



Panoramic views of Bel

THE TINENÇA DE BENIFASSÀ NATURAL PARK



Bel surroundings



Mill Hospital



Buscarró from Rossell

The Tinença de Benifassà Natural Park is located in the Baix Maestrat region, to the north of the province of Castellón and bordering Catalonia. The area comprises the entire historical territory of the old Tinença of the Cistercian monastery of Santa Maria de Benifassà. A territory that was granted by Jaume I, on the the foundation of the monastery.

The towns that formed this area were: La Pobla, Ballestar, Boixar, Castell de Cabres, Bel, Fredes and Coratxà. Rossell, which is currently part of the Natural Park, but not part of the historical tenure, is included because of its geological, morphological and ecological characteristics, making it form a natural part of the former possessions of the monastery. In addition, Rossell's economic and social relationship with the people of Tinença has always been very close. This set of characteristics allows Rossell to be the link between the town of Tinença and the coastal plain.

The Tinença de Benifassà Natural Park is one of the most unaltered territories in environmental aspects, that remain within the Valencian Community. The environment has fantastic biodiversity, both botanical and faunistic, giving it immense scientific value. Furthermore, its unbroken landscapes remain virtually unchanged by mankind.

Eagles, vultures, hawks and azores stand out as the most common among raptors, while the



Mas de n'Insa and Serra de l'Esquetxe

badger, fox and wild boar, are among some of the mammals that inhabit the territory. But without a doubt, the most emblematic and common animal species is the Hispanic goat (*Capra pyrenaica hispánica*), which can be seen with great ease throughout the unbroken orography. Recently, the Department of the Environment has reintroduced the bonebreaker back into the region.

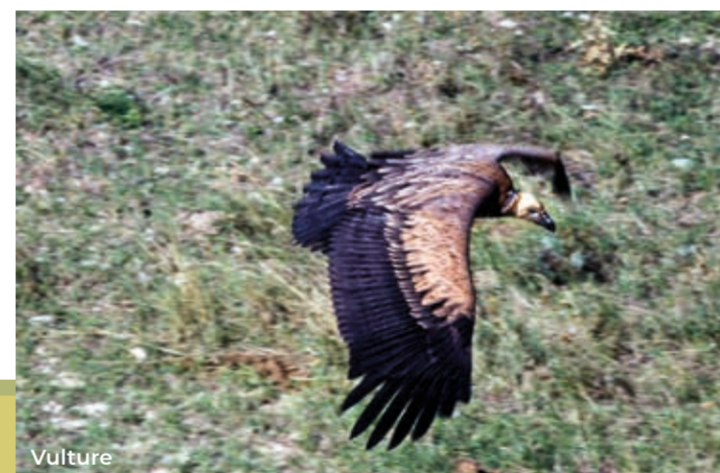
The municipal territory of Rossell, which today includes the old territory of Bel, occupies the southern part of the natural park. The paths that run through the area, constituted over many years, allowed communication of the Tinença people among themselves and with the rest of the villages within the plain and the coast. These trails were used by people, goods and cattle but today, they are toured by walkers who can enjoy a terrain that still retains much of its natural wealth and beauty.



Ancient olive trees · Mas de Sabatero



Cova Fumada



Vulture



Wild goats



Views from Peña de Bel



Iron Mines



Raco del Mas de Macia

ROSSELL

The municipality is formed of three areas: the largest, Rossell, occupies the centre of the municipality; in the eastern part, next to the river Sénia, is the village of Les Cases del Riu; and in the northwest corner, Bel.

Rossell's origins and population date back to the Iberian times. In 1237, Hug de Follalquer, master of the Hospitallers, granted the Carta Poble (City Charter). First it was part of the Batllia de Cervera, later, in 1317, it was granted to the order of Montesa, until the 19th century.

The small town of **Bel** is of Islamic origin and offers a compact view of nature in its purest form. It was conquered by Jaume I and was under the domain of the Benifassà Monastery. In 1705, Felipe V fortified the town and in 1971 was annexed to the Rossell territory.

The village of **Les Cases del Riu** is located on the right bank of the river Sénia and very close to the town that bears the same name. Nowadays, it collects the most important industrial quota of the municipality and has an important infrastructure of old mills, related to the production of cereals, paper and electricity.



