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NATURE TRAIL L'ANELL VERD



Guide to the
Nature Trails
of Spain



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FROM THE LOWLAND OF THE RIVER LLOBREGAT TO THE SUBURBAN HILLS OF SANT BOI

L'Anell Verd Nature Trail is almost circular and covers different environments, ranging from the bank of the Llobregat river to mid-mountain spots, including the town and suburban areas. The route passes close to important architectural elements, such as the Güell Crypt and the hermitage of San Ramón, as well as crossing well-preserved Mediterranean forest areas.



1. The trail begins on the banks of the Llobregat river, to the northeast of the municipality of Sant Boi de Llobregat. The surface is made of dirt and is flanked by a metallic fence that protects the crops, and by a barrier of reeds through which you can spot the river.
2. You walk along a stretch with little vegetation until you enter an area of vegetable gardens. The trail reaches a farm road (R-202), and runs alongside it, protected by a wooden rail. On the left-hand side you can see the old textile factory of the businessman Eusebio Güell, who was one of Gaudí's patrons.
3. The nature trail crosses the road via a pedestrian crossing, and enters the neighbourhood where factory workers used to live. Many of the buildings in the neighbourhood are the work of this brilliant architect. In fact, the trail passes close to the Güell Crypt. You leave this populated area alongside the Camí de Can Ros. Soon you will pass nearby the houses of the Masia de Llorc, where there is a lovely view of the Colonia Güell.
4. After a paved crossroads, in an urban area, the trail leaves the Mas Terra Alta country house on the right, and starts a steep descent until it reaches a stream. There you climb up again until you reach a path. Taking the Camí Vell de Torrellas, and after passing a chain that restricts the access of motor vehicles, you will leave the hermitage of Santa Bàrbara on one side. On crossing another chain, your journey will continue among the hills surrounding Sant Boi.

5. Where the path widens, a recreational area has been prepared, which is known as the educational area of Can Palós, next to the eponymous Casa de Colonia. It is outfitted with a fountain, tables and benches, where you can rest and have some refreshment. You have to get your strength back, as more ascents await you. By continuing along the route, after several ascents and descents, you will arrive at an area with splendid views of the valley of the Llobregat river and the surrounding villages.
6. Further on, a wooden walkway enables you to surmount the difference in level over the road that connects Sant Boi with Sant Climent. Just after crossing the walkway, the last and steepest ascent begins, but it is well worth the effort, since several rewards await you at the top, on the one hand, magnificent views and, on the other, the impressive hermitage of San Ramon, next to it, there is a recreational area.
7. Given its altitude, from the hermitage you can see the Delta del Llobregat, the sea, the Barcelona airport and numerous buildings in the metropolitan area of Barcelona. From here onwards, the trail is all downhill until Sant Boi. Just as you leave the hermitage, after leaving to its car park on the right, you can continue downwards along the dirt track until you reach the outskirts of Sant Boi. Walking among the streets of this town, the Parc de la Muntanyeta is reached. This park is crossed until you reach the end of the nature trail, at

8. Instead of walking down to Sant Boi, you can take, at kilometre 14, the Font de Golbes branch, passing by the fountain that after which its name and a resting area. The trail runs alongside a stable that has been renovated for sheep, which is municipal property, and whose main purpose is for these sheep to reduce the amount of undergrowth and minimize the fire risk.
9. Close to the end of the fork, the path runs along the same dirt track passing next to a hunting pavilion, the Torre de Benviure, a little before reaching a resting area next to a car park, both restored by the town council of Sant Boi, which is where this fork ends.

COLONIA GÜELL

Regarded as a reference when studying the architecture of Antonio Gaudí, this small workers' neighbourhood which is passed through by the nature trail is also one of the most important modernist ensembles and tourist attractions of Catalonia. It is worth taking a break from your route to admire the Güell Crypt, a church designed by Gaudí which was left unfinished on the death of Eusebi Güell, his patron.



