Global Geopark.





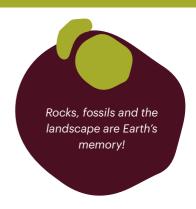


# DISCOVER, FEEL, LIVE, SAVOUR THE GEOPARK

A breathtaking landscape, that boasts geological sites and fossils, nature areas and a huge variety of cultural treasures. An authentic cuisine, with an amazing range of services and activities for experiencing and discovering. All this and more is what the Orígens Geopark has in store for its visitors.

#### **GEOLOGICAL HERITAGE**

Each geological outcrop is a small piece of the huge puzzle of Earth's evolution. A piece that provides information as to how the continents have altered, how species have evolved and how the climate has changed. Some of these pieces can be found in the Origens Geopark and are catalogued as places of geological interest for their exceptional nature and diversity. Scientific research in these areas contributes to reconstructing the geological history of the region, which is illustrated as a geological map, similar to the one in this guide.



#### A few concepts for budding geologists:

**Limestone**: sedimentary rock that contains more than 50% of calcium carbonate.

**Conglomerate**: sedimentary rock formed by rounded fragments of rock embedded in cement.

**Tufa:** calcareous rock of continental origin associated with groundwater springs.

Thrust fault: fault (fracture in Earth's crust) with an angle of less than 45°,

which places the oldest rocks over the more modern ones.

**Thrust sheet**: a body of rock displaced along a thrust fault.

**Anticline**: a fold formed by the compression of layers of rock, which has a convex morphology.

**Syncline**: a fold formed by the compression of layers of rock, which has a concave morphology.

#### **BRIEF SUMMARY OF A VERY LONG HISTORY**

The Origens Geopark is located on the southern side of the Pyrenees, a mountain range resulting from an alpine orogeny caused by a collision of the Iberian and European plates. The region is dominated by a series of east-west facing mountains and valleys, determined by the configuration of the structures that form the Pyrenees.

The oldest rocks, in the north, are from the Palaeozoic and have been extensively deformed, as well as affected by granite intrusions and vulcanism. To the south of these rocks, structures called thrust

sheets are dominant, forming the ranges of Bóixols-Sant Corneli to the north, Montsec in the centre and marginal ranges to the south. Between these ranges are the valleys of Tremp, Ager and Oliana. Here lie the structures and sediments that emerged before, during and after various tectonic episodes that led to the formation of the Pyrenees.

Between the end of the Cretaceous and the beginning of the Palaeogene, the Geopark's landscape evolved from a sea where limestone and marls were deposited to deltas and continental deposits. Rising sea levels at the beginning of the Eocene, re-established a sea in the Tremp and Ager valleys, which opened to the west. This sea is currently represented by marls and limestones with alveolines. River and del-

ta systems developed on top of these materials and deposited sandstones and conglomerates. Subsequently, during the most vigorous era of the formation of the Pyrenees, in the Eocene and Oligocene, the terrain of the Central Pyrenees eroded and large alluvial systems emerged at the foothills of the mountain range, leading to the conglomerates found today in the Collegats, Pessonada, Gurp and Comiols ranges.

The glaciers which formed to the north during the Quaternary created glacial valleys, which today can be recognised by their U shape. At the same time, intense river erosion led to the formation of extensive alluvial fans and the entrenchment of river valleys, which resulted in spectacular gorges, such as Collegats and Mont-rebei.

The rocks that form the Geopark reveal over 500 million years of geological records and contain animal and plant fossils that tell of the evolution of life.



#### PALAEONTOLOGICAL HERITAGE

The region of the Geopark contains a very wide representation of the evolution of life on Earth, including sites from the Silurian to the Palaeogene, some 400 million years represented by fossils of vertebrates, invertebrates and plants. From this extremely long period, of note are two epochs: the Early Cretaceous and the Late Cretaceous.

## EARLY CRETACEOUS: THE FIRST FLOWERS

Fossils have been found at sites in the Montsec range that date back 130 million years and preserve their soft structures: insects, fish, amphibians, small reptiles, feathered birds and the first flowering plants to appear on the planet. Some of these specimens are on display at the Centre d'Interpretació del Montsec (Montsec Interpretation Centre) in Vilanova de Meià.

Montsechia vidalii fossil, one of the first plants with flowers Photo: Antoni Lacasa



#### LATE CRETACEOUS: THE LAST DINOSAURS OF EUROPE

Later, during the Late Cretaceous, between 70 and 66 million years ago, the central part of the Geopark was a coastal area with a tropical climate on the edge of a sea that opened to the west. In this area of islands and wetlands, sauropod, ornithopod, predominantly hadrosaurs, and theropod dinosaurs, as well as other vertebrates, like crocodiles and turtles, roamed. Their remains have been preserved in the rocks and studies have revealed what these animals were like and how they lived.

#### DISCOVER, FEEL, LIVE, SAVOUR THE GEOPARK





Hadrosaur dinosaur footprint interpreted by a palaeontologist from the Conca Dellà Museum. Photo: Jordi Peró

Conca de Tremp and the area of Coll de Nargó are considered two of the most important areas of palaeontological interest in Europe. The region has an extensive fossil record of dinosaur bones, eggs and footprints, as well as other vertebrates and plants, all of which help us to understand how dinosaurs lived just before their extinction.

In the area of Isona i Conca Dellà there are different sites, some of which can be visited through the Conca Dellà Museum. At the museum, some of the most important remains are on display, such as a spectacular dinosaur neck measuring 5 metres in length. In Coll de Nargó, visitors can go on a journey back in time some 70 million years, thanks to Dinosfera, where they can discover how dinosaurs reproduced and also visit the Mirador del Cretaci (Cretaceous Observation Centre), the most important site with dinosaur nests in Europe.



#### MINING AND INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

Throughout history, very diverse rocks and minerals have been extracted and used from the region of the Orígens Geopark: chalk and cement from carbonate rocks in the towns of La Pobla de Segur and Xerallo, coal from Coll de Nargó, Isona and Sossís and metals from many other locations. Mining, as an activity, is today extinct but it has left an extraordinarily strong socio-economic impact on the area.

As an industrial heritage, the hydroelectric power stations should be mentioned, which are still active today and can be visited in La Vall Fosca, Talarn and Camarasa.

#### THE GERRI DE LA SAL SALTWORKS

The exploitation of salt in this region, began more than 4000 years ago, as revealed by remains discovered at the site.

The salt pans that can still be seen today, were used until 1982 when they were damaged by heavy flooding. The groundwater that flows through the saltrich rocks of the Triassic comes to the surface at a salt spring located on the right bank of the Noguera Pallaresa and was used for the production, transformation and commercialisation of

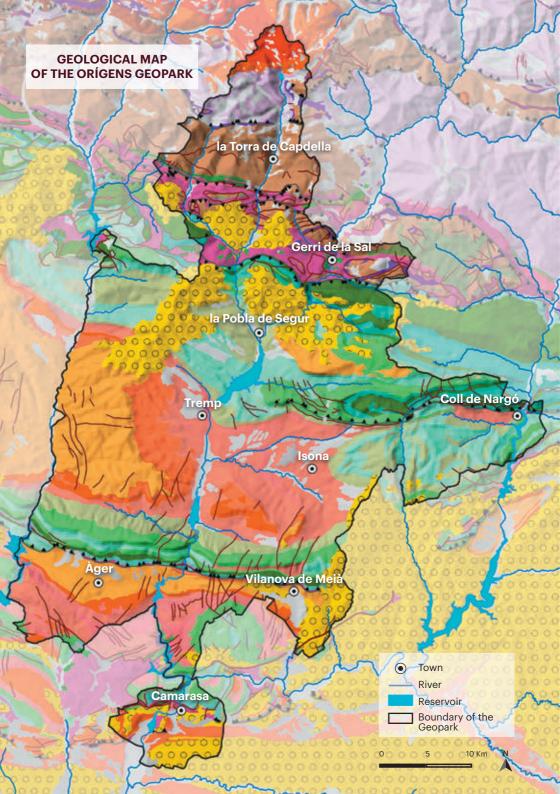


Gerri de la Sal Saltworks. Photo: Jordi Peró

this commodity that was so highly valued in the past. A small area of cultural memory has been kept running as a tourist resource.