Views from Moleta del Terme



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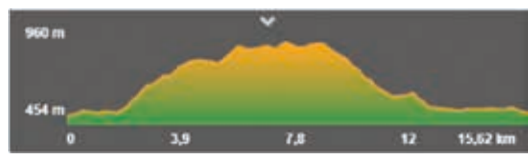
ROSSELL PATHS

GATEWAY TO TINENÇA DE BENIFASSÀ

Views of Rossell



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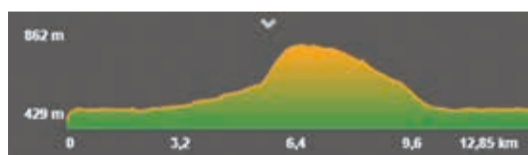
PATH 1 > THE MOLETA DEL TERME ROUTE

Start next to the Rossell school, taking the road that goes up to the Hermitage of Sant Marc, a few meters away from the left, follow the path of mas de la Mora, passing through the Font de l'Almenara. Upon reaching mas de la Mora, leave the path and continue on the right, along a path that goes up to Les Moletes. If you want, you can turn right here to see the Iron Mines and then return. From Les Moletes continue along the same path, following the crest of the mountains, admiring the panoramic views of the Barranco de les Tones on the right and the Barranco del Romiguer to the left. To the rear is the coastal plain and straight ahead is the Sierra de l'Esquetxe.

Arrive at the Corral de l'Esquetxe or Les Tones, at which point it joins path 3. A short tour along a small track and up to the Moleta del Terme, which offers a magnificent view of the Pobla ravine and the Ports of La Sénia and Fredes, as well as the Pantano d'Uldecona.

The trail then turns west and crowning the Sierra de l'Esquetxe runs almost parallel to the track that goes from Bel through mas de n'Insa and mas de l'Esquetxe, reaching the corral de l'Esquetxe or Les Tones. This section offers magnificent views, on the right is the Pobla Valley and the Ports of La Sénia, Fredes and the Boixar.

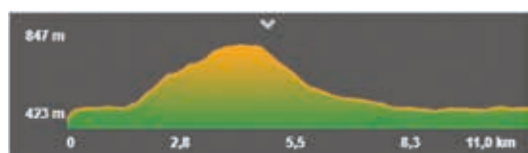
Before reaching the mas de l'Esquetxe, the path turns south and down the ravine of l'Esquetxe and then converges with the ravine of Requena, there it joins with the paths 2, 4, 5 and 6. Following the channel of the ravine, it arrives at the mas de la Mora, from here it follows on to Rossell again.



PATH 2 > LES COVES ROUTE

Popular route with trails 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to the mas de la Mora. Mas de la Mora, to the right on paths 1 & 3, on the left paths 2, 4, 5 and 6, follow the channel of the Requena or Bel ravine. Further on, to the left, path 6 separates and on the right, path 2 along with 4 and 5 follow the ravine passing through the Llampera Cova and the l'Aigua Cova.

At the confluence of the ravine of Bel and the ravine of the Jonquera, path 5 separates to the right. Path 2 together with the 4 separate to the left and leave the channel of the ravine up to mas de Les Cardones. Mas de les Cardones, to the right path 4 separates, to the left path 2 continues and crosses the Bel to Rossell road, connecting with paths 5 and 6. Continue down the old road from Bel to Rossell, until you find the ravine from Bel or Requena, then following the course of the ravine, you will reach Mas de la Mora and from here, on to Rossell.



