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*\*The numbers on the map correspond to points of tourist interest*

Welcome to a unique experience led by “La Pericota”, your guide on a surprising journey along the banks of the Ter River in Girona Province. With her usual enthusiasm and knowledge, La Pericota will show you the wealth of local plants and wildlife, and tell some fascinating stories along the way. Every step will be an opportunity to connect with the genuineness and beauty of this area, and create unforgettable memories. Get ready to fall in love with nature, and let this amazing tour take you away.

## Bon voyage!

### Technical info on:

Difficulty 

· Low

Distance 

· 3 km

Time 

· 1 h

Unevenness 

· 5m+ 5m-



# Introduction

Hello! Pleased to meet you! Do you know who I am? My name is Pericota. And I'm a very popular "capgròs" (carnival figure with a large head) from the city of Girona.

Today there's a big capgròs meeting in the Girona Tourism Office. I can't miss it! But first I have a few errands to run.

Want to come with me, discover the surroundings of the Ter River and help me get to the big meeting?





Activity 1

Pericota's hidden!

Here we are at Pont de Fontajau (Fontajau Bridge), with nice views of the Ter River. I really like this place, because I can see the river, and the animals that live there, every single day. Today I'm blending in with my animal friends. Can you find me? Circle me if you can!





## Activity 2

# Pericota's things

Now that you've found me, we can go over the things I need to finish my errands! Do you know the parts of my most classic outfit?

Red kerchief | White apron | Yellow skirt to below my knees like the ones worn to dance "sardanas" | Catalan espadrilles | Water jug

Can you write the names of the main parts of my outfit?



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Pericota is a charming young girl with red cheeks who loves to laugh. She is named after one of the natural springs in Sant Daniel Valley, "Font d'en Pericot".



## Activity 3

## Little duck lost

In case you didn't know, the Santa Eugènia marshlands were created in 2008, recovering old marshlands around the "Hortes" vegetable farms, and creating new marshes with water from the Monar irrigation channel. Marshlands or wetlands are home to lots of plants and trees. They shelter the animals that live in the marsh. One of the most common animals in this area, who also happens to be my best friend, is the mallard duck. Today he needs our help!

My green-headed friend has to find his mate, but the path is a little twisty-turvy. Can we help him find his way?

**Mallard duck**  
(*Anas platyrhynchos*) male.



**Mallard duck**  
(*Anas platyrhynchos*) female.



Activity 4

# Plant and animal life in the marshlands

In the Hortes marshlands, you can find many kinds of fauna like butterflies, fish and birds, and flora like reeds and canes. Do you know what “flora” and “fauna” mean? To find out more, look at the blue box on this page.



I mixed up the common and scientific names of the animals and plants of the wetlands. Can you help me sort them out again?

Connect the common names of the animals to the right pictures:

## Fauna





(B)



(C)




(D)



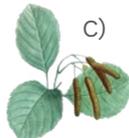
(B)

- Otter (*Lutra lutra*)
- Roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*)
- Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)
- Common genet (*Genetta genetta*)



## Flora

- White willow (*Salix alba*)
- White poplar (*Populus alba*)
- Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)
- Snowdrop (*Galanthus nivalis*)



Solution:  
 FAUNA: 1.D | 2.C | 3.B | 4.A  
 FLORA: 1.D | 2.C | 3.A | 4.B

## Activity 5



# Fluvial water



Fluvial = This term is used for anything related to rivers and streams, and the deposits and slopes they create.

Fluvial water is a resource shared by more people than soil. Because of the long drought we've been suffering in recent years, fluvial water is a scarce resource. That is why it is so important to use water wisely, and contribute to conserving it, as it is extremely necessary for everyone. Now that you know what "fluvial" means... Mark the pictures that show fluvial water:



A



B



C



D



E

Pictures A, C and E, Girona City Hall Credit



Pericota always carries a jug of fresh water. She tries to save water whenever she can.



## Activity 6

# A poem of respect for the channel

The irrigation channel was used for industrial, hydro-electrical and agricultural purposes. It still has five waterfalls that are used to generate hydroelectric energy.

When the channel reaches the city of Girona, it is covered, and flows underground.

The Monar irrigation channel plays a very important role in the city's economy. For many years, it has been watering the gardens of Girona, helping vegetables to grow. That's why I invite you to recite this poem, in tribute to the irrigation channel:

<< "We're the explorers,  
and we're not afraid of anything!  
But we do respect  
the straight-flowing channel, and  
\* *in ipso rego qui venit de Matamouros*  
we promise to always be respectful.">>



\* *From the first recorded document that refers to the municipality of Salt, dating back to the year 823, which refers to what is now the Monar irrigation channel as a man-made stream of water in the following words:  
<< in ipso rego qui venit de Matamouros >>*





### Activity 7

## Let's bury the Monar irrigation channel

What would happen if we had to water each of the crops in the Santa Eugènia Vegetable Gardens one by one? It would be a lot of work!

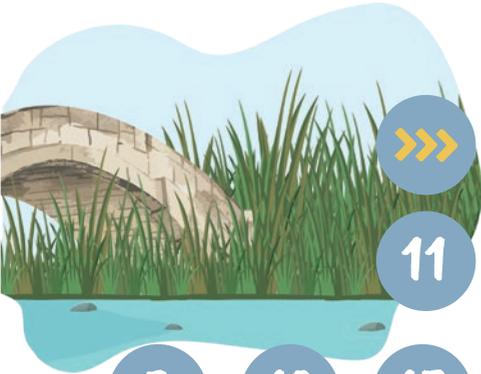
Luckily, the Monar irrigation channel has an important role to play in watering the Santa Eugènia Vegetable Gardens. When it enters the city, the Monar irrigation channel goes underground, until it flows out into the Onyar River.

