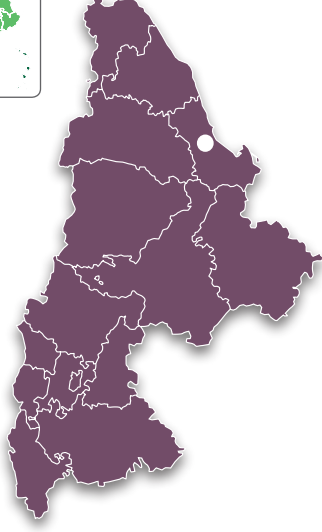
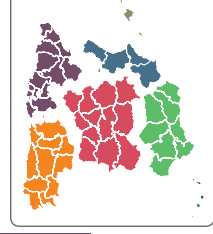


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RUTA DEL GLORIETA

NATURE TRAIL



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The trail starts at the old paper mill of Mas de Forès, where there is a car park for visitors. In order to arrive at this starting point from Alcover, you will have to take a narrow road from Alcover towards the ermita del Reinei. Some 500 meters from the start, you will see the three branches of this nature trail: the royal road (camí ral) from Alcover to Mont-ral, on your right; the mill road (camí del molí), on your left; and the canal road (camí de la séquia) of Mas de Forès, in the center.

CAMINO REAL FROM ALCOVER TO MONT-RAL

1. The hardest, longest branch. Along its almost 6 km in length, it goes upstream of the river Glorieta up to Mont-ral, coinciding with the route of the Albi-Cogullons path (PR-C-20). There are quite steep areas and the ground is uneven, so it is not recommended for cycling. The route turns into a path running among thick vegetation, especially coastal holm-oak groves and pine trees. Holm-oaks, Portuguese oaks and Aleppo pines are the most common species. You will also see Mediterranean dwarf palms, known as *mar-gallí* in Catalan, which are included in the regional register of protected species. After crossing a wooden walkway, you will see the remains of *Mas de l'Estanyer* and the remains of the mills in the river Glorieta. You will then cross the Nevera cliffs through another walkway and arrive at the remains of the hydroelectrical power plant of the river Glorieta, where part of the aqueduct, a path leads to the area known as *Nido del Àguila*, or "Eyrle."

4. The trail keeps going uphill until it reaches a fire-break that you will need to cross to end this stretch. Some meters on, a path going left marks the start of the stretch where the human activity is most noticeable, with terraced crops, mainly hazelnuts.

5. Crossing the municipality of Mont-ral, you will arrive at the road TV-7045. Taking a path to the right, you will enter the last stretch of this route, ending at a drinkable water

THROUGH THE MEDITERRANEAN FOREST, AMONG OLD MILLS AND NATURE FOUNTAINS

The Ruta del Glorieta Nature Trail runs through the highest region of the river Glorieta valley, between Mas de Forès, in the municipality of Alcover, and Mont-ral. The river has been used for different purposes throughout the centuries, which can be seen in the remains of old constructions, such as hydroelectric power plants, mills or water canals. The river Glorieta valley is a natural area with stunning landscapes, with thick Mediterranean forests and a lush riverbank undergrowth among ponds, caves and splendid waterfalls.



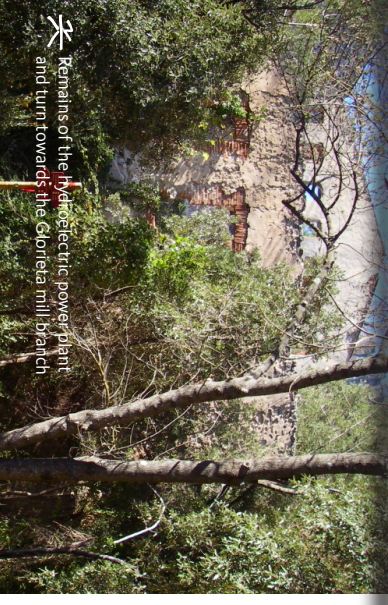
fountain. Mont-ral offers beautiful panoramic views of the Alt Camp region and the Romanesque Church of Sant Pere ad Vincula, restored in the 18th century.

MOLINO DEL GLORIETA BRANCH

6. This is an easy, circular route which stretches for 6 km, starting at Mas de Forès. It coincides with the royal road from Alcover to Mont-ral until the hydroelectric power plant walkway (see section 1). One you arrive there, the trail crosses the river Glorieta via a stone natural passage and enters the lands belonging to the private property Mas de Mario, where the remains of the mills of the river Glorieta are still seen. Leaving this land behind through a gate, you will see a big holm-oak next to the canal branch (camí de la séquia). Further on, the trail crosses the river and goes back to the starting point, next to the car park of Mas de Forès, where it ends.

MAS DE FORÈS CANAL BRANCH

7. This is a short, round route, 2.5 km long, starting at the car park of Mas de Forès and heading to La séquia rest area. This narrow path, running along the canal after which it is named, will allow you to enjoy a nice walk on an almost flat surface among the typical vegetation of the valley. Once you cross the river Glorieta, the path joins the Glorieta mill trail, sharing its route until the car park of Mas de Forès is reached.



