

Hiking and Cycling Routes

Sports, nature, and unforgettable landscapes

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HIKING ROUTES IN EL DESERT DE LES PALMES

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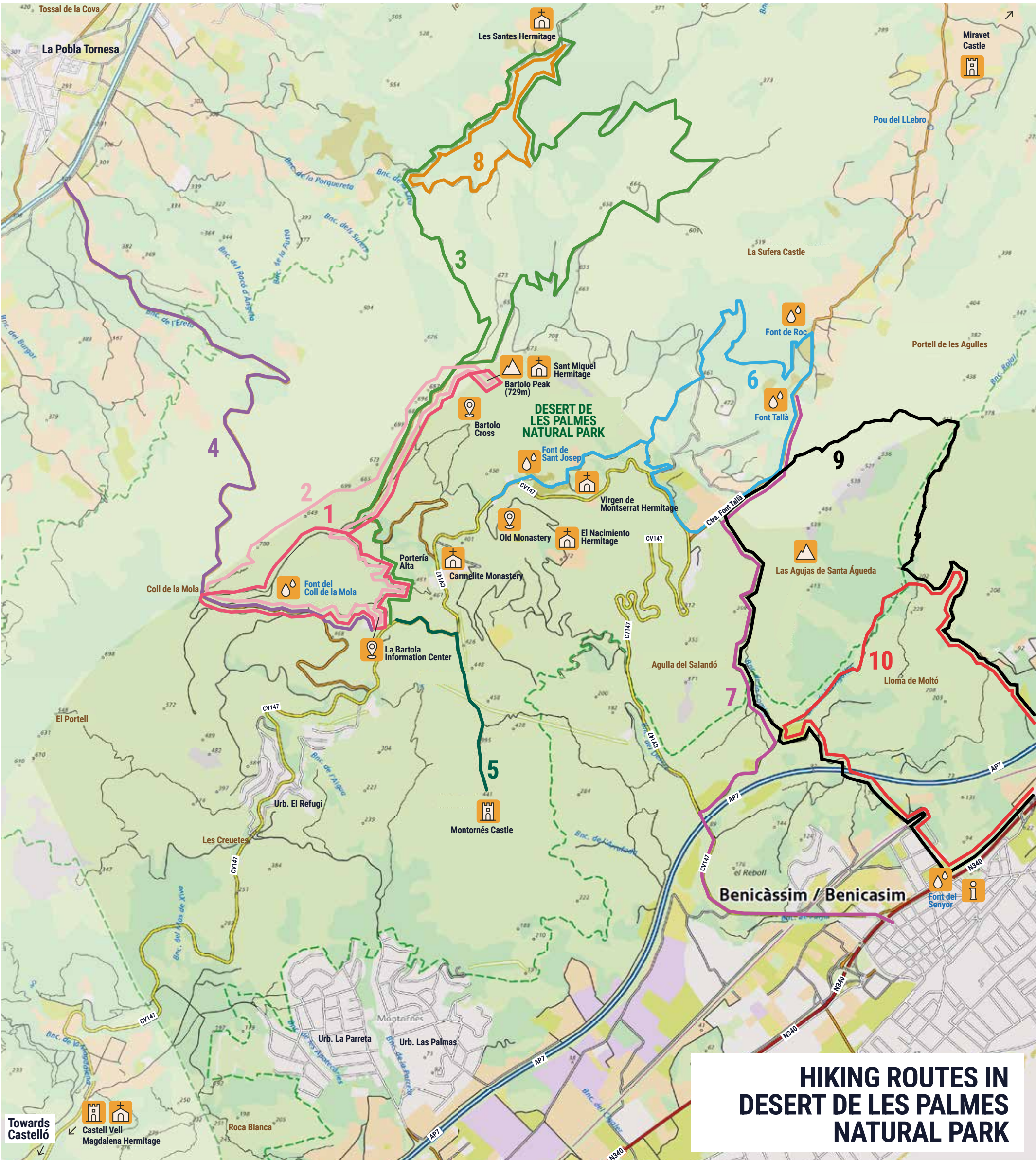
WALK WITHOUT LEAVING A TRACE

- Respect the silence.
- Leave the place cleaner than when you arrived.
- Respect the trail and follow the signs.
- Fire is the greatest enemy of the mountains.
- Admire plants without damaging them.
- Observe animals without disturbing them.
- Use local hospitality and tourism services. Camping is not allowed in the natural park.
- Take care of springs.
- Respect the historical and cultural heritage.

