

The tomb de l'Anella Verda

Description of the route

The **tomb de l'Anella Verda** route follows the trails that are part of the Paths of Tarragona network. The paths are indicated by the network's yellow markers or, when a stretch coincides with a FEEC (Catalan Excursion Association) route, by white and red GR (long-distance route) trail markers or white and yellow PR (short-distance route) trail markers. Important crossroads are waymarked with signs identifying the different paths and the places they connect.

The total route covers 34 km. The journey to Gaià can be travelled on foot or by bicycle. However, the journey back along the coast is only suitable for walkers. It is a good idea to use public transport (intercity bus or train) to complete the route in stretches.

The route starts at the **Park of the Riu Francolí** and follows the river uphill. Shortly before reaching Sant Salvador, under the motorway bridge, the path leads to the left under the national road using the bridge over the ravine's runoff channel. Next it reaches the **Park of the Pont del Diable** gardens and the enormous Roman aqueduct. It continues along the old cart track and passes the great country estates of **dels Arcs, de Granell** and **de Pastor**, three examples of the vitality of agricultural life in Tarragona in times past. It leaves the **Comellar del Moro** (a steep trough) on the right and crosses the Els Pallaresos road (TP-2031).

It continues uphill until it reaches the **Mas de Panxer** housing development and then descends towards **Rodolat**. The route then follows the Mas Enric path and continues uphill towards the **Alts de la Bassa Closa**, renamed as **Gurugú** in memory of a famous and tragic battle in the Rif war. It descends towards the **Mas de la Creu**, the agricultural estate where the defence tower can still clearly be seen, and then passes the once elegant estate, **Mas de Sorder**, with its lovely dome that unfortunately is not in as good shape as it deserves. Further on, the route passes the **Mas de Cosidor** estate, near the Mas del Mèdol and the Roman quarry of the same name. Entering the village of **Ferran** is particularly beautiful, with the fertile Gaià valley at your feet. The route immediately reaches the **Gaià river** and follows it to where it flows into the sea (with luck the river will soon recover its natural volume of water, something many people are demanding).

The ancient fortified village of **Tamarit** is found right on the sea. It looks more like a castle than a village and is a reminder of those centuries during which the Catalan coast was subjected to attacks by Barbary pirates from North Africa. A delightful stretch of coast follows, dotted with the remains of old coast guard barracks. The route continues along the path that leads around the **Muntanya de Sant Joan** and ends up on the lovely beach, **Platja de la Móra**. The coast guard path that connected the beach and the tower of la Móra is now inside the campsite. While this part does not make for an especially interesting walk, the friendly staff are happy to inform hikers of the best way past it and where they can return to the coastal path.

The route then enters the **Bosc de la Marquesa** coastline path. This area has a very high ecological and financial value and is particularly fragile; it still belongs to the marchioness's family, who rejected a substantial offer by developers in order to preserve it. Public access is limited to the path that runs along the coast. The route then leaves the beautiful Becs and Arboçar beaches behind and continues to the **Punta de Creueta**, where hikers are surprised by the remains of an ancient Roman quarry and find the start of the long beach (which is what its name in Catalan means) **Platja Llarga**, particularly beloved by Tarragona's inhabitants. Once on the other side, the route continues to the **Roques del Morrots**, an

interesting cliff area that conceals the cove called **Platja dels Capellans** and connects to the beach **Platja de la Savinosa**.

If you are travelling with children, take care of the traffic bordering the edge of the old Savinosa sanatorium, until the road is in better condition. The route reaches the lovely beach at **Platja de la Arrabassada** and continues along the path until it reaches the small **Punta Grossa** Park where it follows a lovely stretch of the coast guard path that descends to cross the small beach **Platja dels Cossis** to connect, finally, with the **Punta del Miracle**.