

## **RIVER ONYAR**

The Onyar is one of the four rivers of Girona, and the image of it running past the Old Quarter is one of the most photographed city views. At this point, however, the Onyar still retains some of its characteristic riverside



#### 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS **TOWER**

Now part of the Girona skyline, the Pirulí tower (112m) was built in 1990-1992. Due to major technological changes, it has been operating at a minimum level ever since it was



## 3. EL POLVORÍ

A bit further on, the route passes by the ruins of a guardroom with a powder magazine behind it, built in 1756 for the storage of ammunition and explosives in a place of easy access outside the city.



## **CALVARI HERMITAGE**

Surrounded by olive trees, Calvari hermitage (also known as the "hermitage of the Crosses") is located at the end of camí de Les Creus with its fourteen wayside shrines depicting the Stations of the Cross.



#### 5. MOUNTAIN OF O

The mountain of O (175m) is the site of the former Calvari redoubt, built in 1675 to defend Girona city from attack by the French troops. The building is listed as a site of historic, scenic and environmental interest. From this point, there is a beautiful panoramic view of Girona and Sant Daniel valley.











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# Girona **Natura Walks Anella Verda**

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The Anella Verda (Green Ring) itinerary runs through the eastern sector of Girona municipality, linking up the natural spaces near this part of the city.

The route departs from the banks of the river Onyar and ends at the farmlands of Campdorà. On its way, it goes through a representative range of natural landscapes and environments, taking in several heritage and ethnographical features related to the traditional uses of these spaces.

The Anella Verda route can be completed from south to north or vice versa. Shorter options include starting from Girona's Old Quarter and heading either northwards or southwards. This is not a circular route. Public transport is available at both ends, with buses running regularly from the centre of Girona to both the departure point and the finishing point.





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#### 6. LES SARDANES SQUARE

The river Galligants joins several streams very near Les Sardanes square. The square is surrounded by ash and alder trees, and conserves the remains of some old steps where cobla bands used to play. An inscription on the base recalls the former name of the square: Plaza de la Constitución de 1869.



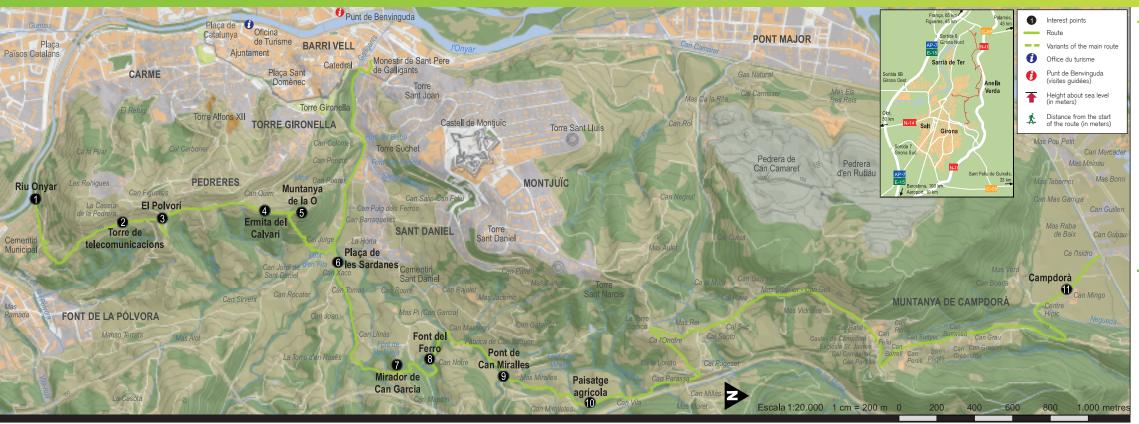
#### 7. CAN GARCIA VIEWPOINT

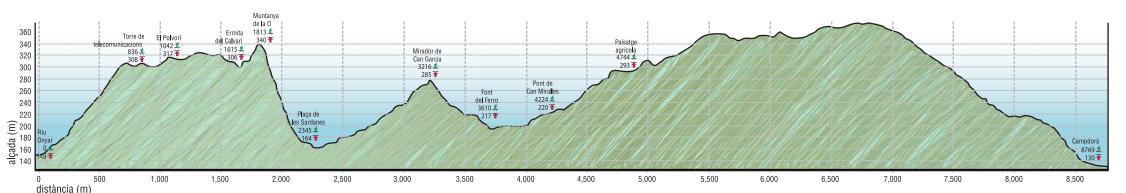
Make a small detour to Can Garcia viewpoint for superb views of Sant Daniel valley and the woodlands of the Gavarres massif, consisting mainly of pines, cork oaks and holm oaks.



#### 8. FONT DEL FERRO

Take a well-deserved rest at the recently refurbished Font del Ferro picnic area, where the fountain of the same name is known for its carbonated water with a sharp taste of iron (ferro in Catalan). A little further down in the same area is La Pinya fountain with a pinecone (pinya in Catalan) carved on the lintel.





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Anella verda (one way)

Distance: **8,8 km** Approximate time: **2 h**Difficulty: **Medium** Maximum Height: **340 m** 

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#### 9. CAN MIRALLES BRIDGE

After a stretch running parallel to Miralles stream, you pass Can Miralles Bridge. The small pools seen from this point provide a habitat for several species of amphibians.

Water from the streams and torrents in the hills surrounding Sant Daniel valley make up the river Galligants, which continues on towards Girona city before emptying into the river Onyar.



#### 10. AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPE

This stretch of the route runs through typical Mediterranean landscape, a well-balanced mosaic of crop fields, copses, farmhouses, and riverside woodlands. Agriculture was the main traditional activity in the valley, which supplied Girona with fresh food products, while forging trade links between the city and its surrounding area.



# 11. CAMPDORÀ

The itinerary goes round Campdorà hill and ends on the plain of the same name. Campdorà village (part of Girona municipality) is located between the river Ter and the foothills of the Gayarres massif.