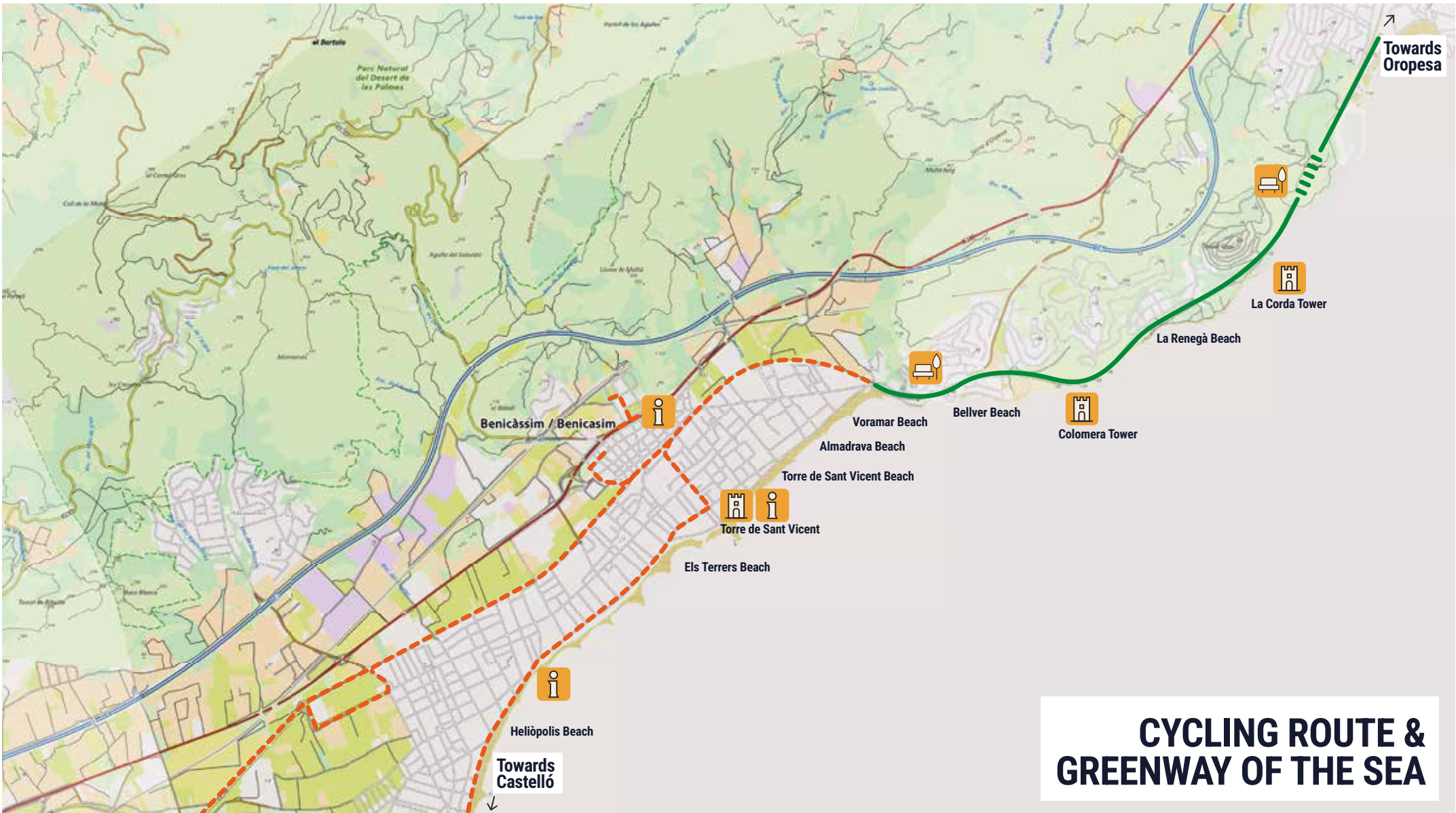
CYCLING ROUTE

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DESERT DE LES PALMES NATURAL PARK BOUNDARY



HIKING ROUTES IN DESERT DE LES PALMES NATURAL PARK



CYCLING ROUTE & GREENWAY OF THE SEA

DESERT DE LES PALMES NATURAL PARK

El Desert de les Palmes, designated a Natural Park in 2013, is one of the most remarkable protected areas in the province of Castellón, covering over 3,200 hectares across the towns of Benicàssim, Cabanes, La Pobla Tornesa, Borriol and Castelló de la Plana.