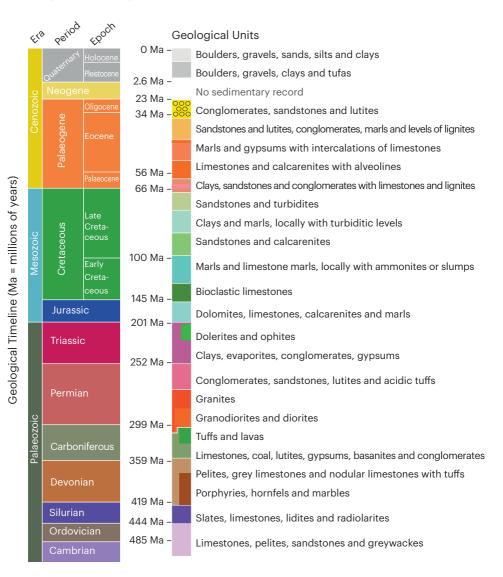
#### MINES DE CASTELL

At the beginning of the 1960s, Franco's regime began to prospect for uranium, to become a nuclear power. For this reason, the mines of Castell (La Vall Fosca) were opened but were abandoned three years later. Here, up to 113 types of minerals have been described, including abellaite, the first new mineral discovered and described in Catalonia.





#### Geological map legend



**Geological Structures** 

Thrust — Fault

#### **NATURE AREAS**

Gorges, valleys, lakes... The region of the Orígens Geopark has a considerable number of protected nature areas that also form part of the Natura 2000 network, such as the lakes of Basturs and Montcortès, the confluence of the Segre-Noguera Pallaresa, the valley of Serradell, Collegats-Queralt and the Montsec range. All are noteworthy for their nature and landscape.

#### **BOUMORT RESERVE**

This covers an area of 13 097 hectares and is almost completely within the Orígens Geopark.

It is one of the most representative nature areas of the Catalan Pre-Pyrenees, with a rugged terrain and large coniferous forests. The most notable fauna includes deer, chamois, roe deer, wild boar and large carrion birds, such as the griffon vulture, bearded vulture, Egyptian vulture and cinereous vulture.

The reserve has several hides that blend in with the surroundings making it possible to

In autumn you can listen to the incredible sound of the rutting of the deer.

closely observe and photograph the main species of fauna. There are different public access routes suitable for off-road vehicles and mountain bikes, as well as some trails for discovering the area on foot. Visits with authorised tour companies are recommended.

#### AIGÜESTORTES I ESTANY DE SANT MAURICI NATIONAL PARK

To the north of the Geopark is the peripheral area of the Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici National Park, the only national park in Catalonia. Covering 40 000 hectares, its valleys, surrounded by peaks over 3000 metres high, boast spectacular geological formations and numerous plant and animal species. Water is the most abundant feature of the park's landscape, in the form of rivers, waterfalls, marshlands and over 450 lakes.



#### **CULTURAL HERITAGE**

Cave paintings, dolmens, archaeological sites, Roman remains, castles, mediaeval churches and monasteries, Catalan modernism, areas of cultural memory, old hydroelectric power stations... The territory of the Geopark is rich in cultural heritage, a testament to the evolution of humanity over time. All this under one of the most impressive night skies in the country: the Montsec range and the Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici National Park have been certified as Starlight Reserves for their excellent sky quality for astronomical observation.

The cultural legacy is not, however, limited to tangible heritage. The landscape of the Geopark is the setting of myths and legends, where reality and magic come together. At the same time, the area preserves age-old traditions, such as La Pobla de Segur's Falles festival that welcomes the summer, during which flaming torches are carried down the mountain by the town's young men, declared an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO, and the festival of the Raiers, the timber raftsmen, which takes place in summer in La Pobla de Segur and Coll de Nargó, and commemorates the old trade of transporting wood by river.

#### SAVOUR THE GEOPARK REGION, GASTRONOMY

The local gastronomy offers a huge variety of products, typical of the Mediterranean diet, such as olive oil, fruit and vegetables, and wine. Furthermore, there are many excellent regional products, such as lamb from the local xisqueta breed, meat products, such as the girella sausage and the cured xolis sausage, and coca de recapte, a traditional flatbread topped with vegetables.

In the region's restaurants, visitors can savour the local cuisine in all its diversity, with dishes that are perfectly paired with the area's mountain wines.

Most of the local food products and restaurants are promoted under the local quality brand Al teu gust, aliments del Pallars, which aims to preserve traditional products, stimulate the local economy and conserve the agricultural landscape. Worth a mention is the CordeVi food festival, which offers a wide range of activities in the autumn.



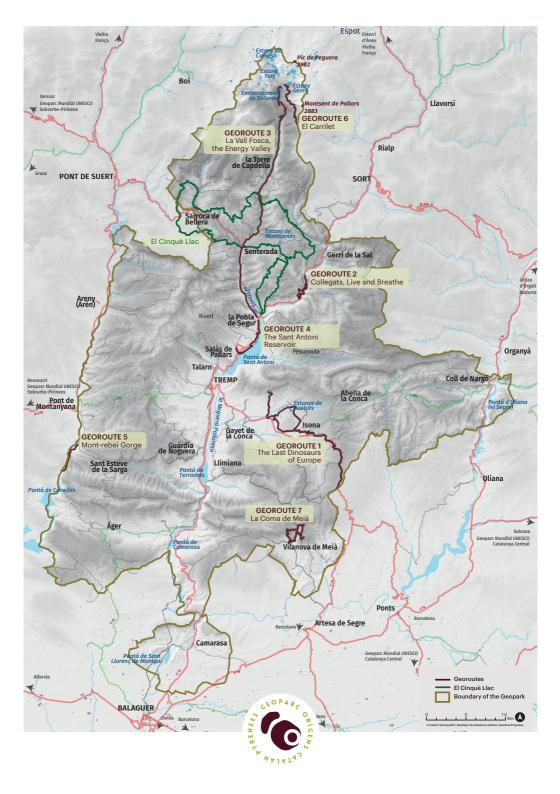












# GEOROUTES IN THE GEOPARK

Georoutes are trails that allow visitors to discover the spectacular landscape and most relevant points of interest in the Geopark.

Some are for hiking or mountain bikes and others combine journeys by car and sections on foot. The routes are signposted and have interpretive information about the Geopark's heritage.

GEOROUTE 1:

THE LAST DINOSAURS OF EUROPE

**GEOROUTE 2:** 

COLLEGATS, LIVE AND BREATHE

**GEOROUTE 3:** 

LA VALL FOSCA, THE ENERGY VALLEY

GEOROUTE 4:

THE SANT ANTONI RESERVOIR

**GEOROUTE 5:** 

MONT-REBEI GORGE

GEOROUTE 6:

**EL CARRILET** 

**GEOROUTE 7:** 

LA COMA DE MEIÀ

Another route is **El Cinquè Llac**, a responsible and sustainable hiking initiative organised and run by the Associació Marques de Pastor.

#### SAFETY AND RESPECT IN THE MOUNTAINS

























# THE LAST DINOSAURS OF EUROPE

This georoute is a combination of trails and starts in Isona. It combines sections by car with short walks.

The route follows what was once a coastal zone with a tropical climate and areas of verdant vegetation. At the time, the rivers and tides were witness to the majestic steps of large vertebrates.

The region conserves one of the most important palaeontological sites of dinosaurs in Europe. Here, bones, eggs and tracks have been discovered of the last dinosaurs to inhabit this continent just before their extinction, some 66 million years ago. These imposing giants are the main theme of this route.



**ROUTE DETAILS** 

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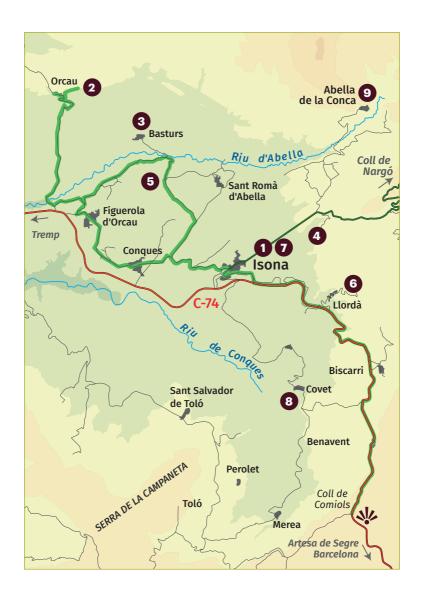
Another attraction is the magnificent landscape of the

Pyrenees, which can be contemplated from the Comiols viewpoint. This location helps us understand why the palaeontological wealth of this region is so intricately linked to the evolution of the landscape during the formation of the Pyrenees.

The Last Dinosaurs of Europe georoute also introduces visitors to other elements of interest, such as the wetlands of the Basturs lakes, the mediaeval castles of Llordà and Orcau and charming towns and villages.