You can see a short stretch of the channel flowing openly at this intersection (Illa Street and Bernat Boades Street) if you scan this QR Code.





Can you help me? Connect the numbers from 1 to 16 to see the path the Monar irrigation channel takes to enter the city:



















































Activity 8

# The confluence of the four rivers that flow through Girona

From here you can see the mouth of the Monar irrigation channel at the Onyar River. This helps augment the volume of this river for most of the year. Remember that Girona is a city that has rich history, culture and beautiful landscapes, and many rivers that cross it, or flow near it. These rivers are not only home to many plants and animals, they have also shaped Girona's history and urban development over the years. If you know the four rivers running through or near Girona, put the letters together to spell their names!



E T R  
\_\_\_\_\_

O N R y A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ü L G E L  
\_\_\_\_\_

G S T N A G L A L I  
\_\_\_\_\_



### Activity 9

## Route through an artist's eyes

To be a good explorer, you have to pay attention to your instincts and feelings. Think about how you've felt during this route, and draw a picture of the moment you liked the most. Write down the nicest feeling you've had.

The feeling I had was: \_\_\_\_\_



A large, light blue, rounded rectangular area intended for drawing a picture of a favorite moment from the route.



### Activity 10

# Download the official route diploma

Thanks for helping me finish my errands, and get to Tourism Office in time for the Girona capgrossos meeting!

I have enjoyed telling you everything you need to know about the Ter River and its banks, its natural spaces, the flora, and the fauna. I also like seeing how you respect nature and save water at all times.

It's time to get your hard-earned OFFICIAL PERICOTA HELPER DIPLOMA! Scan the QR code to download it and add your name.

Remember that you can always keep a digital copy, so there's no need to print it! (That way we also save paper.)

The diploma graphic features a teal and blue background with starburst icons. At the top left is the 'menjat Girona' logo with 'Ajuntament de Girona' below it. The main text reads 'DIPLOMA' in large green letters, followed by 'DISCOVERY ROUTE ALONG THE BANKS OF THE TER RIVER' in smaller white letters, and 'Pericota's Official Helper:' in blue. A QR code is centered in a blue frame. To the left is a cartoon illustration of a girl in a red headscarf and yellow apron. To the right is a signature and the text 'The "Capgrossa": Pericota'. At the bottom, it says 'Project funded by the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan - Financed by the European Union - NextGenerationEU' and 'Finançat per' followed by logos for 'Unió Europea', 'Next Generation', 'Plan de Recuperación, Transformación y Resiliencia', 'Next Generation Catalunya', and 'Generalitat de Catalunya'.

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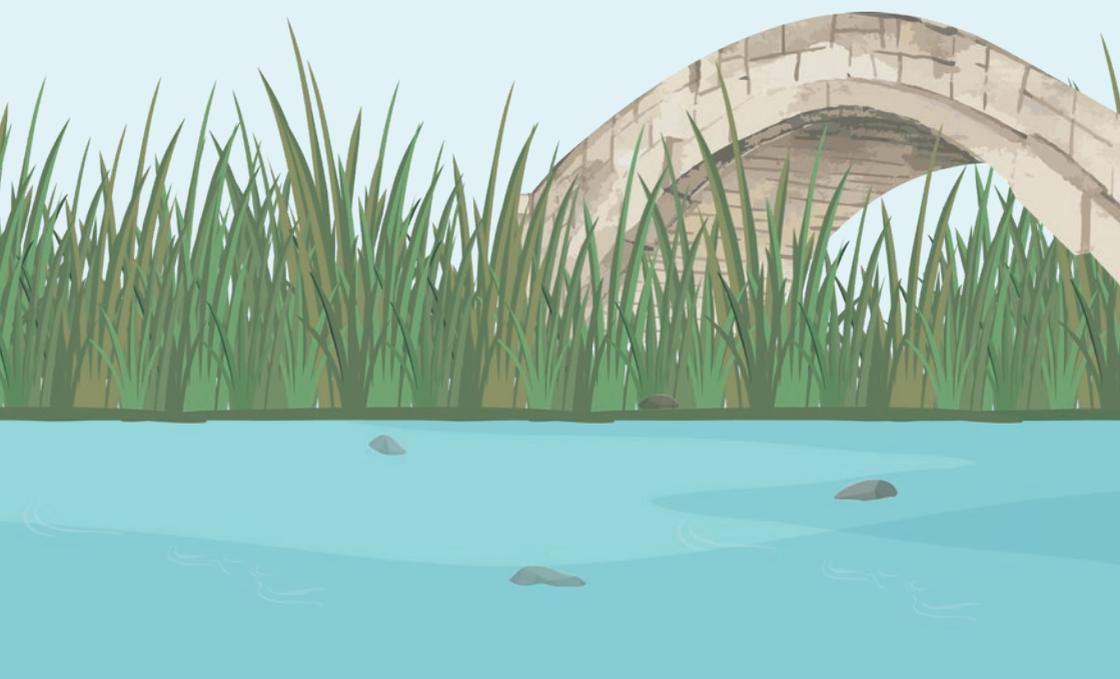


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# Menja't Girona