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- Route celebrating 25 years of the Collserola Volunteers (4,5 km)

Leaving the Information Centre, we head towards Turó dels Mussols hill, taking the path on the right until it links up with the Purple Route, passing the Font d'en Canet spring until, descending now, we finally reach La Budellera area routes.

On foot to the top. Route to Tibidabo. (4 km)

A route promoted by Tibidabo to encourage people to visit the funfair from the nearest public transport points.

- P Parking
- i Information Centre
- Hostel
- Restaurant
- Amusement Park
- Recreation area
- M Museum
- L Spring
- Church
- FGC railways



Good practice

You are looking after the Natural Park when you:

- Prefer to use public transport to get here.
- Avoid making unnecessary noise and shouting so that everyone can enjoy the peace and quiet of the Natural Park.
- Do not pick plants and do not disturb the animals that inhabit the Park.
- Take your rubbish home with you.
- Respect property, farmhouses, churches and other heritage elements.
- Do not release exotic species that could alter the ecosystems of the Park.
- Do not encourage the domestication of wild boar by feeding them.
- Take signposted paths and trails and do not open up new paths.
- Behave responsibly with your pet, keeping it on a lead and picking up its poop.

Parc Natural de la Serra de Collserola



Routes around the Information Centre

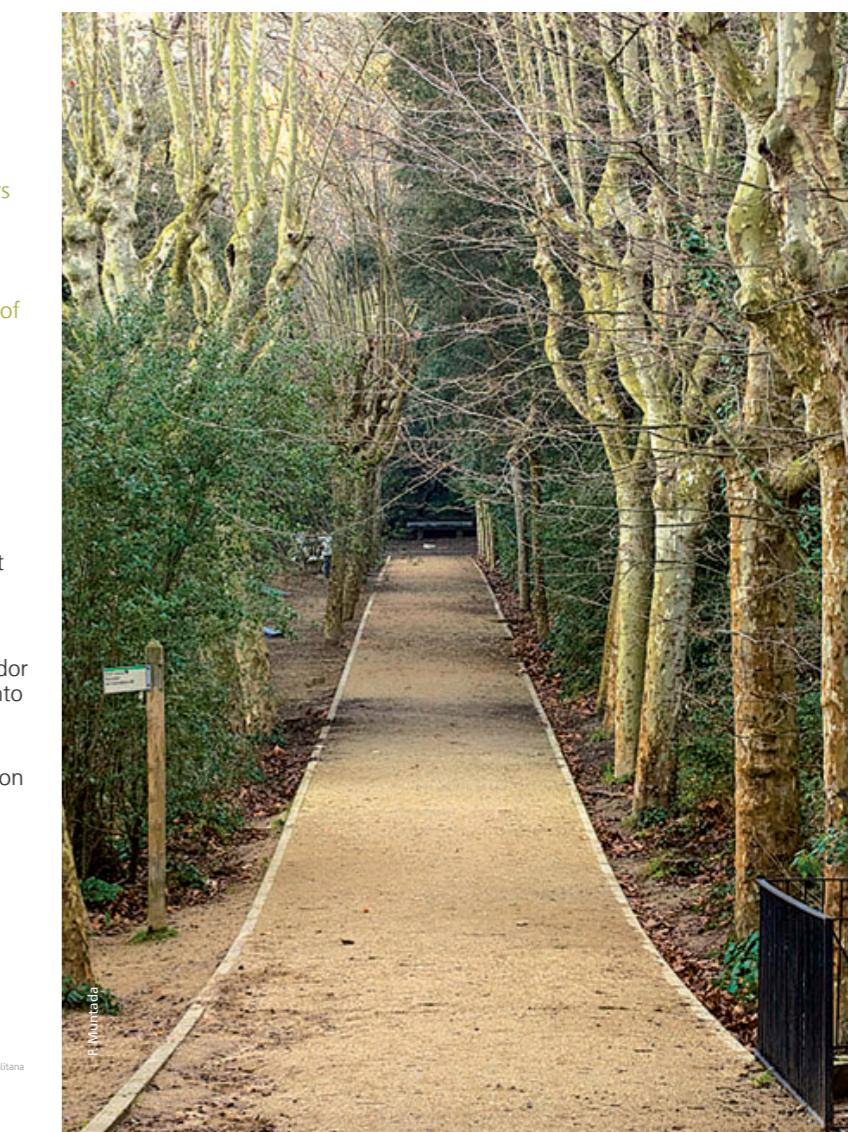
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Walks

On the northern slopes of Serra de Collserola Natural Park there is a fascinating area featuring four sites in particular: Vil·la Joana, La Budellera, the church of Santa Maria de Vallvidrera and Pantà de Vallvidrera reservoir.