#### **Distance** Difficulty Isona - Estanys de 5.5 km Once at the lake, a 1 km round trip can be Very easy **Basturs** done on foot. 1 km from Orcau is a site with dinosaur Isona - Orcau 9.1 km Very easy tracks. Isona - La Posa 4.4 km 500 m from La Posa, the site can be visited

Isona – Coll de Comiols 11.6 km From the Comiols pass there is a fantastic view of the entire valley.





#### WHAT NOT TO MISS ALONG THE ROUTE!

- 1 CONCA DELLÀ MUSEUM. Located in Isona, the museum is dedicated to dinosaurs and Roman heritage. It is the focal point of the route. For more information see page 55.
- 2 TITANOSAUR TRACKS IN ORCAU. Sauropod (dinosaur) site, which can be accessed along an old bridle path. Guided and self-guided tours.
- 3 BASTURS HADROSAUR TRACKS. Guided tours organised by the Conca Dellà museum.
- 4 BARRANC DE LA POSA-ISONA. Here, geology has created a unique and mysterious landscape, an esplanade of fossils... A place well worth discovering.
- **5 BASTURS LAKES.** A nature area with a distinct ecology and geological formations that are unique in Europe.
- **6** CASTELL DE LLORDÀ. For more information see page 67.
- **7 ROMAN CITY OF AESO.** Archaeological remains of a Roman city (Isona).

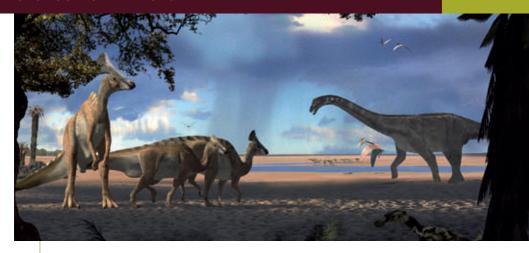
- 8 CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA DE COVET.

  The portal of this 12th-century temple is considered an exceptional example of Romanesque sculpture in Catalonia.
- 9 ABELLA DE LA CONCA. An incredibly beautiful village sculpted from the rock at the foot of a cliff, in an area of huge geological wealth.



Site near the La Posa-Isona ravine. Photo: Jordi Peró

#### **GEOROUTES IN THE GEOPARK**



Reproduction of the environment where the last dinosaurs of Europe lived. Illustration: Oscar San Isidro-ICP (Catalan Institute of Palaeontology) Miquel Crusafont







### **COLLEGATS, LIVE AND BREATHE**

Alongside the Noguera Pallaresa river, this georoute is captivating for its landscape, which follows a path between extremely high walls of conglomerates and limestones.

The trail reveals how the Pyrenees formed. Unique geological forms can be appreciated, which originated from the action of water. The beauty of places like the Argenteria waterfall has attracted and inspired poets like Jacint Verdaguer and architects such as Antoni Gaudí.

The landscape forms an ideal habitat for Mediterranean flora and birds of prey, such as the majestic bearded vulture.

the Barranc de l'Infern, L'Argenteria and Les

Morreres

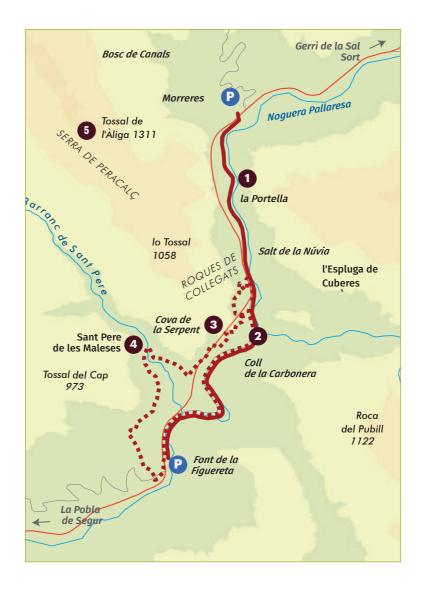
Geology, nature and legends in a unique place.

**ROUTE DETAILS** 

The Collegats, Live and Breathe route hides secrets and mysteries, with legendary places such as La Cova de la Serpent, the Barranc de l'Infern, La Geganta Adormida and the remains of the Sant Pere de les Maleses monastery.

There are numerous opportunities to do adventure sports along the route: climbing, canyoning, rafting, etc.

	Distance	Metres Climb		Difficulty
Option 1. •••• Start / End: Font de la Figuereta, passing La Cova de la Serpent and the troglodytic monastery of Sant Pere de les Maleses	8.8 km	338 m	次	Moderate
Option 2. Start / End: Font de la Figuereta, passing	8.18 km	50 m	煮	Easy



#### GEOROUTES IN THE GEOPARK



#### WHAT NOT TO MISS ALONG THE ROUTE!

- 1 L'ARGENTERIA. A spectacular, tufa (soft stone) waterfall. It is highly worth visiting in winter, when the water freezes on the walls, forming extraordinary stalactites of ice.
- 2 BARRANC DE L'INFERN. Literally "Hell's Gorge", this is an ideal spot for geologists and adventure sports fans, where nature, myths and legends can be enjoyed.
- 3 COVA DE LA SERPENT. It is said that an enormous serpent once hid in this cave... Do you dare to go inside?
- 4 MONASTERY OF SANT PERE DE LES MALESES. An unusual troglodytic monastery from the 9th century, now abandoned, located in a magical spot.
- **5** LA GEGANTA ADORMIDA. An emblem-

atic mountain (1181 m), the result of the quirks of geology and the passage of time. When seen from the north-east it takes on the appearance of a woman lying down.

L'Argenteria waterfall. Photo: Jordi Peró

#### **GEOROUTES IN THE GEOPARK**



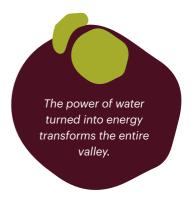




## LA VALL FOSCA, THE ENERGY VALLEY

This georoute starts in La Pobla de Segur and ends in Sallente, following the river Flamisell, the backbone of La Vall Fosca.

From south to north, the trail takes hikers on a geological journey back in time. A story of varying colours: grey tones of limestones, a testimony of marine reefs; coppery colours of conglomerates that mark the formation of the Pyrenees and of the silt and sand deposited by the rivers that traversed the region 250 million years ago; the white of granite from the cooling of Earth's magma; and the dark tones of the oldest rocks in the Geopark, sandstone and slate that are over 500 million years old and which today can be seen on the roofs of houses, barns and churches.

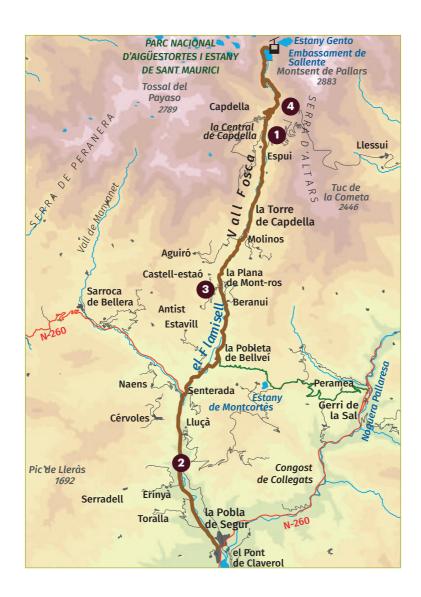


An enormous geodiversity that the inhabitants of the valley have known how to make a living from, with different mining activities, such as those of the Castell mines. Furthermore, at the top of the valley, is the first large hydroelectric power plant to be built in Catalonia, at the beginning of the 20th century. This use of natural resources has deeply marked the history of La Vall Fosca.

From the Sallente reservoir, the Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici National Park can be accessed by cable car.

