

Walks

COLLSEROLA

1

Spring's walk

(1,5 km) 20 minutes*

- From the Information Centre head towards Vil-la Joana House and walk down into the depths through the Plàtans Avenue on the right side. The adequacy of the space has been done respecting the original structure and recreating the leisure spots around Vil-la Juana spring, which is on the avenue itself and can be reached through the trail down on the left.

- The avenue ends in a circular square where, in the shade of two centennial oak trees, you can find the table called "dels set bisbes" ("of the Seven Bishops"), in memory of poet-priest Verdager meeting the bishops visiting him. Along the avenue and nearby, you will find a series of sculptures with reliefs and silhouettes of natural elements (leaves, footprints), which are part of an artistic creation project.

- Head towards the depths through the stairs directly leading downwards to the Font Vella (old spring) and its new fountain located beside two magnificent plane trees. Along the way, acacia trees, horse chestnuts and other garden species are great companions for elder and elm trees.

- Keep walking down the trail following the stream, and you will reach a circular square with benches.

Walk towards the Baixador de Vallvidrera station where you will find multiple leisure areas.

- You can retrace your steps through the trail directly leading to Vil-la Juana - which you can reach within few minutes - or alternatively, you can go to the recreational area of Santa Maria Vallvidrera across the road.

2

Vallvidrera reservoir walk

(2 km) 40 minutes*

- From the Information Centre head down towards the Baixador de Vallvidrera station, cross the road and take the first turn-off to the left, 10 min.

- At the end of the street, follow the trail heading straight up on a gentle slope.

- After a couple of bends in 7 min you will find a junction. Take the turn on the right. This stretch of steep slope, is paved. Walk up to the reservoir in 3 min. Walk up the stepped ramp and follow the trail on the left. At the viewpoint you can enjoy the view above the water surface and observe typical flora and fauna of this natural environment. Head to the tailwaters. Skirt the reservoir and head towards the old guardhouse which was restored in 2010 and houses an exhibition about the reservoir and its surroundings, 15 min.

- The Vallvidrera reservoir, by Elijah Regent, was inaugurated in 1864. It was built to carry water to Sarria through the Mina Grott. It worked until the late sixties. Afterwards, it was abandoned. Late in the 20th century, successive actions to recover the architectural and natural environment lead to a space of high natural interest with good representation of amphibians and reptiles and a pleasant leisure area.

- Cross the wooden bridge under the dam and take the left trail to reach the Plàtans Avenue towards the recreational area of Santa Maria which can be reached within five minutes.

3

The depths walk

(3 km) 45 minutes*

- From the Information Center walk down towards the Baixador de Vallvidrera station through the stepped paved trail, 6 min.

- From the station, cross the road and take the first street on the left.

- At the end of this street turn left again and then turn right on the street just before reaching the road.

- Go towards the recreational area passing by the Santa Maria Vallvidrera church.

- Once at the recreational area, cross the esplanade toward the depths, pass under the Sant Ramon bridge and follow the trail running parallel to the road until you reach the Monges Bend in 20 min.

- Once you cross the road, take up the gentle track. The vegetation covers almost all depths with a remarkable presence of some big oaks.

You will get to the junction leading to the Budellera, where you will find some wooden benches, 6 min.

- Turn left to return to the Information Centre and follow the signposts for Vil-la Juana House. Some specimens of Aleppo pine together with some stone pines, holm oaks, strawberry trees constituting a quite dense undergrowth can be seen.

- In 13 more minutes, you will get to the Centre.

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Holm oak forest walk

(3 km) 50 minutes*

- Head towards the Xiprers School and take the trail on the left leading up to the pine forest until the next junction where you will turn the left flat trail.

- Leave the pines behind, and gradually enter a more humid environment covered with thick vegetation - with holm oaks and shrubs of remarkable size.

- After 15 minutes pass under a high-voltage power line; the lower vegetation, due to clearing, will let you see the opposite side of the valley. Walk the gentle trail up after crossing the gully.

- After 10 minutes, you will find a trail on the left leading into the depths from where you will make out Vil-la Joana House and the Plàtans Avenue in the distance.

- Keep down and cross a small stream running amid tender herbaceous plants almost covering the trail.

- After about 25 minutes, you will get into the depths. On the left, hidden amid vegetation, you will find the Rosita spring.

- Keep walking towards the Baixador de Vallvidrera station where you will find multiple leisure areas.

- Once at the station, you can cross the road to the recreational area of Santa Maria Vallvidrera or alternatively, return to the Park Information Centre.