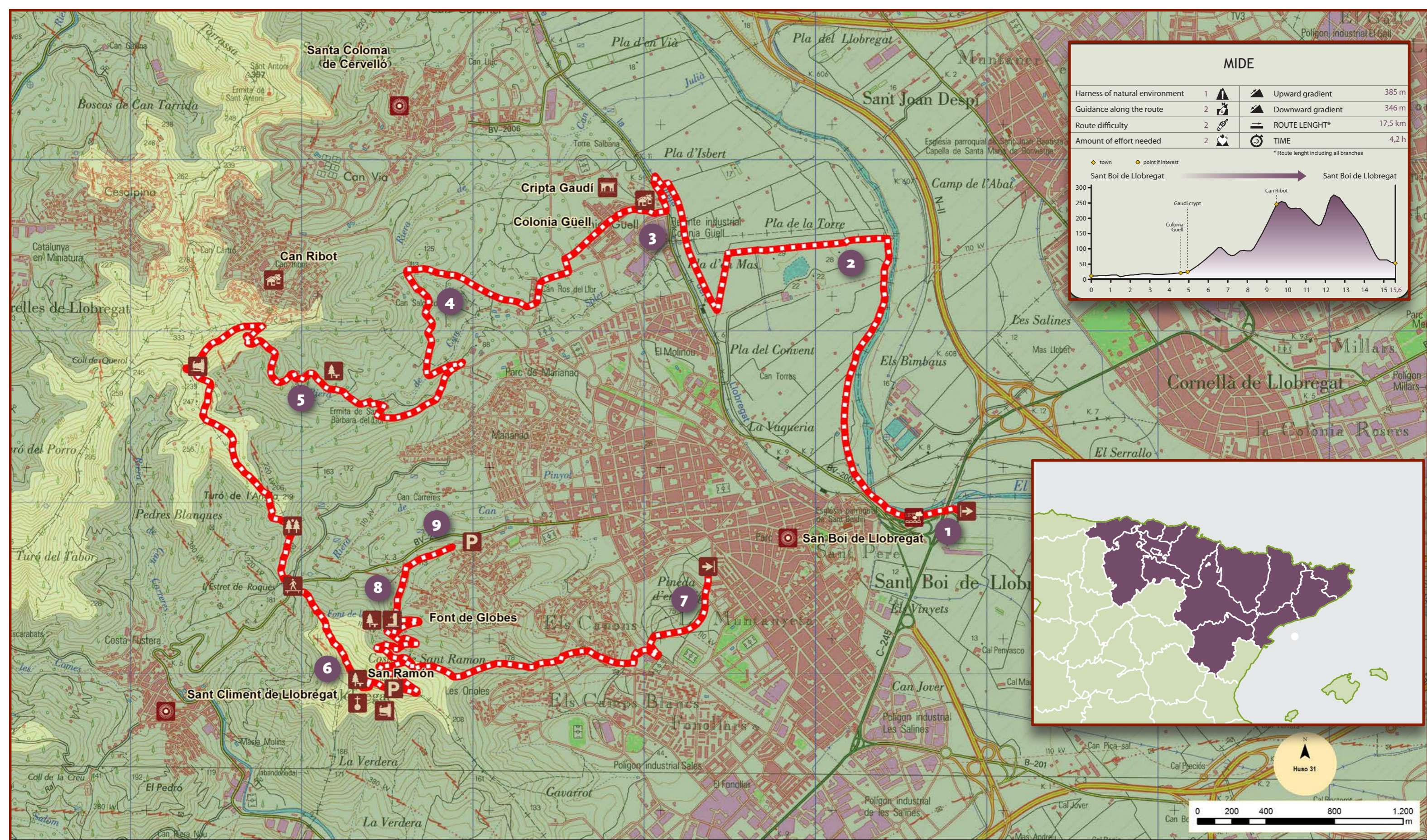
Beginning of the trail flanked by reeds



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The hermitage of San Ramon is located at the highest point of the trail

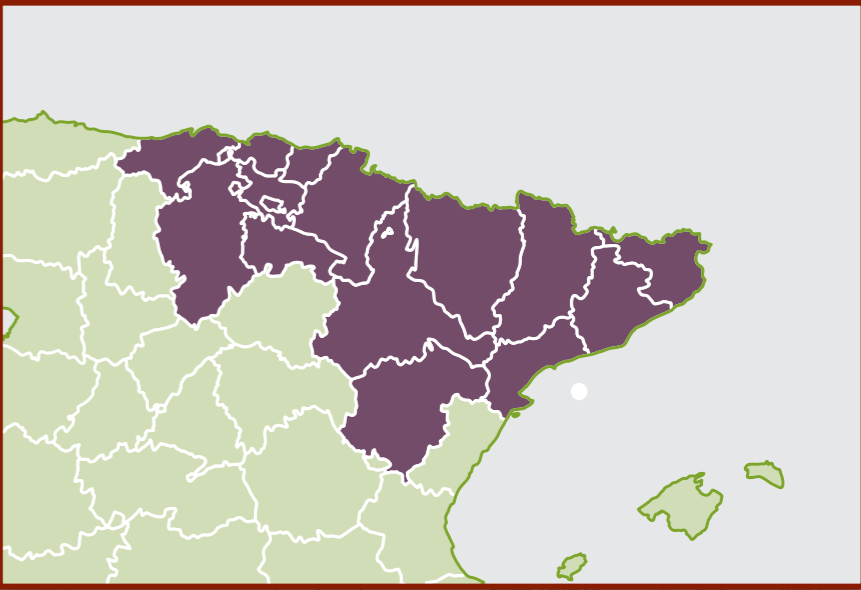


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Harness of natural environment	1		Upward gradient	385 m
Guidance along the route	2		Downward gradient	346 m
Route difficulty	2		ROUTE LENGHT*	17,5 km
Amount of effort needed	2		TIME	4,2 h

* Route length including all branches

town point of interest

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- Starting point
- End of trail
- Rest area
- Religious building
- Hermitage
- Fountain
- Viewpoint
- Walkway
- Town
- Feature of environmental interest
- Parking lot
- Floodable area