Exploring its corners, we will visit places full of history such as the Carmelite Monastery, Montornès Castle or Castell Vell and the Magdalena Hermitage. From the summit of Bartolo (729 m / 2,392 ft), the horizon opens toward the Mediterranean Sea and the inland plains, offering views of Benicàssim, the mountains of Maestrat, the Plana de l'Arc and natural parks like Prat de Cabanes-Torreblanca or Sierra de Espadán. On clear days you can even spot the Columbretes Islands Marine

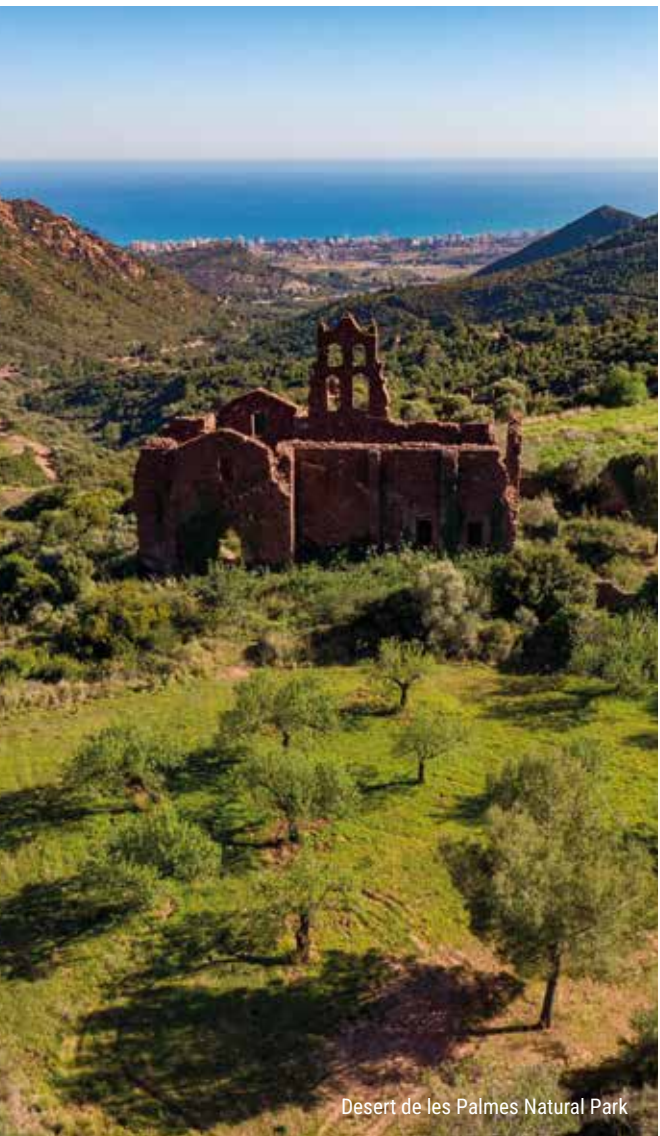
Reserve or the peak of Penyagolosa. The park's unique vegetation includes fan palms, Mediterranean pines, strawberry trees and aromatic species such as rosemary, thyme and lavender. Its Mediterranean's rich wildlife enlivens the landscape: Bonelli's eagles, wild boars, foxes and genets coexist in this uniquely beautiful setting.

For nature lovers, El Desert de les Palmes offers over 10 hiking routes and 3 MTB trails that pass through natural viewpoints, hidden springs and historical ruins. Benicàssim's Tourism Department also offers singular guided tours to discover the secrets of this natural area.

CYCLING ROUTE & GREENWAY OF THE SEA

Benicàssim's **Cycling and Scenic Route** is a circular ride of more than 15 kilometers that reveals a landscape full of contrasts: the southern seafont promenade, the old marsh area and the town center. The route is accessible for people with restricted mobility and includes rest areas and bicycle parking. It can be linked with the Greenway of the Sea.

The **Greenway of the Sea**, running between Benicàssim and Oropesa, traces the path of the old railway line and offers a scenic 5.6-kilometer route (11.2 km round trip) through unspoiled nature. Along the way, you'll pass breathtaking cliffs and pristine beaches with stunning sea views, making it a favorite for both walkers and cyclists.



Desert de les Palmes Natural Park



Benicàssim



Tourist Info Benicàssim
turismo.benicassim.es

Routes of the Natural Park
turismo.benicassim.es/turismo-activo/

Tourism Activity Tickets
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01.

