



NATURE TRAIL CARRILET I



Guide to the
Nature Trails
of Spain

SECTOR NORTHEASTERN PENINSULAR CAMINO NATURAL CARRILET I

1. From Olot station, you leave the municipality's ground after passing through a resting area at Fonts de Sant Roc Park. Soon after you will come to the railway halt of Sant Privat, in whose setting you can follow different itineraries in order to discover how these harsh volcanic lands were cultivated. The Nature Trail continues until it reaches the old station of Les Presses, now transformed into an Information and Tourist Information Bureau.
2. The route continues until it reaches a turn-off that leads to the recreational area of Xenacs, from whose viewpoint you have a splendid bird's eye view of the volcanic area. Without taking the turnoff, the Trail passes under a roundabout on the road and enters the town of Sant Esteve den Bas. In this town, the old station has been refurbished and is currently a nursery school.
3. Following the yellow lines drawn on the ground, the route moves away from the town, and after reaching the top of the Collado den Bas, your descent begins towards the 19th century Romanesque Church of Sant Miquel de Pineda. Before reaching Sant Feliu de Pallerols, you cross the River Brugent via an iron bridge, the only remaining structure of the old railway. The old railway holding walls flank the Trail and lead to the foot of the Castillo d'Hostoles.
4. After crossing a special tunnel with automatic lights, which turn on and off as trail users pass through, you will be rewarded with a view of the town of Les Planes d'Hostoles, located on the lava flow of the Traiter

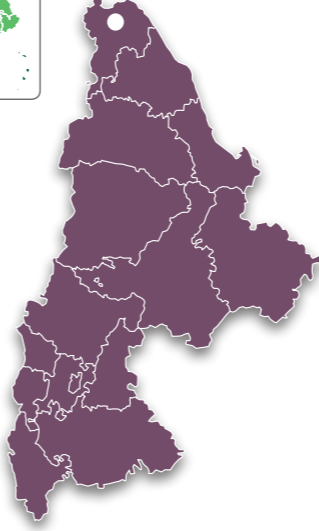
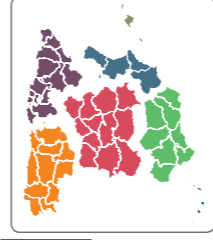


Views from the trail towards Anglès

Since 1993 the Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and the Environment's Nature Trails Program aims to restore former transport infrastructures such as railway tracks, cattle trails and traditional routes, for public use and enjoyment. These routes take us to the countryside to discover the biodiversity and beauty of our precious natural heritage, and discover the villages, sights, traditions and people that are part of the unique cultural landscape of our country. We invite you to visit them and offer you the keys to enjoy the trip. In this brochure you will find a brief description of the Carrilet I Nature Trail and the map for the journey, along with recommendations to make the most of this experience. We only ask one thing of you: do not forget to leave everything as you found it. The conservation of these pathways is also your responsibility.

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5. From Les Planes d'Hostoles you will pass over several long bridges that will enable you to cross different water courses reaching, a turn-off for the Font Picant d' Amer, which is a natural carbonic water fountain. The route leads to an old railway repair workshop which today has been converted into the Amer firemen's station.
6. In this part, the Trail does not follow the original route of the railroad but takes advantage of several forest tracks so that, on crossing the bridge over the River Ter, you can see the impressive viaduct that the train used in bygone times. On the other side of the river, you will find another of the old railway line facilities that is currently used as an Art College. The route continues reaching the town of Cellera de Ter, located between the River Ter and the riera de Osor
7. The route then passes by the old station of Anglès, and continues parallel to the N-141 highway, as far as Bonmatí station. Before reaching the old station of Bescanó, a power plant will remind you of the numerous hydraulic uses that have been made of the river.
8. After an underpass that crosses under the road, you will see signs for Girona. The route, which is well signposted, keeps to the banks of the River Ter following rural paths



Old FEVE station of Les Presses, nowadays turned into an information point

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A narrow track railroad linked the towns of Olot and Girona and was one of the main channels of communication for almost a century, until it was dismantled on July 16, 1969. Along its 54 kilometres length, it crossed three regions, twelve towns and passed through the valleys of the rivers Fluvià, Brugent and Ter, making interchange and relations between lands in the province's interior much easier. The route leaves from the old railway halt of Olot, the capital of the region of La Garrotxa, a town surrounded by four dormant volcanoes.