Appreciated and used for a long time, it has taken the appearance of a "humanized" forest. The splendid nature, where Aleppo pine, oak, evergreen oak, cork oak woods and creeks are found alongside gardened areas, promenades leading to springs, and charming nooks and crannies that invite us to rest as we listen to the song of the robin and the great tit. Due to this fusion of wild forest and garden, the area, known as "Vallvidrera Park", is often considered a "park within the park".

The signposted routes around the Information Centre enable us to explore the different environments, listen to birdsong, observe the traces left by wild boar or simply relax in the shade of a evergreen oak.



Serra de Collserola Natural Park

Information Centre

Standing in an ideal location, surrounded by nature, central and well communicated, this building, which opened in 1990, is the headquarters of the Consortium's technical services. The Information Centre is on the ground floor.

The centre welcomes all visitors, offering full information about this natural space and advising them on what to do there and the best way of using the resources offered by Serra de Collserola Natural Park.

Services: Services: Personalised attention, suggestions for organised activities, provision of leaflets, sale of publications. Toilets.

Permanent exhibition

Showings of audiovisuals of the park.

Bar: El Picot. Tel. 93 280 28 40

Times: Open to the public from 9.30 am to 3 pm, all year round, except December 25 and 26 and January 1 and 6

Organised group visits must be arranged in advance.

Access by public transport: Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat railways. Baixador de Vallvidrera railway station. An 8 minute walk along the paved stairs into the woods.

Acces by road: Vallvidrera to Sant Cugat road, km 4.7. Signposted access. Parking recommended at the Santa Maria de Vallvidrera recreation area. There is no coach access to the Information Centre.

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Walks COLLSEROLA

1

A walk around the fountains

(1 km) 20 minutes*

Leaving the Information Centre and heading towards Vil·la Joana, we take the path down to the right that leads to the Passeig dels Platans avenue. This area was restored following the original structure. The rest areas around the Vil·la Joana old farmhouse, and the Font Joana fountain on the path going down to the left. The avenue ends in a circular square where, in the shade of two hundred-year-old oaks, we can see the so-called Table of the Seven Bishops, installed to commemorate poet-priest Jacint Verdaguer's meeting with the bishops who visited him.

Approach the hollow along the steps that lead directly down to the Font Nova spring which stands near two magnificent plane trees. Along the way we can spot acacias, broad-leaf privet, cherry laurel and other garden species interspersed with elder and elm. Following along the path downstream, we arrive at a circular square with stone benches.

This section has been adapted to enable access by people with reduced mobility and the blind, and is equipped with information panels in Braille.

We continue towards Baixador de Vallvidrera railway station, where there are more resting places.

We can now either return up the steps that lead directly to Vil·la Joana – just a few minutes' walk – or cross the road to reach the Santa Maria de Vallvidrera recreation area.

We now take the path with plane trees to reach the Santa Maria recreation area (7 minutes).

2

A walk around the Pantà de Vallvidrera reservoir

(2,2 km) 45 minutes*

From the Information Centre, we go down to the Vallvidrera railway station, cross the road and take the first turning on the left (10 minutes).

At the end of camí del Cama-sec street we continue along a dirt trail that leads straight ahead, ascending gently.

After a couple of bends, we come to a crossroads (8 minutes). Here, we take the path to the right. This steep section, along a concrete road, leads up to the reservoir dam (5 minutes).

We now take the path to the left, pausing at the viewpoint to enjoy the view over the water and to observe the fauna and flora typical of this environment.

We continue towards the reservoir, walking around it to the old guard's house, a building restored in 2010 that now contains an exhibition on the reservoir and its environs (15 minutes). The Vallvidrera reservoir was built by Elies Rogent and was officially opened in 1864. It was used to pipe drinking water to Sarrià through the Mina Grott tunnel, and was in service until the 1970s, when it was abandoned and fell into decay. Toward the end of the 20th century, work began to restore both the architectural work and the natural surroundings, creating an area of great natural interest populated by a good number of amphibians and reptiles typical of the Serra de Collserola Natural Park, and a pleasant rest area.

Reaching the Information Centre takes another 14 minutes.

3

A walk around the creek

(3,2 km) 60 minutes*

From the Information Centre, we take the stone steps down towards Baixador de Vallvidrera railway station (8 minutes).