		ROUTE DETAILS		
	Distance		Difficulty	
La Pobla de Segur to Sallente	36 km	<b></b>	-	







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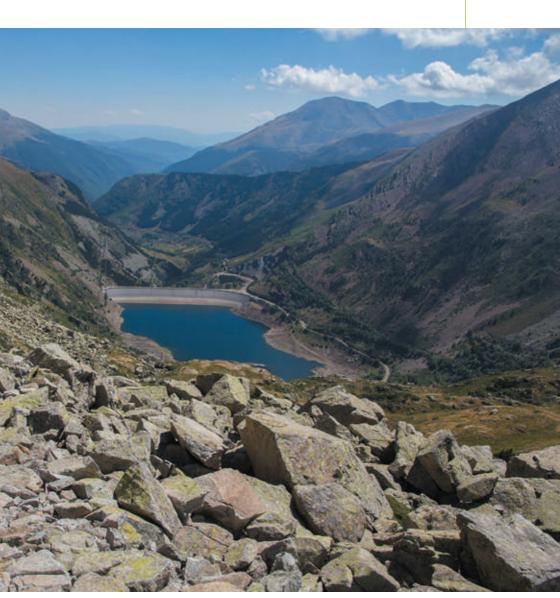
- 1 CAPDELLA HYDROELECTRIC MUSEUM.
  Interpretation centre. For more information see page 59.
- 2 CONGOST D'ERINYÀ. This narrow gorge, carved out by the Flamisell river, holds treasures such as marine reef fossils and caves used by Neanderthals some 200 000 years ago.
- MINES DE CASTELL. External visit of the mines with interpretive panels explaining how uranium is mined for use at nuclear power plants. For more information see page 17.
- 4 GLACIAL MORPHOLOGY FROM THE CAPDELLA VIEWPOINT. From the Romanesque church of Sant Vicenç (11th century), there is a fantastic view of the trail and of the U-shaped valley that was sculpted by the glaciers that covered the area for the last million years.
- **5 CHARMING VILLAGES.** Either side of the Flamisell river are villages with their own character and charm. The colours of the stone used for building speak of the geology of the surroundings.



#### **GEOROUTES IN THE GEOPARK**

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Hiker walking down the cable car trail with views of La Vall Fosca and the Sallente reservoir. Photo: Jordi Peró





## SANT ANTONI RESERVOIR

This route skirts the Sant Antoni reservoir, between the villages of Salàs de Pallars and La Pobla de Segur and is suitable for hiking and cycling. Along it, there are areas for swimming, water sports and adventure sports. The return journey can be done by train.



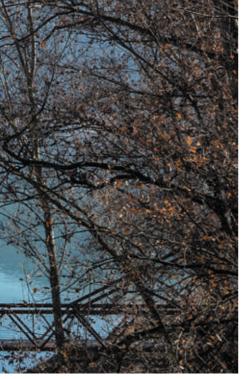




Along the route, you can discover a rich natural and cultural heritage, notably the area of Sant Corneli, on the left bank of the reservoir, internationally famous for its excellent geology, the walled town of Salàs and the Sindreu oak forest.

		ROUTE	ROUTE DETAILS	
	Distance		Difficulty	
Salàs de Pallars to La Pobla de Segur (The route can be done in either direction and the return journey by train)	6.78 km	<b>*</b>	Easy	

Walk along the Sant Antoni reservoir with views of a spectacular geological area. Photo: Jordi Peró.







### WHAT NOT TO MISS ALONG THE ROUTE!

- 1 TOURIST OFFICE AND PYRENEES NATURE AND SPORTS STATION OF LA POBLA DE SEGUR. Located in the old train station in La Pobla de Segur. For more information see page 60.
- 2 BÓIXOLS-SANT CORNELI. Mountains that accompany visitors. These are a must-see for geologists from around the world. Interpretive information can be found along the route.
- 3 BOTIGUES-MUSEU SALÀS. A nostalgic journey into the past at the shop museum in Salàs de Pallars. For more information see page 61.

- **4 SANT ANTONI RESERVOIR.** Built between 1913 and 1916, it was one of the largest reservoirs in Europe.
- **5 ESPAI RAIER IN LA POBLA DE SEGUR.** For more information see page 65.
- 6 CATALAN MODERNISM BUILDINGS: CASA MAURI. For more information see page 64.
- 7 TORRE DE BARTA. Salàs de Pallars. A circular mediaeval defence tower, which houses an exhibition of metal sculptures and old tools.







## **MONT-REBEI GORGE**

An incredible route through the Mont-rebei gorge, where the Noguera Ribagorçana river has made its way through the Montsec range, sculpting vertical limestone walls over 500 m high. The trail follows a bridle path, partially carved into the rock.

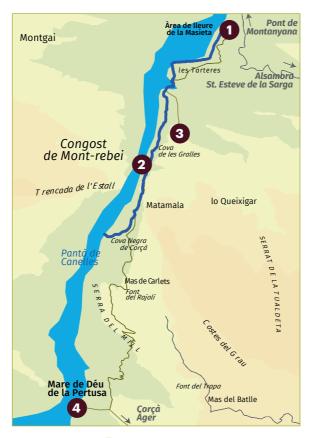
The route passes through a landscape that has been shaped over more than 80 million years; a terrain that began its creation in a sea and which developed a multitude of landscapes, climates and life forms.

This area has a rich biodiversity. Of note are the otters that live on the banks of the river, birds of prey that rule the cliffs and the oak forests that cover the shady slopes of Montsec. Also, of note, are the many caves and chasms (locally known as gralleres, literally rooks nests) that can be found in this range.



			ROUTE	DETAILS
	Distance	Metres Climb		Difficulty
From the gorge car park	9.2 km (round trip)	150 m	次	Moderate

<sup>\*</sup> route not recommended for people with vertigo or who are not used to high altitudes





### WHAT NOT TO MISS ALONG THE ROUTE!

- **1** LA MASIETA. Visitor Centre. For more information see page 62.
- 2 COVA COLOMERA. Located halfway along the gorge trail, this cave was inhabited from the Early Neolithic to Roman times.
- **3** ELS ALTIMIRIS. This is the site of an ancient village, close to the peak of Montsec
- d'Ares, inhabited during the 5th and 9th centuries. From here there are spectacular views of the Mont-rebei gorge.
- 4 SHRINE OF MARE DE DÉU DE LA PERTUSA. A Romanesque building, close to the town of Corçà. It boasts a beautiful view of the Montsec range.

### **GEOROUTES IN THE GEOPARK**





The Mont-rebei gorge can be enjoyed on foot and by kayak. Photo: Jordi Peró



## **EL CARRILET**

A trail on the edge of the Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici National Park, in the northern-most part of the Geopark. The route connects Estany Gento with the Capdella Hydroelectric Power Plant's water chamber.

El Carrilet is an old railway that began operating in 1911 to transport the workers and materials needed for





#### **GEOROUTES IN THE GEOPARK**

building the Capdella hydroelectric complex. The current route merges geology, history and the mountain landscape, offering excellent views of the bottom of the valley, as well as the landscape sculpted by glaciers.

		ROUTE DETAILS		
	Distance	Metres Climb		Difficulty
Start: Estany Gento End: Water chamber	12.4 km (round trip)	85 m	水	Moderate
Access to Estany Gento through the Pigolo pass	8 km (round trip)	425 m	水	Moderate

Hikers enjoying the view of La Vall Fosca from El Carrilet. Photo: La Torre de Capdella Town Council







### WHAT NOT TO MISS ALONG THE ROUTE!

- **1** LA VALL FOSCA CABLE CAR. For more information see page 62.
- 2 GLACIAL CIRQUES. With the shape of an amphitheatre, these are the result of the erosion caused by glaciers that covered this landscape for the last million years.
- 3 AIGÜESTORTES I ESTANY DE SANT MAURICI NATIONAL PARK. For more information see page 18.
- 4 REFUGI DE COLOMINA. Located on the edge of the Colomina lake. This is where Swiss engineer Keller, who supervised the construction of the hydroelectric power plant, lived. Today it is an idyllic place for hikers.
- **5** THE OLDEST ROCKS. The contrast of colours in the landscape reveals the contact of dark rocks that are 500 million years old with lighter-toned granites.



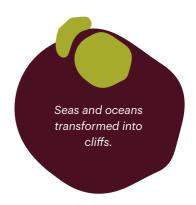




## LA COMA DE MEIÀ

This route is on the south-eastern edge of the Geopark and boasts excellent views of the Montsec range. The Meià mountain closely watches over the valley and for this reason, the original castle and village of Vilanova de Meià were built on this natural vantage point.

The surroundings, the rocks of which register 220 million years of geological history, are incredibly beautiful: a wide variety of mediaeval forts, caves, chasms and places for climbing, such as the emblematic wall of Roca dels Arcs.