Duration:

1:45h

Distance:

6.8km

Difficulty:

Moderate

Elevation gain:

320m

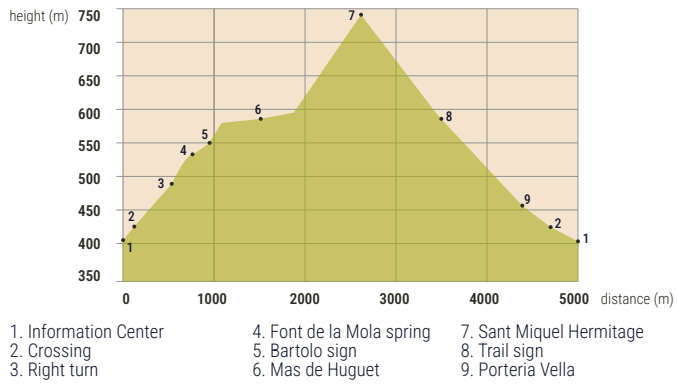
Elevation range:

409/729

HIKING TO BARTOLO PEAK.
LOOP VIA THE INFORMATION CENTER TRACK

The route begins behind the Information Center building, along a gently ascending path. After a few minutes, we turn left onto a dirt track. Farther ahead we take the track that turns right toward Bartolo. Following it, we pass Font de la Mola spring, then take another right-hand track that runs past Mas de Huguet, a traditional rural farmhouse.

We reach a junction where both options lead us to a paved road. From there, we can continue uphill for about 1,500 m, keeping the Bartolo Cross on our left, until reaching the viewpoint. This option takes us to the highest point of the route (729 m) and of the entire natural park. If we prefer to start out descent, from that same point we turn right and follow the signs. The descent follows the paved road, reconnecting with the Mas de Huguet track, which eventually returns us to the Information Center.



06.

Duration:

3h

Distance:

7.3km

Difficulty:

Moderate

Elevation gain:

251m

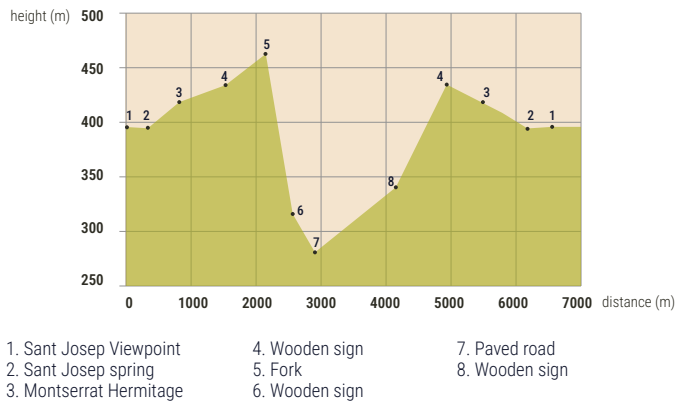
Elevation range:

248/470

SPRINGS OF EL DESERT DE LES PALMES

This circular route visits the main springs of the natural park. It begins at the Sant Josep viewpoint parking area, following the roadside to the spring and hermitage of the same name. A path to the left leads to the Montserrat Hermitage. We continue to a crossroads, where a sign directs us left toward Pla de les Mulettes, the starting point of the circular loop. We follow the wide track toward Bartolo but soon leave it to the right toward Font de Roc spring. We descend along another track which, after passing a dovecote, leads near a small farmhouse; here we turn left to reach Font de Roc.

We continue along a path that brings us to the paved road of the Miravet ravine. After turning right and walking 600 m, we arrive at Font Tallà spring. We continue along the road until a sign indicates the return toward Font de Sant Josep spring. We cross a paved track and rejoin the path. Arriving at the earlier crossroads, a wooden sign points us right to reach Font de Sant Josep.



02.