Remains of the hydroelectric power plant and turn towards the Glorieta mill branch



The Eyrle



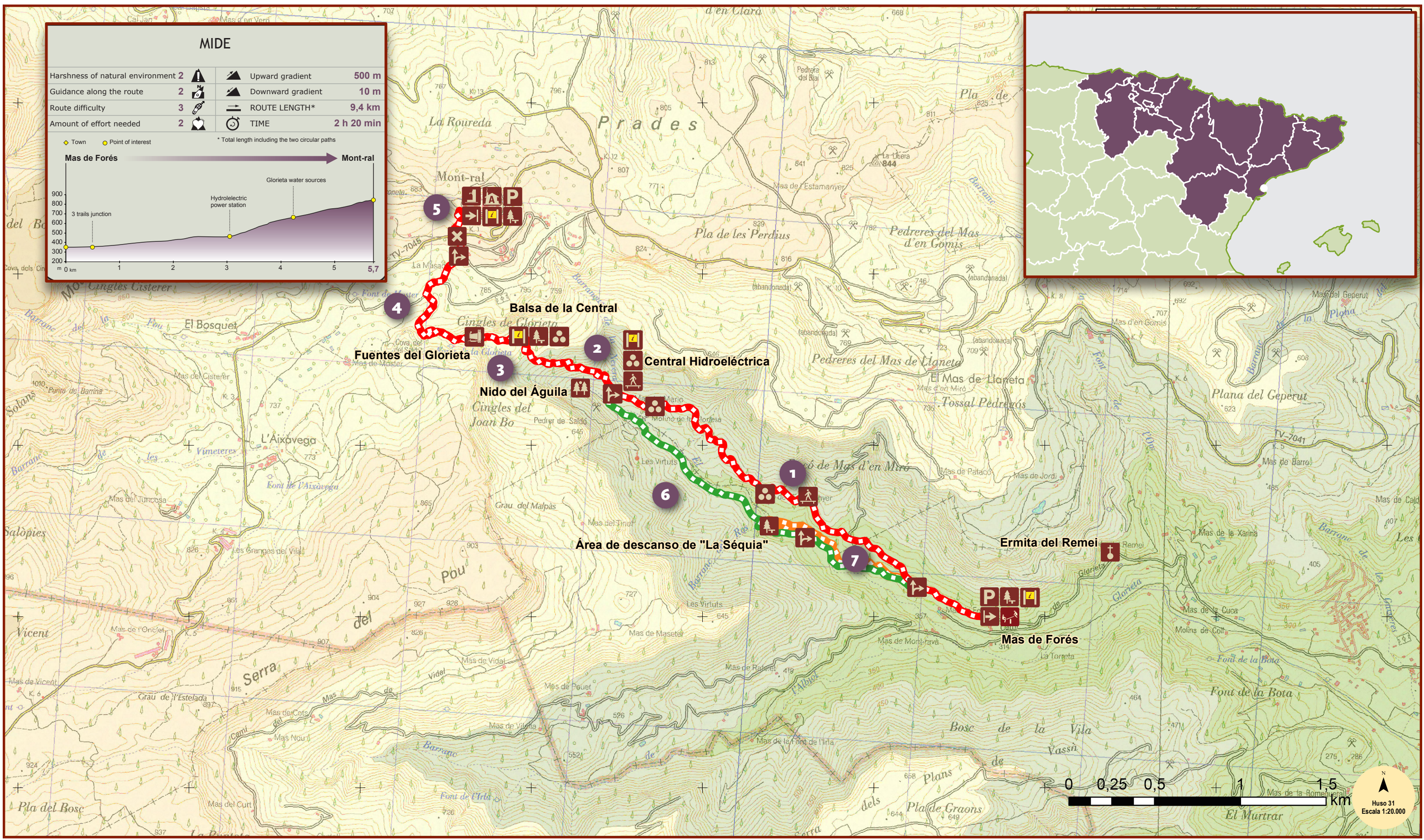
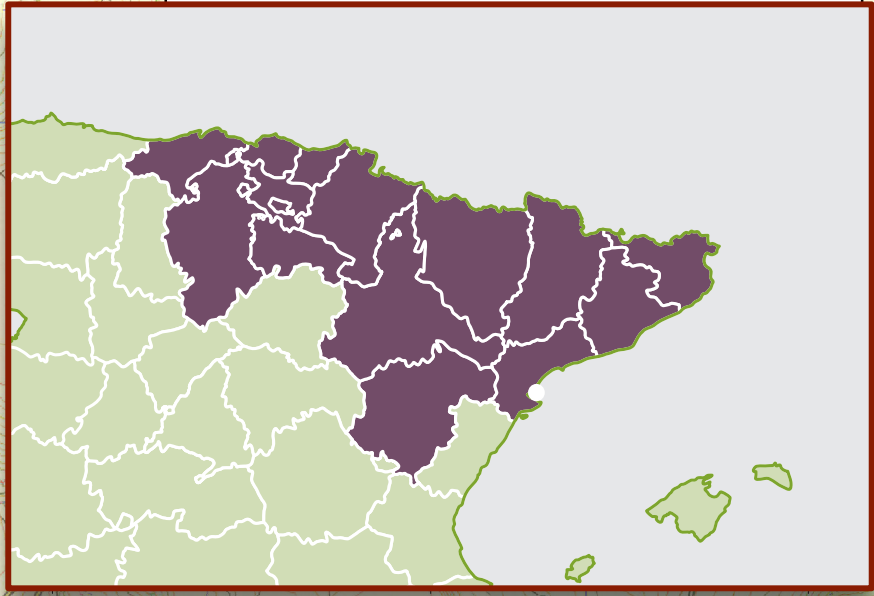
Sant Pere Ad Vincula church

MIDE

Harshness of natural environment	2	▲ Upward gradient	500 m
Guidance along the route	2	▼ Downward gradient	10 m
Route difficulty	3	≡ ROUTE LENGTH*	9,4 km
Amount of effort needed	2	⌚ TIME	2 h 20 min

◆ Town ● Point of interest * Total length including the two circular paths

Mas de Forés → **Mont-ral**



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- Starting point
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- Shrine
- Fountain
- Parking lot
- Bridge
- Feature of environmental interest
- Walkway
- Children's games
- Viewpoint
- Ruins