### **ROUTE DETAILS**

	Distance	Metres Climb		Difficulty
From Vilanova de Meià (circular route)	14.3 km	824 m	χ̈́	Very difficult







## WHAT NOT TO MISS ALONG THE ROUTE!

- 1 CENTRE D'INTERPRETACIÓ DEL MONTSEC DE MEIÀ. For more information see page 61.
- PARISH CHURCH OF SANT SALVADOR DEL BOSC. Church in the Romanesque and Gothic styles, from the 13th and 14th centuries.
- 3 VIEWPOINT AND DOLMEN OF COGULLÓ. The appeal of this spot is two-fold, a megalithic tomb dating back to between 1500-1100 BC and spectacular views.
- 4 COVA DEL CASTEJÓN. This cave is located in the Espluga area, where there







View of the Roca dels Arcs and Roca Alta. Photo: Eric Peramos

are karst formations, such as chasms and other chambers, locally known as querants.

5 PUIG DE MEIÀ. An excellent viewpoint of Coma de Meià, where the ancient village of Vilanova once stood. Today, the remains of the Meià castle (11th century) can be seen, as well as the Romanesque chapel of Mare de Déu del Puig de Meià, or Sant Cristòfol.

6 L'ESCALA DEL PAS NOU GORGE.

This is a route lined by imposing vertical limestone walls, which connected Coma de Meià and Pallars Jussà via a bridle path.



#### **GEOROUTES IN THE GEOPARK**





This is a circular route between Pallars and Alta Ribagorça, which begins and ends in La Pobla de Segur. The trail is the result of a responsible hiking project, promoted by Marques de Pastor, an association of rural tourism accommodations and a travel agent from the area. It promotes responsible tourism from an environmental, social and economic perspective. Members of the association offer services to hikers, including tours, restaurants, accommodation, logistic support, etc. and also organise different events and activities throughout the region.

A considerable part of the trail follows bridle and mountain paths. It is organised into 5 stages, each related to a local legend.

STAGE 1: LA GEGANTA ADORMIDA (THE SLEEPING GIANT): La Pobla de Segur to Peramea. 19.5 km

STAGE 2: L'AQUELARRE DE SERRASPINA (THE WITCHES' SABBATH OF SERRASPINA): Peramea to Beranui. 14.6 km

STAGE 3: EL PONT DEL DIABLE (DEVIL'S BRIDGE): Beranui to Les Esglésies. 23 km

STAGE 4: LA CASA ENCANTADA (THE HAUNTED HOUSE): Les Esglésies to Senterada. 25.2 km

STAGE 5: L'ESTANY DE MONTCORTÈS (MONTCORTÈS LAKE): Senterada to La Pobla de Segur. 23 km

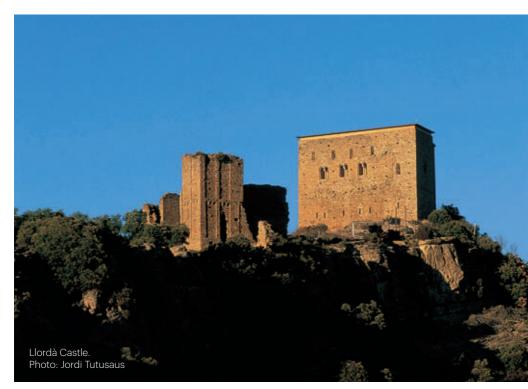




# FACILITIES AND SERVICES

The area of the Geopark provides visitors with a wide range of suggestions for discovering the landscape and its history, for practising sports, relaxing or savouring the local gastronomy:

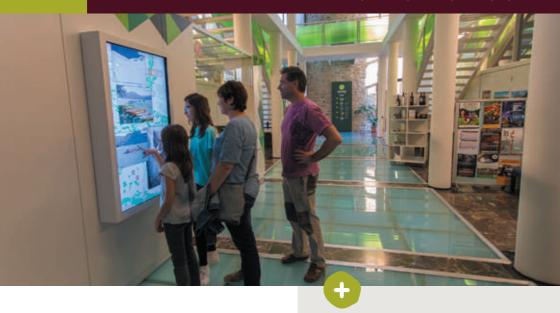
- TOURIST OFFICES
- MUSEUMS
- INTERPRETATION CENTRES
- CASTLES
- COMPANIES AND PLACES THAT OFFER GUIDED TOURS



## la Seu d'Urgell Andorra Organya Llavorsí BOUMORT Rialp MAP OF FACILITIES IN THE ORÍGENS GEOPARK SERRADE d'Àneu Vielha França Espot Esterri SORT Gerri de la Sal (1/8) Gerri de la Sal Congost de Collegats Montsent de Pallars 2883 Pic de Peguera Museu Hidroelèctric de Capdella Pantà de Sant Antoni Pessonada Esto Gent © Espai Raie ESGLÉSIA DE ESANT VICENÇ Salàs de Pallars Botigues Museu O Salàs O el Flamisell Rivert de Seg Estació d'esports i natura al Pinneu MONYON Sarroca de Bellera Talarm la Torre Tamúrcia (2 Casal dels voltors 2 Boi PONT DE SUERT Vielha França Areny Aren) Geoparc Mundial UNESCO Benasc Graus



#### **FACILITIES AND SERVICES**



## **1** EPICENTRE. **GEOPARK VISITOR CENTRE**











Here, with the help of interactive resources, the values of the cultural and natural heritage of the Geopark are explained: geology, dinosaurs, dark sky, vultures, nature areas, culture, history and gastronomy. The centre has various themed areas covering 3 floors and 700 m<sup>2</sup> of exhibition space, with audio-visual installations, touchscreens and a 3D projection room. The Epicentre is also the information office and the Geopark's hub. It is part of the "Dinosaurs of the Pyrenees" network.

Passeig del Vall, 13. TREMP www.pallarsjussa.net/ca/epicentre T. +34 973 653 470 epicentre@pallarsjussa.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Tourist information and Shop
- Self-guided tour
- Guided and combination tours Epicentre + old quarter + Casal Manyanet
- Videos and workshops

#### **OPENING HOURS** (please check for changes) 24 June to 11 September:

Mondays to Saturdays, 10.00 to 14.00 and 17.00 to 20.00

Sundays and bank holidays, 9.30 to 13.30

#### 12 September to 23 June:

Mondays to Thursdays, 10.00 to 14.00 Fridays and Saturdays, 10.00 to 14.00 and 17.00 to 20.00

Sundays and bank holidays, 9.30 to 13.30

#### **PRICES**

General admission: €3.00 Children up to 8 years old: free Reduced ticket: €2.00 \* Groups with prior booking: €1.50 Friends of Pallars: free \* Please consult conditions



## 2 CONCA DELLÀ MUSEUM









This is one of twelve museums registered by the Catalan Department of Culture in the Terres de Lleida i Aran. The main attraction of the museum is the research and information available about the last dinosaurs that lived in Europe, just before they became extinct, 66 million years ago. Furthermore, the museum has a space dedicated to the region's history, as Isona sits on the Roman city of Aeso and near the Roman villa of Llorís. The museum is part of the "Dinosaurs of the Pyrenees" network.





#### C/ del Museu, 4. ISONA

www.parc-cretaci.com T. +34 973 665 062 museucd@parc-cretaci.com

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Self-guided tour
- Guided, combination and tailor-made

for the different areas of interest

- Educational activities

**OPENING HOURS** (please check for changes) Winter Opening Times (11 September to 30 June):

Saturdays, 11.00 to 14.00 and 17.00 to 19.00 Sundays, 11.00 to 14.00

#### Summer Opening Times (1 July to 10 September):

Tuesdays to Saturdays, 11.00 to 14.00 and 17.00 to 19.00

Sundays, 11.00 to 14.00

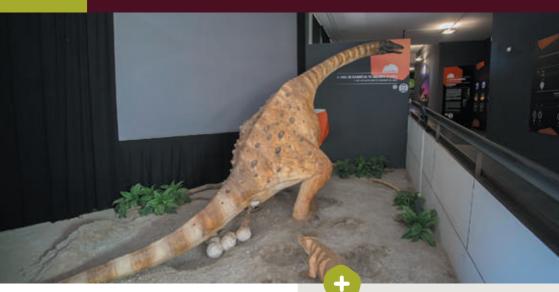
Christmas, Easter Week and bank holidays: please consult opening times

#### **PRICES**

General admission: €3.50

Reduced and group admissions: €2.50 Other activities: please consult prices

#### **FACILITIES AND SERVICES**



## **3 DINOSFERA**





As part of the "Dinosaurs of the Pyrenees" network, the exhibition displays the exceptional discoveries of dinosaur eggs and nests, found in the area of Coll de Nargó. The sites have allowed many aspects regarding the reproduction of dinosaurs to be clarified, which are explained in the exhibition.