Duration:

2:20h

Distance:

7km

Difficulty:

Hard

Elevation gain:

380m

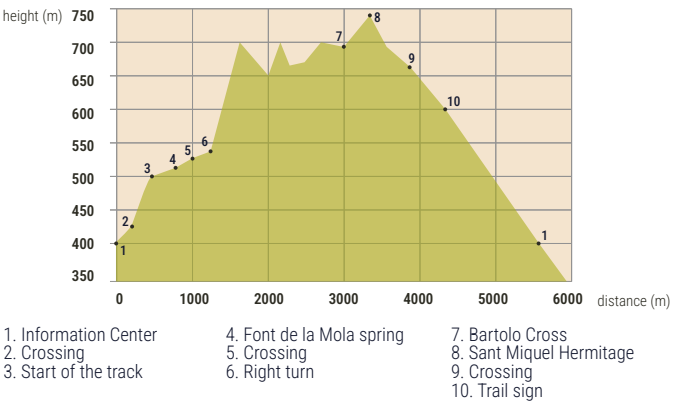
Elevation range:

409/729

CLIMBING THE BARTOLO PEAK.
LOOP ALONG THE MOUNTAIN RIDGE

The trail starts at the Information Center, via a small path behind the building. We quickly reach a sign indicating a left turn leading to a dirt track. We continue uphill, passing Font de la Mola spring and leaving to our right another track that also leads to Bartolo. Upon reaching Coll de la Mola, at the curve we take a narrow trail on the right, beginning a steep climb toward Cantal Arg (698.7 m). We follow the mountain ridge the whole way, walking along the crests and following the yellow and white marks of trail PR-CV 422 until we get to Bartolo's 18-meter-high cross.

If we continue about 300 m. along the track, we reach the highest point of the route and of the park: the summit of Bartolo (729 m.), where the Sant Miquel Hermitage is located. The descent is via the paved road, later taking the Mas de Huguet track to the right, which brings us back to the Information Center.



07.

Duration:

2:30h

Distance:

5km

Difficulty:

Moderate

Elevation gain:

300m

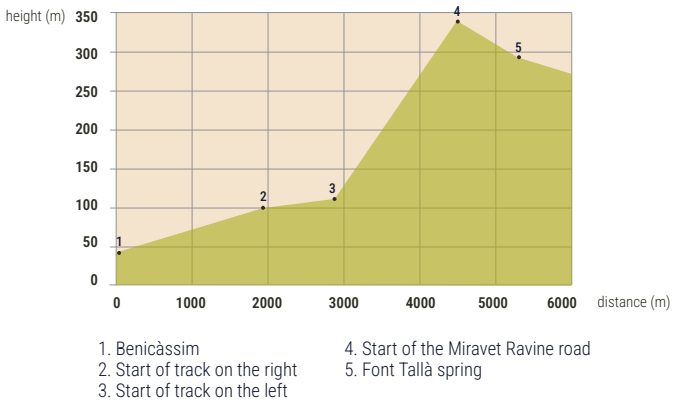
Elevation range:

30/333

TO LA FONT TALLÀ FROM BENICÀSSIM

The route starts in Benicàssim along the CV-147 road heading into the natural park. After crossing the highway bridge, a path on the right leads to a sign where we turn left, following the PR-CV-397.1 markers. As we approach the Miravet ravine, vegetation becomes denser, with Mediterranean pines, strawberry trees, honeysuckles, junipers and other typical species of this humid area.

The path ends at the road running through the Miravet ravine, where Aleppo pines grow. We follow this paved road until reaching the Font Tallà spring on the left, a viewpoint over Las Agujas de Santa Águeda. The slopes here are covered with beautiful cork oaks. Halfway up the slope stands a small country hut once used as a shelter or storage place. Around it remain traces of an old charcoal pit once used to produce coal for the region.



03.

Duration:

4h

Distance:

15.5km

Difficulty:

Hard

Elevation gain:

700m

Elevation range:

297/698

LOOP TO LES SANTES HERMITAGE
FROM THE INFORMATION CENTER

This route leads from the Information Center to Les Santes Hermitage (Cabanes), passing over the summit of Bartolo. The path begins behind the Information Center. After a few meters we turn right and, before reaching Porteria Alta, we turn left. A steep trail takes us to a dirt track; we turn left, reach another track, and then follow it to the right until the paved road leading to the summit. We arrive at a small esplanade below the antennas, where a track branches off to the left. Here begins a steep descent along a forest trail. Shortly after, the track splits; we recommend taking the left one for its characteristic vegetation and birdwatching opportunities. It descends to the bottom of the ravine and then climbs gently to a water pond. We continue left along the track until reaching Les Santes Hermitage.

The route continues behind the hermitage. Soon we arrive at one of the most interesting geological areas, with Paleozoic slate formations. At the hill we take a trail to the left, entering the pine forest. A few meters later, a right-hand path leads us to Bartolo's summit. Once at the top, we follow the paved road downhill until a dirt path on the right appears; this leads us back to the Information Center.