AMONG DORMANT VOLCANOES



9. At Sant Roc bridge begins a branch that connects Olot and Localao by means of a cycle lane. This route borders the north of Olot, and leaves it behind parallel to N-260a road. It accesses Localao by a path next to river riera de Ridaura until it arrives in the northern part of Girona. Here you will reach a roundabout where you reach the Devesa Park, where River Onyar flows into Ter. The route goes upstream River Onyar until it reaches de end of Carrilet I Nature Trail. This is also the starting point of Carrilet II Nature Trail.

A VOLCANIC REGION

The Natural Park Zona Volcànica (volcanic area) de La Garrotxa features around forty volcanic cones and some twenty basaltic lava flows of quaternary origin. This particular environment gives rise to diverse, rich and, on occasions, very luxuriant vegetation filled with holm oak, oak and beech woods of exceptional scenic value, creating the best example of volcanic landscape on the Iberian peninsula.

It is worth visiting not only La Fageda den Jordà, an exceptional beech wood located on lava flow from the Crosat volcano, but also the Santa Margarida volcano, very close to Olot, which erupted and created a wide circular crater on which a chapel that lends its name to the volcano stands.



River Ter

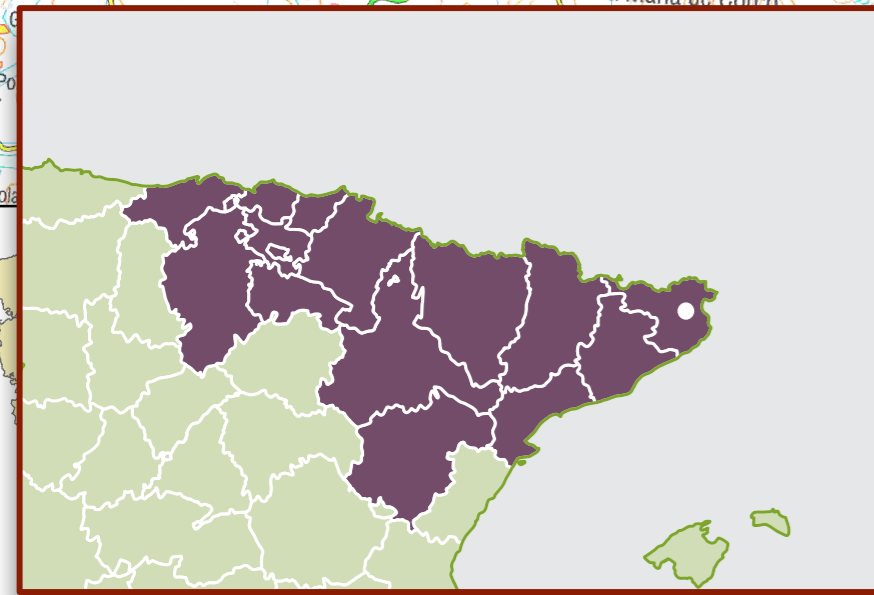


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Harshness of natural environment	1	▲ Upward gradient	200 m
Guidance along the route	1	▼ Downward gradient	555 m
Route difficulty	1	≡ ROUTE LENGTH*	66 km
Amount of effort needed	5	⌚ TIME	15 h

◆ town ● point of interest * Total length including branches and alternatives

Olot former train station → **Girona**



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- Starting point
- End of trail
- Rest area
- Religious building
- Train station
- Fountain
- Bridge
- Underpass
- Tunnel
- Detour