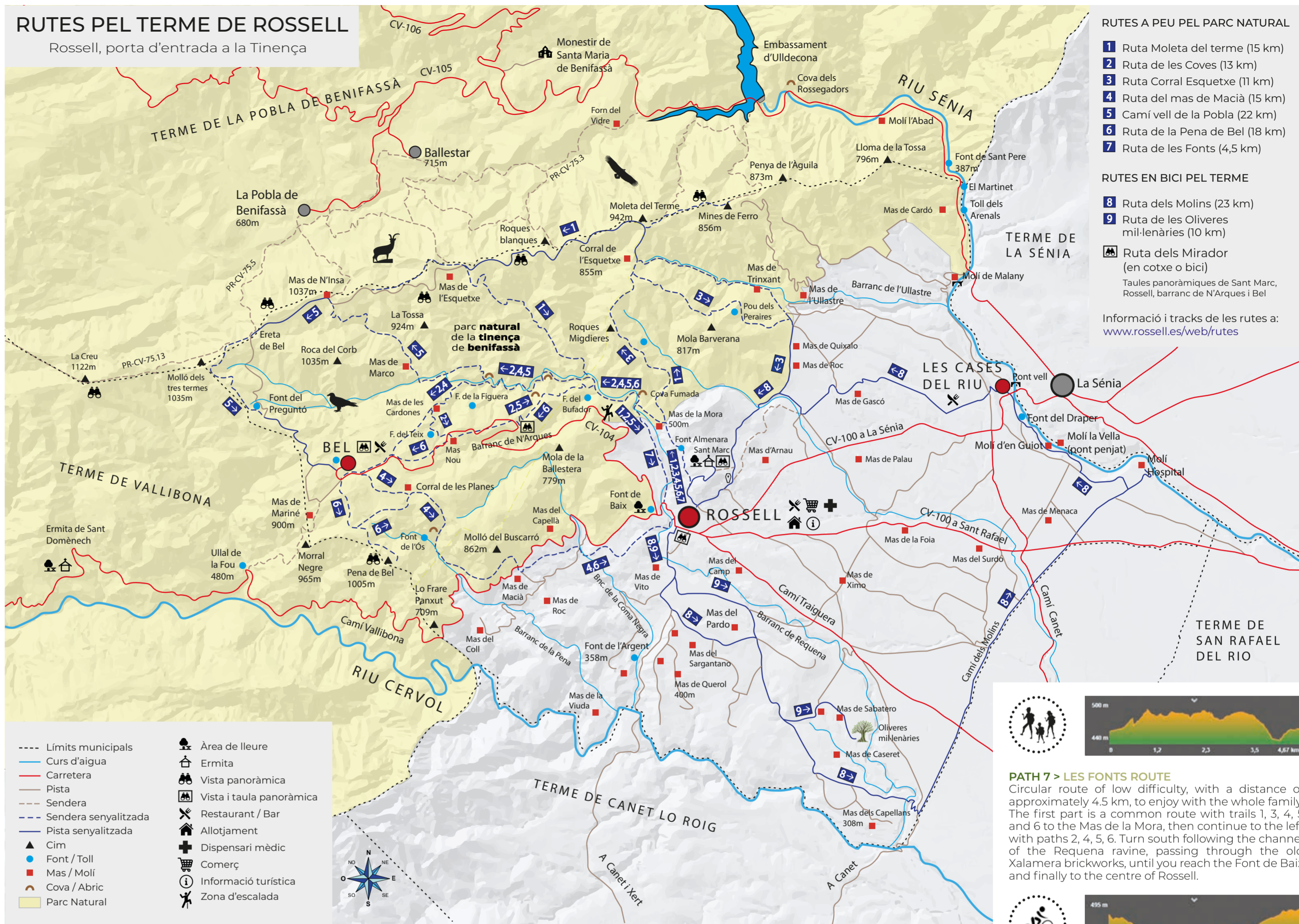
PATH 3 > L'ESQUETXE CORRAL ROUTE

Common route with trails 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to the mas de la Mora. Mas de la Mora, to the left on paths 2, 4, 5 and 6, and on the right with paths 3 and 1, both with a joint route to the corral de l'Esquetxe or Les Tones, where path 3 separates with two options:

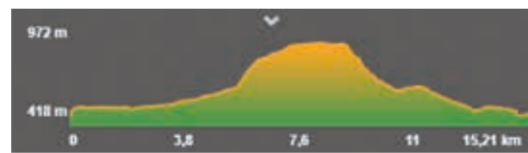
- a) By the crest of the Serral it goes down to the plain where it joins option b:
 - b) Continue down, following the bottom of the Trinxant ravine, passing through the mas of the same name. Eventually, you will join option a:
- Both options cross the paths of the plain, through olive trees and climb to the Carrascalets, by the Font d'en Ros and the cemetery and then enter Rossell.

RUTES PEL TERME DE ROSSELL

Rossell, porta d'entrada a la Tinença



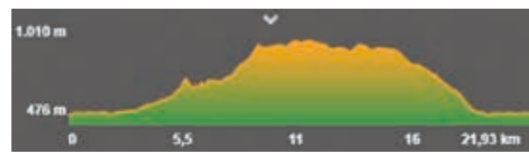
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PATH 4 > MAS DE MACIÀ ROUTE

Same route from path 2 to the Mas de Les Cardones. Mas de les Cardones, to the left, path 2 (South) and on the right, path 4 (West). The path goes to the town of Bel until it meets the road from Bel to Rossell, joining route 5 and 6, as you reach the cemetery of Bel turn left, pass in front of the cemetery and continue to the collapsed corral de Les Planes, during the walk you will see the two wheels that form the Bel Pena.

The trail goes down until you reach the Cova dels Coloms, where you will find path 6 that comes from La Pena, both itineraries will be popular until you reach Rossell. You are now on the Racó del Mas de Macià, the highest path the track will take you on, parallel to the road above from Rossell to Vallibona, with the Mas de Macià below to the right. A little further on, the path crosses the road, leaving the Mas de Macià on the left, continuing east towards Rossell and down the Collet de la Dolça, across the Requena river and enter Rossell.