Carrer de les Escoles, s/n. **COLL DE NARGÓ** http://dinosfera.com
T. +34 636 417 678
info@dinosfera.com

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Self-guided tour
- Guided and combination tours
- Virtual PalaeoSafari
- Educational activities on palaeontology

OPENING HOURS (please check for changes)
Winter Opening Times (11 September to
30 June):

Saturdays, 11.00 to 14.00 and 17.00 to 19.00 Sundays and bank holidays, 11.00 to 14.00

## Summer Opening Times (1 July to 10 September):

Mondays to Saturdays, 11.00 to 14.00 and 17.00 to 19.00

Sundays and bank holidays, 11.00 to 14.00 **Christmas, Easter Week and bank holidays:** please consult opening times

#### **PRICES**

General admission: €3.50

Reduced admission: €2.50 (pensioners, members of ICOM, accredited students,

children aged 8 to 14)

Free admission: children under 8



## 4 CENTRE D'OBSERVACIÓ DE L'UNIVERS (COU)





The Universe Observation Centre (COU) offers daytime and night-time visits to its three areas: Ull del Montsec, Parc de Telescopis and the permanent exhibition. The Ull del Montsec (the eye of Montsec), is a 3D digital multimedia planetarium with a mobile dome, making it unique worldwide, where audio-visual productions are projected and where visitors can discover the night sky anywhere on the planet, at any moment in time. In the Parc de Telescopis, the centre's observation area, both our star. the Sun, and other objects in the night sky of Montsec can be observed, according to the type of visit. The main building has a permanent exhibition about astronomy



Camí del Coll d'Ares, s/n. ÀGER www.parcastronomic.cat T. +34 973 053 022 info@parcastronomic.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

 Daytime and night-time visit: planetarium, permanent exhibition and Parc de Telescopis

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Please consult opening times.

#### **PRICES**

#### **Daytime Ticket**

General admission: €8.00 Reduced admission: €7.00

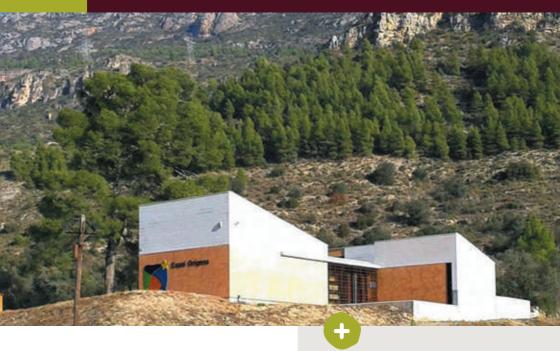
#### Night-time Ticket

General admission: €10.50 Reduced admission: €9.00

and space sciences in the Universe Room and there is also a pioneering area dedicated to the protection of the night sky from light pollution, the Starlight Room.



#### **FACILITIES AND SERVICES**



## **6** ESPAI ORÍGENS





This is a centre dedicated to research and education, leisure and tourism regarding the Mont-roig area's heritage.



Carretera C-13 km. 44. CAMARASA http://espaiorigens.es/ T. +34 973 420 427 Ext. 2 espaiorigens@gmail.com

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Self-guided tour
- Guided tours of the Roca dels Bous site, the Cova del Tabac and the Merengue memory area
- Archaeology and prehistory workshops
- Conferences
- Shop
- Bookshop
- Multi-purpose hall
- Exhibitions
- Escape Room

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Please consult opening times.

#### **PRICES**

Please consult prices of activities.



## 6 CAPDELLA HYDROELECTRIC MUSEUM







Museum about the region, science and history that takes you on a journey from the moment the idea for the hydroelectric power plant came about to when it started operating in 1914. It reflects the economic, social and infrastructure changes that were brought about.

The museum is part of the Regional Structure of the National Science and Technology Museum of Catalonia.





#### Central de Capdella. LA TORRE DE **CAPDELLA**

www.vallfosca.net/ca/coses-per-fer-iveure/museu-hidroelectric-de-capdella T. +34 973 663 001 ajuntament@torrecapdella.ddl.net

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Self-auided tour
- Guided tour
- Workshops
- Excursions

#### **OPENING HOURS** (please check for changes) Easter Week to 30 June:

Self-quided tours: Tuesdays to Sundays. 11.00 to 14.00 and 17.00 to 20.00 Guided tours: Thursdays, 11.00 and 18.00; Fridays at 18.00; Saturdays, 11.00 and 18.00; Sundays at 12.00

#### 1 July to last Sunday in August

Self-quided tours: Tuesdays to Sundays. 11.00 to 14.00 and 17.00 to 20.00 Guided tours: Thursdays, 11.00 and 18.00; Fridays at 18.00; Saturdays, 11.00 and 18.00; Sundays at 12.00

#### Last week of August to 11 September:

Self-guided tours: Tuesdays to Sundays, 11.00 to 14.00 and 17.00 to 20.00 Guided tours: Thursdays at 11.00 and Saturdays at 18.00

#### 12 September to 12 October:

Guided tours, Saturdays at 12.00 Self-guided tours: Sundays, 11.00 to 14.00

#### 13 October to Easter Week:

Guided tours: Saturdays at 12.00

#### **PRICES**

Guided tour: €5.00 Self-guided tour: €3.50 Reduced and group admissions



## 7 TOURIST OFFICE AND PYRENEES NATURE AND SPORTS STATION OF LA POBLA DE SEGUR







The old train station in La Pobla de Segur houses the town's tourist office, an assistance area for sportspeople and an interpretation area of the region that focuses particularly on La Vall Fosca and the Collegats-Boumort area.



Plaça del Ferrocarril, s/n. LA POBLA DE SEGUR www.lapobladesegur.cat/ca/fitxa/ oficina-de-turisme/ T. +34 973 680 257 turisme@lapobladesegur.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Tourist information
- Specialised bookshop on sports
- Showers
- Bicycle workshop

**OPENING HOURS** (please check for changes) **Mondays to Fridays:** 

9.30 to 15.30 and 16.00 to 19.00

#### Saturdays:

9.30 to 14.00 and 16.00 to 19.30

#### Sundays:

9.30 to 14.00

#### August:

Tuesdays to Fridays, 17.00 to 20.00

#### **PRICES**

Free admission

## 8 MUSEUM OF GERRI DE LA SAL AND TOURIST OFFICE









The museum explains the production, transformation and commercialisation process of the salt that comes from the Triassic rocks, and of the importance of this resource for the town of Gerri. It also explains the history and evolution of the saltworks over time and recovers the spoken memory of former salt workers.



Plaça Àngel Esteve, s/n. **GERRI DE LA SAL** http://baixpallars.ddl.net/museu-de-gerri T. +34 630 056 138 turisme@baixpallars.ddl.net

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Guided tours of the saltworks, the salt water spring and the museum
- Group tours with prior booking
- Farm shop

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Please consult opening times.

#### **PRICES**

Please consult prices.



## **9** BOTIGUES MUSEU SALÀS



At the Botigues Museu Salàs, you can visit eight establishments where time has stood still: pharmacy, tobacconist, barbers, haberdashery-perfumery, grocery shop, printers, newsagents and coffee shop.

The museum has a welcome area for visitors and a temporary exhibition room.



Cafè Salon, Plaça del Mercat. **SALÀS DE PALLARS** 

http://botiguesmuseusalas.cat/ T. +34 973 676 266 / ciac@salas.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Guided tours
- Group tours with prior booking

**OPENING HOURS\*** (please check for changes) 1 July to 15 September:

Tuesdays at 12.00, Wednesdays at 16.30, Thursdays at 10.00 and 12.00, Fridays at 16.30 and 18.00, Saturdays at 10.00, 12.00 and 16.30 and Sundays at 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 and 13.00

16 September to 30 June:

Tuesdays at 12.00, Thursdays at 12.00, Fridays at 18.00, Saturdays at 10.00, 12.00 and 16.30 and Sundays at 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 and 13.00

Other holiday periods and bank holidays: please consult opening times

\* Prior booking is recommended

#### **PRICES**

TGeneral admission: €6.00 Please consult reduced, child and group rates. Free admission for people with reduced mobility.

## **(1)** CENTRE D'INTERPRETACIÓ DEL MONTSEC DE MEIÀ





The Montsec is a land of fossils and at this interpretation centre, there are some very special examples: flies, termites, spiders, beetles and many other impressions in a limestone rock that has conserved, like a photograph, the animals and plants that lived in a lake some 125 million years ago. Visitors can see a good representation of invertebrates that lived in Montsec 70 million years ago when it was still covered by a sea. It is part of the "Dinosaurs of the Pyrenees" network.