At the station, we cross the road and take the first street on the left.

At the end of this street, we turn left again and then take the street off to the right just before reaching the main road.

We walk towards the recreation area, passing the Church of Santa Maria de Vallvidrera

Reaching the recreation area, we cross the esplanade towards the creek, passing under the Sant Ramon bridge and following the path parallel to the road towards the bend known as Revolt de les Monges (20 minutes).

After crossing the stream, the path leads straight on.

In around 10 minutes, we come to a path on the left that goes straight down towards the creek from where we can see Vil·la Joana and Passeig dels Plàtans.

We now pass through a dense bramble patch that almost invades the path itself.

After about 20 minutes, we reach the creek and, on the left, hidden among the vegetation, can make out the Font Rosita spring.

We now turn right to make for Baixador de Vallvidrera railway station, where there are a number of esplanades and resting places.

Once at the station, we can cross the road to the Santa Maria de Vallvidrera recreation area or return to the Information Centre.

4

A walk through the evergreen oak forest

(2,7 km) 50 minutes*

Starting out towards Els Xiprers school, we take the path on the left that leads through the pine wood. After about 10 minutes, we turn off onto the flat trail to the left.

Little by little, leaving the pines behind, we enter a more humid environment, covered by dense vegetation, with evergreen oaks and large bushes.

After about 10 minutes, we pass under a high-voltage power line where we can see rather high maquis scrub, the result of several undergrowth clearing operations. From this point we can see the other side of the valley.

After crossing the stream, the path leads straight on.

In around 10 minutes, we come to a path on the left that goes straight down towards the creek from where we can see Vil·la Joana and Passeig dels Plàtans.

We now pass through a dense bramble patch that almost invades the path itself.

After about 20 minutes, we reach the creek and, on the left, hidden among the vegetation, can make out the Font Rosita spring.

We now turn right to make for Baixador de Vallvidrera railway station, where there are a number of esplanades and resting places.

Once at the station, we can cross the road to the Santa Maria de Vallvidrera recreation area or return to the Information Centre.

5

A walk to Font de La Budellera spring

(4,9 km) 80 minutes*

Leaving the Information Centre and heading towards Els Xiprers school, we take the path on the left into the pine forest. Around 20 minutes after starting out, we take the turning on the right, where there is a signpost to La Budellera area routes.

After about 10 minutes, take the path that leads to La Budellera from above. This route takes us over the Can Mandó farmhouse and, soon after, on the left, Can Xoliu farmhouse. After about 15 minutes, on the right, we find the path down to the spring.

The site was landscaped by J. C. N. Forestier in the early-20th century. The spring provides water from the grid. There is also a route up to the Collserola tower from La Budellera. On the left side wall is a fountain.

From the last of the small esplanades that form La Budellera area, a path leads down to Vil·la Joana, but soon we leave this road and turn to the left, reaching the Ca n'Estisora farmhouse.

Going down the steps, following the trail and taking a path with steps down, reach the bend known as Revolt de Les Monges in less than 15 minutes.

Crossing the road, we go down the wooden steps and continue along the path that follows the creekbed until we reach the Santa Maria de Vallvidrera recreation area.

6

A walk in the Serra d'en Cardona mountain range

(5 km) 90 minutes*

Leaving the Information Centre and heading towards Els Xiprers school, we take the path on the left into the pine forest. We continue along this path towards Turó del Puig hill and in 45 minutes we will reach another hill, Coll d'en Gravat.

The view takes in the Serralada Prelitoral mountain range, from Montserrat to Montseny.

We continue along the path that leads off to the right from Coll d'en Gravat, heading towards Turó del Puig hill.

Leave the trail leading down to the Rabassada road behind on the left.

Next, on the right, we come to the (private) path to Turó del Puig hill. We continue to a clearing in the forest where there is a high-voltage tower. Our route continues along the path that emerges on the other side, in the same direction we came from.

From here, we take a path on the right to go down, deeper and deeper into the forest until we reach a crossroads, ignoring the paths that go from one side to the other and taking the one that takes us quickly down into the hollow.

We soon find the signpost to the Font d'en Canet spring, reaching this point around 1 hour and 20 minutes after first setting out.

Once we reach the path of the Budellera route, we continue following the purple signs to the right. We follow this path to return to the Information Centre, which also leads to the old Vil·la Joana old farmhouse.

Along the way, we can see Aleppo pines, as well as stone pines, evergreen oaks, strawberry trees and heather, creating a thick undergrowth. It takes another 20 minutes to reach the Information Centre.