PATH 5 > CAMÍ VELL DE LA POBLA ROUTE

Common route with 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 to the Mas de la Mora. Mas de la Mora, to the right on paths 1 and 3, on the left along with paths 2, 4 and 6, follow the channel of the Bel or del Requena ravine, past the cliff of the Roca l'Aliga, where path 6 separates to the left. Path 5 along with 2 and 4 continues along the bottom of the ravine until the confluence with the Jonquera ravine, where paths 2 and 4 are separated on the left and path 5 continues on the right through the Jonquera ravine, which stop at the top of the maque de la Jonquereta and turn left (West). Further on, head North to reach the Mas de Marco, climbing up the n'Insa ravine you will find the Mas de of the same name. From here, you will see the most magnificent views of the Pobla valley. Continue westbound parallel to the track that comes from Bel, going through Bel Ereta. Exit to the left on to the track that comes from Bel, take the old path coming from La Pobla and you will reach the town of Bel. Leave the town by the main road until you find the old road from Bel to Rossell, where it joins path 2, continue until you find the channel of the Requena or Bel ravine and through the Mas de la Mora, eventually reaching Rossell.



PATH 6 > PENA DE BEL ROUTE

Until the Mas de la Mora, follow the same itinerary 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. At the Mas de la Mora follow up the Requena ravine along with the paths 2, 4 and 5, later, leaving the gorge of the ravine, by a path on the right (old road from Bel to Rossell), where it coincides with a section of paths 2 and 5. Cross the road from Bel to Rossell several times, where later it joins with path 2 that comes from the Mas de les Cardones, before arriving in Bel, it links with path 4 that also comes from Mas de les Cardones. Here you will see a magnificent view of the town of Bel. To enter it (recommended visit), a track goes to the left (not to be confused with the one that goes through the cemetery, which is part of itinerary 4). A few meters from entering the track, it deviates along a path to the left, which below the hill of the Assumpció takes us to the Pena de Bel, with magnificent views of the coastal and pre-coastal plain, the upper section of the ravine from Cervol, has numerous masses and the mountains of the Ports of Besait, Fredes and Boixar. You are very likely to observe wild goats (Capra pyrenaica hispanica) and the flight of vultures (Gyps fulvus). The road returns during a section along the same route until it separates to the right and crosses a small valley, joining itinerary 4, at the height of the Planes pen.

RUTES A PEU PEL PARC NATURAL

- 1 Ruta Moleta del terme (15 km)
- 2 Ruta de les Coves (13 km)
- 3 Ruta Corral Esquetxe (11 km)
- 4 Ruta del mas de Macià (15 km)
- 5 Camí vell de la Pobla (22 km)
- 6 Ruta de la Pena de Bel (18 km)
- 7 Ruta de les Fonts (4,5 km)

RUTES EN BICI PEL TERME

- 8 Ruta dels Molins (23 km)
- 9 Ruta de les Oliveres mil·lenàries (10 km)

▲ Ruta dels Mirador (en cotxe o bici)

Taules panoràmiques de Sant Marc, Rossell, barranc de N'Arques i Bel

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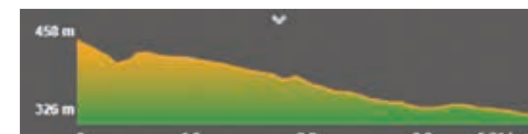
PATH 7 > LES FONTS ROUTE

Circular route of low difficulty, with a distance of approximately 4.5 km, to enjoy with the whole family. The first part is a common route with trails 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to the Mas de la Mora, then continue to the left with paths 2, 4, 5, 6. Turn south following the channel of the Requena ravine, passing through the old Xalamera brickworks, until you reach the Font de Baix and finally to the centre of Rossell.



PATH 8 > DELS MOLINS ROUTE

A circular route of approximately 23km that runs through the south-western part of the Rossell municipality. It is designed to be completed by mountain bike although it passes through rural roads, which are mostly asphalted. The tour begins in the area of the Planet of Rossell, passes near to the area of the ancient olive trees of mas de Sabatero, continuing along Camí dels Molins and then passing very close to Molí Hospital, Molí d'en Guiot and Pont Penjant. It then continues through the source of the Draper to finally reach Les Cases del Riu, where again from here to Rossell entering the cemetery.



PATH 9 > LES OLIVERES MIL·LENÀRIES ROUTE

This route starts in the area of the Planeta of Rossell, it can be done on foot and also with a 4x4 vehicle, it takes you to the area of the ancient olive trees of Mas de Sabatero, monumental olive trees with trunk perimeters of more than 3.5m at 1.30m from the ground, located about 5 km from the centre of Rossell. The olive tree has been the undisputed protagonist of Mediterranean agriculture for centuries and is also a staple in the agricultural landscape of Rossell.