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Budellera spring walk

(km) 85 minutes*

- Head towards the Xiprers School and take the trail on the left leading up to the pine forest until the next junction which is signposted "Budellera".

- After about 45 minutes from departure time, keep following the track leading up to the Budellera. The track passes over Can Mandó, and a few meters further leaves behind Can Xoliu on the left. In 25 minutes, you will find, on the right, a trail leading down to the spring.

- This area was landscaped by J.C.N. Forestier at the beginning of the 20th century. There you will find a water supply fountain. From the Budellera you can also reach the Collserola Tower.

- After the last small square constituting the site, there is a track on the right leading down to Vil-la Juana House, but pass by it. Keep walking a little bit further until you reach ca n'Estisora.

- Down the stairs you will see the terraces and the pond of the farmhouse. If you follow the track, in less than 15 minutes you will be at the Monges Bend, just stepping down a path on the right side.

- On the other side of the road walk down the wooden stairs and keep walking along the trail that follows the stream towards the recreational area of Santa Maria de Vallvidrera.

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Cardona mountain range walk

(6 km) 140 minutes*

- From the Information Centre head towards the Xiprers School and keep walking up the trail on the right side that leads to the pine forest towards the Puig Hill. Keep on this trail until you reach the Gravat pass in 45 min.

- You will have amazing views over the Catalan Pre-Coastal Range from Montserrat to Montseny mountains.

Take the trail on the right that goes from the Gravat pass to the Puig Hill.

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

- Further on you will find on your right a (private) path to the Puig Hill. Keep walking until a forest clearing where there is a high-voltage tower.

- The route continues through the trail on the other side, in the same direction you are coming from.

- Then you will find a trail on the right. Walk it down entering deeper into the forest until reaching a trail junction. Leave behind the trails on both sides and take the one descending rapidly into the depths.

- Immediately you will find the signposts of the Canet spring, where you will arrive 1 h 20 min after the time of departure.

- Keep walking the trail in the same direction until reaching the Budellera route. Turn right until the Monges Bend where you will arrive after 20 more min.

- From there, you can walk down the trail on the left to the recreational area of Santa Maria de Vallvidrera, or alternatively, return to the Information Centre.



(*) The duration of the walks given is approximate. In some cases the route to the starting point is not included.