Carrer Costa Codina, 16. VILANOVA DE MEIÀ http://dinosauresdelspirineus.cat/centre-interpretacio-montsec-meia/ T. +34 973 415 005 (office hours)

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Tourist information
- Guided tours

**OPENING HOURS** (please check for changes) Saturdays and Sundays, guided tours: from 12.00 to 13.00 and from 13.00 to 14.00

#### **PRICES**

Please consult prices.



## 11 LA MASIETA DE MONT-REREI





Visitor welcome centre for the Montrebei gorge. It is located in the ruins of an old farmhouse and has all the information necessary for a visit to the gorge, as well as temporary exhibitions.

Crta. de Pont de Montanyana a Sant Esteve de la Sarga, km 8. **SANT ESTEVE DE LA SARGA** www.fundaciocatalunya-lapedrera.com/ca/ espais-natura/congost-mont-rebei info@congostdemontrebei.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Tourist information
- Self-guided tour
- Farm shop
- Car park spaces must be booked in advance

**OPENING HOURS** (please check for changes) Open from February until the middle of December, every Friday, Saturday and Sunday and bank holidays.

15 June to 15 September, open every day. Opening Times: 2 February to 24 March, 8.30 to 16.45

29 March to 27 October, 7.30 to 19.45 1 November to 8 December, 8.30 to 16.45

#### **PRICES**

Free admission
Paid car park for access to the gorge

## **12 CASAL DELS VOLTORS**



This is a place that is dedicated to the flora and fauna of the area. The centre organises activities to raise awareness about the importance of conserving our natural heritage, particularly birds.

Apart from the permanent exhibition, the centre has live cameras connected to the nests of the vultures and their feeding ground.

C/ Major, 9. **LA TORRE DE TAMÚRCIA** www.viujussa.cat/casal-dels-voltors/ T. +34 973 057 947 / +34 638 887 681 terreta@tremp.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Tourist information
- Direct observation of vultures on the webcam

OPENING HOURS (please check for changes)
Open from 22 June to 11 September
Tuesdays to Fridays, 10.00 to 14.00
Saturdays, 10.00 to 13.30 and 17.00 to 19.00
Sundays, 10.00 to 13.00

#### **PRICES**

Guided tour of the Casal and Self-guided tour of the Torre de Tamúrcia hide: free Visit to the feeding ground hide: please consult prices

## 13 LA VALL FOSCA CABLE



The La Vall Fosca cable car is an adventure that will take you to 2200 m above sea level, to the entrance to the only National Park in Catalonia, Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici. In a space of 14 minutes, it climbs 450 m. There are several different hiking trails from Estany Gento, the arrival point of the cable car, at 2200 m above sea level.

#### LA TORRE DE CAPDELLA

www.vallfosca.net/ca/coses-per-fer-i-veure/teleferic/

T. +34 973 663 001 ajuntament@torrecapdella.ddl.net



#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Bar and restaurant services in Sallente and Estany Gento.

**OPENING HOURS** (please check for changes) **June:** please consult timetable

#### July and September:

- -up 8.00, 9.00, 11.00, 12.30, 14.30, 15.45\*, 17.00\*, 18.30\*\*
- -down 8.15, 9.15, 11.30, 13.00, 15.15\*, 16.30\*, 18.00 and 19.00\*\*

#### August:

- non-stop service from 8.00 to 19.00 Waiting time between each journey is approximately 1 hour.
- \* Journeys of 10 or more people
- \*\* Only in July and August

#### **PRICES**

Round trip: €18.00 (general), €12.00 (child) One-way: €12.00 (general), €9.00 (child) Last journey up of the day €5.00 (one-way) Please consult passes, family rates and combination rates for cable car and museum

## (4) CISP (PYRENEES SOIL INTERPRETATION CENTRE)





At the Centre de Suport Territorial Pirineus (Regional Support Centre for the Pyrenees), which is part of the Institut Cartogràfic i Geològic de Catalunya (ICGC), there is a permanent exhibition about the soils of the Pyrenees and Pre-Pyrenees. The display includes monoliths made as part of the project "Monoliths of Pyrenees Soils".

In 2012, the building was awarded the NAN Architecture and Construction award in the category Best Integration of Energy in Architecture.

Passeig de Pompeu Fabra, 21. **TREMP** www.icgc.cat/L-ICGC/Agenda/Centre-d-Interpretacio-dels-Sols-dels-Pirineus-CISP +34 973 650 830 infotremp@icgc.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Guided tours

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Tours with prior booking, Mondays to Fridays

#### **PRICES**

Free admission

## 15 PIRINEUS GEOLOGICAL OPEN MUSEUM





This is a permanent, open-air museum about Earth and life sciences. The Pirineus Geological Open Museum teaches basic concepts about geology and the evolution of Earth in a simple, enjoyable and meticulous way.

The museum has three areas: the Rock Garden, with 13 blocks representative of rocks in the Pyrenees; the Avenue of Geological Times, which shows the evolution of Earth and life on the ground using slabs of concrete dyed different colours, which represent the different geological periods; and the Lighthouse, a 6-metre-high tower, which indicates the starting point of the visit.

Parcs del Barranc del Joncar i del passeig de Pompeu Fabra. **TREMP** 

https://www.icgc.cat/ca/Administracioi-empresa/Serveis/Geologia/Pirineus-Geological-Open-Museum-PGOM

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Self-guided tour

#### PRICES

Free admission



## (16) CENTRE D'INTERPRETA-CIÓ MONTSEC LLIMIANA



Information and interpretation centre of the natural heritage of the northern face of the Montsec range.

It has a screening room, an interpretive panel of the flora, fauna and vegetation and a small fossil exhibition.

#### **LLIMIANA**

T. +34 973 650 773 / +34 689 176 102 ajuntament@llimiana.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Tourist information
- Nature interpretation centre
- Educational, dissemination and recreational activities
- Guided tours, combinations of different areas

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Please consult opening times.

#### **PRICES**

Please consult prices.

## 17 LA CENTRAL. HERITAGE SITE





Facility that focuses on the industrial legacy of the Talarn hydroelectric power plant. Guided tours are offered of the permanent exhibition, *El Pallars il·lumina Catalunya* and the turbine room.

#### **TALARN**

www.tremp.cat/index\_web. php?idwc=czo5OiJsYWNlbnRyYWwiOw== T. +34 973 653 470 epicentre@pallarsjussa.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Guided tours
- Workshops for families and groups
- Activities for pensioners

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Please consult opening times.

#### **PRICES**

General admission: €4.00 Reduced admission: €3.00 Please consult prices of activities

## 18 CENTRAL DE CAMARASA



Permanent exhibition Camarasa 1917-1923. Temps d'avenços tecnològics i lluita obrera, located inside the Camarasa Hydroelectric Power Plant and based on the field of technology and social aspects.

#### CAMARASA

espaiorigens.es/visita-a-la-presa-de-camarasa/ T. +34 973 420 427 espaiorigens@gmail.com

#### ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

- Guided tours with prior booking

**OPENING HOURS** (please check for changes) Thursdays and Fridays, 15.00 to 19.00 Saturdays and Sundays, 10.00 to 13.00

#### **PRICES**

General admission: €7.00 Reduced admission: €5.50 Please consult prices of activities.

## (19) CATALAN MODERNISM BUILDINGS: CASA MAURI



These Catalan modernism buildings include Casa Mauri (1907), a mansion-



residence and now La Pobla de Segur's Town Hall, and the Sant Josep Olive Oil Mill (1905), the first electricity-powered mill in the region.

Av. Verdaguer, 35. **LA POBLA DE SEGUR** www.lapobladesegur.cat T. +34 973 680 257 turisme@lapobladesegur.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Guided tours of the mill and the outside of Casa Maurii

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Please consult opening times.

#### **PRICES**

General admission: €3.00

## 20 ESPAI RAIER IN LA POBLA DE SEGUR





The Espai Raier is dedicated to timber rafting, to the world of wood, rivers, forests and secrets. It is a way of discovering who the timber raftsmen were, their history and this tough profession.

Plaça de les Pobles, s/n. **LA POBLA DE SEGUR** www.elsraiers.cat

T. +34 973 681 493 T. +34 659 58 51 27 raiers@elsraiers.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Visit to the permanent exhibition

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Please consult opening times.

#### **PRICES**

Please consult prices.

## 21 MUSEU DELS RAIERS IN COLL DE NARGÓ



The old chapel of Mare de Déu del Roser, patron saint of timber raftsmen, houses the Museu dels Raiers, a small space with explanatory panels and objects related to the trade.