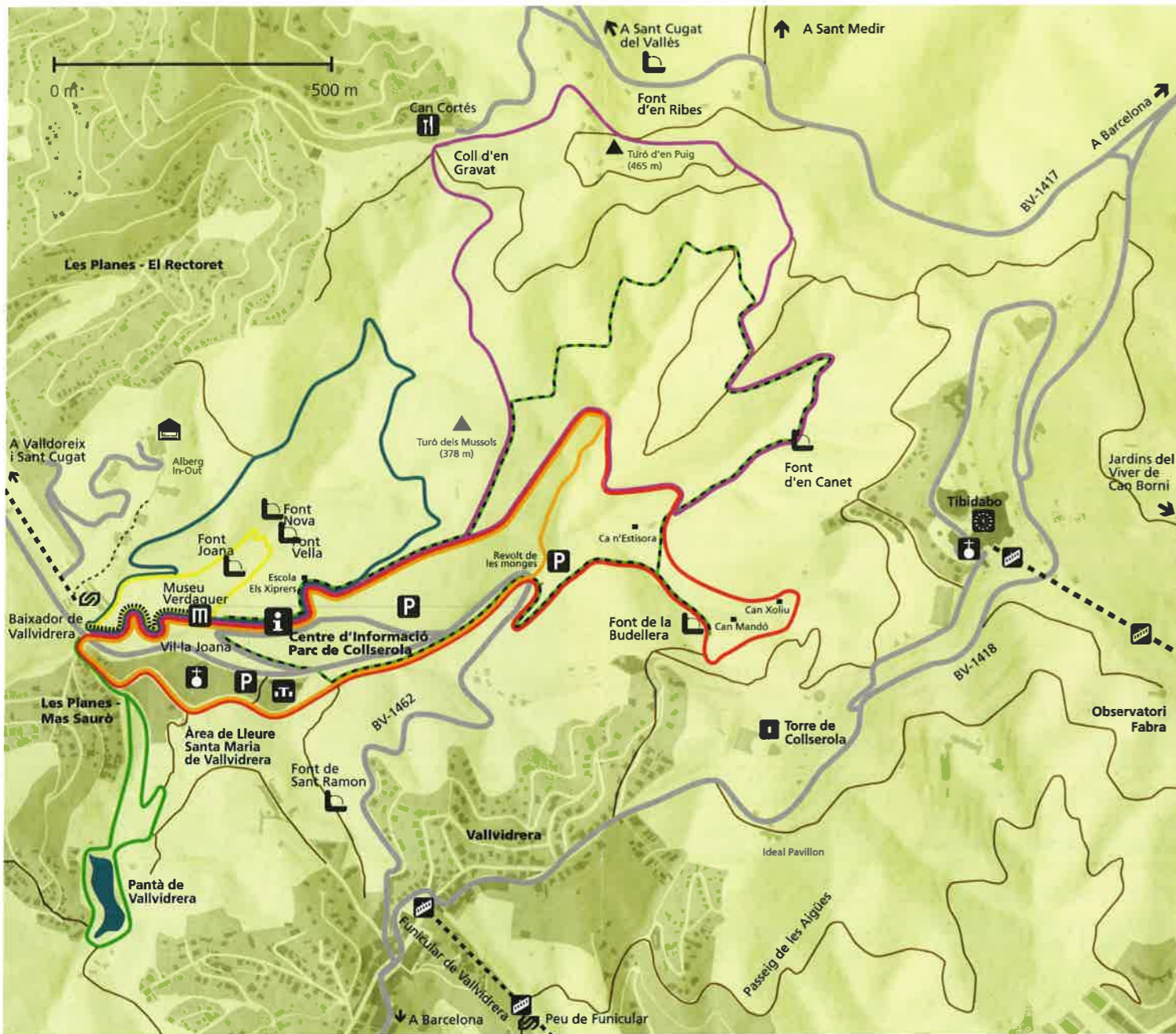


Walks around Information Centre

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On the north side of the Collserola ridge you can find a place with great personality which includes Vila Joana, Budellera, Santa Maria de Vallvidrera and the reservoir surroundings. Appreciated and used for a long time, it has taken the appearance of a "humanized" forest. The splendid nature, with Aleppo pine, holm oaks and cork trees forests, as well as lush depths, coexist with landscaped cores, avenues leading to fountains or cozy corners to relax and hear the Robin or the Blue Tit's sound. This fusion of wild woodland and garden, called Vallvidrera Park, has been considered a park within the park. The network of marked trails around the Information Centre will allow you to discover different environments, hear the birds' sounds, observe the wild boar traces or simply relax in the shade of a holm oak.



- 1. Springs' walk (1,5 km)
 - 2. Vallvidrera reservoir walk (2 km)
 - 3. Passejada pel fondal (3 km)
 - 4. The depths walk (3 km)
 - 5. Budellera spring walk (5 km)
 - 6. Cardona Range walk (6 km)
 - 15 year volunteering walk (4,5 km)
From the Information Center head up towards the Turó dels Mussols. From there turn right and link to the purple route, pass through the Canet spring and join the Budellera route.
 - - - - - Verdaguier trail
The trail from the "Baixador de Vallvidrera" station to the Verdaguier House and Museum is illustrated with several fragments of priest Verdaguier prose.
- P** Car park
 - i** Information Point
 - 🏠** Hostel
 - 🍽️** Restaurant
 - 🎡** Amusement Park
 - 🎪** Recreational area
 - 🏛️** Museum
 - 🌊** Spring
 - ⛪** Chapel
 - 🚆** FGC Railway



Good behaviour starts from yourself
You are in a protected natural area. Adopt a respectful behaviour towards the environment.
Walk along marked trails. Do not enter the forest or crop fields.
Do not pick up plants or flowers. Do not disturb wildlife.
Place garbage in bins or containers or, alternatively, take it home.
Be quiet. Do not make any unnecessary noise.

Natural Park of Collserola

Information Centre

Located in an ideal setting, surrounded by nature, central and well communicated, the Park Information Centre, opened in 1990, houses the headquarters of the Serra de Collserola Natural Park Consortium. The Visitor Information Centre is on the ground floor of this building. The centre welcomes all visitors, providing them with information on what to see and do in this particular natural area and assist them on the best way to use the mountain resources.

Services: Personalized service, guided activities proposals, available leaflets, sale of maps and publications.

Permanent exhibition: *Designed to make you think.*

Audiovisual projections of the park. Toilets and public telephone.

Bar "L'Entrepà". Phone. 93 280 2840

Schedule: Open to the public from 9.30 am to 15 pm every day of the year, except 25 and 26 December and 1 and 6 January. Organised groups are requested to book in advance.

Access by public transport: Baixador de Vallvidrera FGC Station. 8-minute walk through the paved trail up into the forest.

By road: Vallvidrera - Sant Cugat Road, km 4,7. Signposted access Parking recommended in the recreational area of Santa Maria de Vallvidrera Unaccessible by coach.

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