C/ del Roser. COLL DE NARGÓ

T. +34 973 383 048

T. +34 630 423 216

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Visit to the permanent exhibition

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Please consult opening times.

#### **PRICES**

Please consult prices.

## 22 CASA BONIFACI -MUSEU DE LLIMIANA



The Casa Bonifaci-Museu de Llimiana provides a view of the history of Llimiana and the Bonifaci family. It explains the life of Josep Bonifaci Mora, a prominent doctor and politician, who was from Llimiana.

Carrer del Castell, 2. **LLIMIANA** www.llimiana.com/bonifaci.php T. +34 630 663 731

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

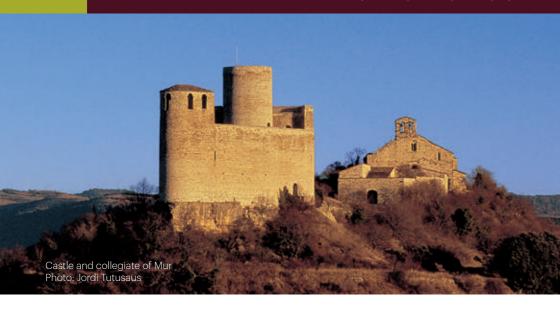
- Guided tours of the museum, church and town

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Please consult opening times.

#### **PRICES**

Please consult prices.



## MONUMENTAL COMPLEX OF SANT PERE: COLLEGIATE CHURCH AND CASTLE OF AGER



Interesting fortified enclosure in a Romanesque and neo-Gothic style, instituted by Arnau Mir de Tost in the 11th century during the re-conquest of the valley of Ager, around which the town was built. It stands on the ruins of the old Roman, and later Arabic, castle. Between 1034 and 1047 the castle-palace was built, together with the famous collegiate church, which was entrusted to a community of canons. Construction of the cloister began in the 14th century, promoted by Pere II, Count of Urgell, and was completed in the 15th century.

Of the ancient splendour of Sant Pere, several ornaments and murals remain, now

housed in the Museu Diocesà de Lleida, the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya and in the USA.

Carrer Sant Pere, 10. ÀGER www.ager.cat/descobreix/visites-a-la-collegiata-i-al-casc-antic T. +34 606 251 476 visitescultura@ager.cat

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- Guided tours

**OPENING HOURS** (please check for changes)

#### 1 May to 31 August:

Saturdays, 18.00 and 19.15 and Sundays, 11.15 and 12.30

#### March, April and September:

Saturdays, 16.15 and 17.30 and Sundays, 11.15 and 12.30  $\,$ 

#### 1 October to 6 December:

Saturdays at 16.00 and Sundays, 11.15 and 12.30

Other holiday periods and bank holidays, please consult opening times.

Group tours with prior booking.

#### **PRICES**

General admission: €5.00 Reduced admission: €3.00



## MONUMENTAL COMPLEX: MUR CASTLE AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA



Located in a spectacular setting, the old collegiate church of Santa Maria de Mur and the ancient Mur Castle stand on top of a cliff that overlooks the Noguera Pallaresa, at the entrance of Conca de Tremp. Both buildings were built directly on the rock.

The castle is a 10th century, triangular border stronghold, with later alterations.

Of the collegiate complex, only the church and cloister remain in good condition.

The original Romanesque paintings from the church are now in the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston (USA).

#### **CASTELL DE MUR**

www.castellmur.cat/sector.php?id=532&id\_seccio=3030 T. +34 677 701 820

#### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

castellmur@amail.com.

- Guided tours

**OPENING HOURS** (please check for changes) Bank holidays, 11.30 and 13.30

#### **PRICES**

Please consult prices.

## **CASTELL DE LLORDÀ**



The castle of Llordà stands tall on a ridge. It is one of the many examples of residential architecture from the high mediaeval period of Catalonia. It was built between the 9th and 12th centuries and was the home of Arnau Mir de Tost, the man responsible for the conquest of the Pallars Jussà, its re-population and subsequent rule. It changed hands numerous times over the centuries until, as a result of the 19th-century confiscations, it was abandoned and gradually deteriorated.

In 1997, it was the subject of an excavation, after which restoration work began.

#### **LLORDÀ**

www.parc-cretaci.com T. +34 973 665 062 museucd@parc-cretaci.com

#### **OPENING HOURS**

It can be visited through the Conca Dellà Museum



#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **EUREKA SGN**





#### Geology tours

www.eurekasgn.com T. +34 687 574 593 info@eurekasgn.com

#### **SALVATGINES**





#### Environmental tours

www.salvatgines.com salvatgines@gmail.com

#### **GLOBUS KONTIKI**





#### Hot-air balloon flights

www.globuskontiki.com T. +34 931 56 060 T. +34 690 830 713

## **ZENITH AVENTURA**







Kayak tours and visit to the Muricecs cave

www.zenithaventura.com T. +34 973 455 235 info@zenithaventura.com

## CAN FASÈRSIA





#### Mountain bike tours

www.bikeholidayspyrenees.com T. +34 695 169 181 info@canfasersia.com

## OUTDOOR ADVENTOUR





#### Nature tours lasting various days

www.outdooradventour.com T. +34 973 043 409 info@outdooradventour.com

Discover these and other activities on Vine al Pallars, Viu el Jussà:

www.viujussa.cat/







### **PLACES THAT OFFER GUIDED TOURS**

## **1** CASTELL D'ENCÚS



Winery producing elegant fresh wines, created through research and experience, using hand-picked grapes.

Ctra. de Tremp a Santa Engràcia T. +34 973 252 974 ipinedo@castelldencus.com

## 2 SAUVELLA





A family-owned winery that makes natural wines from hand-picked, organic grapes of autochthonous varieties.

Orcau T. +34 973 085 015 sauvella@gmail.com

## 3 EL VINYER





A family-owned winery that makes natural wines using locally hand-picked grapes.

Fígols de Tremp T. +34 675 144 513 info@elvinyer.cat

## **4** VILA CORONA





A winery with vineyards planted in 1986 and cultivated with the greatest respect for nature.

Vilamitjana T. +34 973 652 638 info@vilacorona.cat

## **5** XIC'S CAL BORRECH



A winery that produces its own wines, which it serves in its restaurant.

Figuerola d'Orcau T. +34 600 350 447 xicscalborrech@gmail.com

## **6** TERRER DE PALLARS



A winery that produces, ages and bottles wines typical of Conca de Tremp.

Figuerola d'Orcau T. +34 616 70 10 80 nuria@terrerdepallars.com



#### **PLACES THAT OFFER GUIDED TOURS**

## **MAS GARCIA MURET**



A family-owned winery that is committed to creating sustainable and quality wines.

Masos de Llimiana T. +34 973 651 748 info@masgarciamuret.com

## **8** MIQUEL ROCA



Family-run winery located in a beautiful area, which is committed to the quality of the end product.

Sant Cristòfol de la Vall T. +34 973 651 170 miquelroca@cellermiquelroca.com

## Quantification Street



Liqueurs of ratafia, cassis and forest fruits, produced since 1884 using traditional recipes.

La Pobla de Segur T. +34 973680132 info@licorsportet.cat

## **10** PARC DE LES OLORS





Terraced land planted with a wide range of aromatic and medicinal plants in a beautiful setting.

Claverol T. +34 610 42 44 90 claverol@parcdelesolors.com

## **111** BADIA XARCUTERS





Butchers where visitors can buy Geopark burgers.

Tremp T. +34 973 65 24 82

## **12 CERVESERIA CTRETZE**



This project is dedicated to creating and producing a quality, local beer using recipes inspired by Pallars.

Av. de l'Estació, 38. La Pobla de Segur T. +34 973 252 974 ctretze@ctretze.cat



#### **PLACES THAT OFFER GUIDED TOURS**

Most of the food products and restaurants in the area are promoted under the local quality brand Al teu gust, aliments del Pallars.

www.alteugust.com





#### **LEGEND FOR ESTABLISHMENTS AND SERVICES**



Visitor Centre



Mining



Hot-Air Ballooning



Information Office



History



Kayaking



Museum



Nature



Cave



Access and services for people with reduced mobility



Geology



Mountain Biking



Palaeontology



**Timber Rafting** 



Wineries



Romans



Cable Car

Castle



Flora and medicinal plants



Astronomy





Companies that collaborate with the Geopark



**Butchers** 

Liqueurs



Archaeology



Nature Observation



**Brewery** 





www.geoparcorigens.cat/en/







