

## ITINERÀNNIA, NETWORK OF TRAILS

"Itinerànnia" is a network of trails, with over 2500 kilometres between the neighbouring regions of "Ripollès", "Garrotxa" and "Alt Empordà".

A network of hiking trails is like a road map, but with footpaths, allowing the hiker to get from any one point to another.

It retrieves the old historic roads between the villages to reach many small places.

The network offers many different hikes depending on the time or difficulty and you interest over nature, architecture or culture.

Each route that we propose is just a little taste of an extensive network of trails that you can walk to discover the Ripollès, Garrotxa and Alt Empordà counties.

## THE SIGNS

all the trails of the network are marked regularly over the paths with horizontal painted yellow signs.

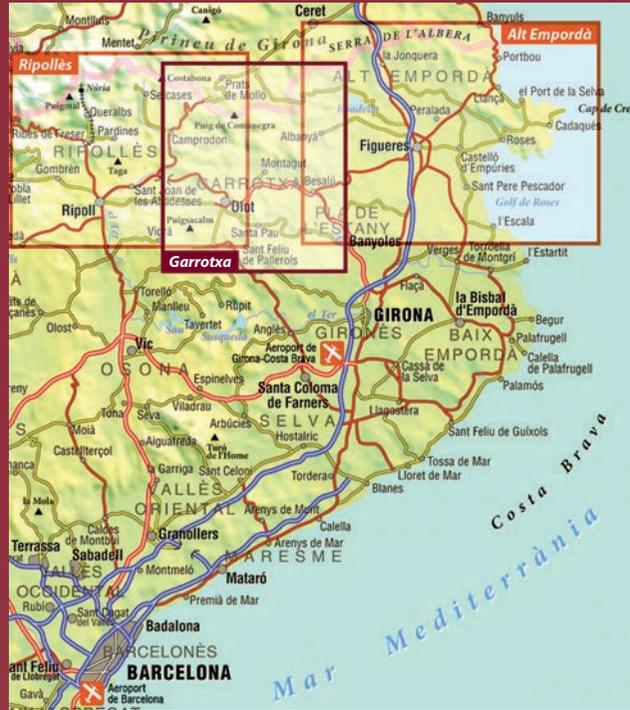


The marks are placed approximately every 300 metres painted on tree trunks, stones or using and other mediums already deployed in the area.

The vertical signs is located at crossroads. The basic network signalling (banners with red tip) indicate the 4 nearest population in each direction and time needed. The banners of the itineraries of the municipalities, as the one you have in your hands, have a green tip shows the name and direction of the route.

Each signpost has a small plaque hat shows the name of the place where it is located, the altitude, the UTM coordinates.

You will find information boards with a map of the county's trails in every village or city integrating the network.



+INFO:

[www.itinerannia.net](http://www.itinerannia.net)  
[www.turismegarrotxa.com](http://www.turismegarrotxa.com)



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## THE TWO CASTLES

Moderate 4h 20min

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Sant Miquel Sacot



Stone walls of the castle Collort

-  ITINERÀNNIA NETWORK
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-  VERTICAL SIGNPOSTS OF THE NETWORK

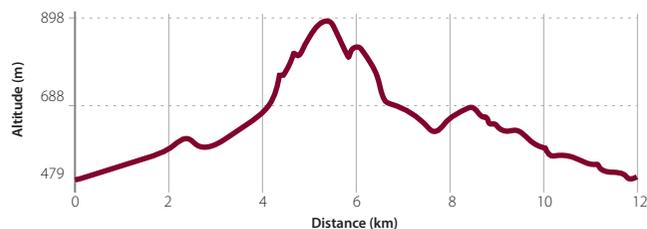
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## ROUTE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

**Time:** 4h 20min  
**Distance:** 12,3kms  
**Max. height:** 898m  
**Min. height:** 479m  
**Difficulty:** Moderate

**ACCUMULATIVE SLOPE**  
**Total climb:** 585m  
**Total descent:** 585m



*Santa Pau Castle stands in the middle of the village of Santa Pau, which was once enclosed by a series of walls and fortifications. In the fifteenth century, a 'new' quarter was built at the entrance to the gate that provides access to the arched squares.*

*Collort Castle are mentioned in the will of Count Bernat I of Besalú (known as 'Tallaferro') dating from the year 1020/1021. However, was no longer needed as a defensive structure, much of its structure slowly began to crumble; today, just its walls remain. From where there are wonderful views over the Olot volcanic area.*

Start at signpost **G29 Santa Pau** and head towards Castell de Santa Pau. Pass under the arches to reach Plaça dels Valls and the majestic castle of Santa Pau. Once you have visited the castle, head back to signpost **G29** and then towards 'Castell de Collort'. Walk down the street Carrer del Pont and cross a gully, Torrent de Pujolars. Carry on to the end of the street, where the yellow markings point you left into a small square, Placeta de Sant Roc. Leave the village and turn left to pick up a dirt track.

Follow the paint marks as far as a junction of tracks, where you should turn left and continue until you reach a steep path that heads up right to a house, Cambrafosca. Turn left onto a minor road that passes between fields that are well fenced-off to prevent wild boar (*Sus scrofa*) from entering. Keep straight on ignoring a road off to your left. Just a few metres further on, the volcano Rocanegra comes fully into view on your left and, just as the road drops down to a stream, on your left too you will see the abandoned quarry from where volcanic material was once extracted.

Once over the stream, walk up past a natural spring, Font del Clavell, on your left. Continue straight on to signpost **G172 Sota Collellmir**, from where you should head towards to 'Castell de Collort'. Continue along the road to hamlet of Les Fages.

The road continues uphill through pastures and, just after the tarmac ends, takes you into a thick sweet-chestnut wood along a dirt track. Continue straight on until the markings point you to the right off the track and on to a path-cum-track running alongside an electric fence. After a while, the paint marks point you leftwards along a path that starts to zigzag up through a beech forest. When the path begins to flatten out you will see a huge beech tree on your right, after which you almost immediately reach the natural spring of Font de Fontpobra and signpost **G88 Fontpobra**; from here head towards 'Castell de Collort'.

Start to climb up a very eroded path that takes you out to a small saddle, Collet de Fontpobra, where you should turn right to continue contouring along the mountainside through patches of beech and holm-oak forest. Eventually, the path starts to head downhill quite steeply to another saddle, Collada de Collort, and signpost **G89 Collada de Collort**; from here head towards 'Castell de Collort'.

Continue uphill through a thick holm-oak forest until you reach an area of huge rock slabs. Quite suddenly, you will see the lower part of the stone walls of the castle ahead on top of a rocky outcrop. Once you have finished visiting the castle, head back to signpost **G89** and continue down towards 'Sant Miquel Sacot'.

Follow a path down through the beech forest until you come to a forest track, where you should turn left. This track will take you out to a couple of houses and the hamlet of Sacot. Here, you will meet a minor road that will take you down to signpost **G120 Sant Miquel Sacot**, from where you should head towards 'Santa Pau'. Head straight down a rocky path on to another minor road, which will lead you past a shrine devoted to Sant Isidre. Soon the road turns left, but you should head straight up into the woods along a path and then on to a track. Continue along the track and then head straight on at the next junction, now walking on the slopes of the volcano of Santa Margarida.

At the next junction, head slightly to the left following the paint marks. The path flattens out and then starts to drop through a thick holm-oak forest. At a house, Mas Roure, the path widens out into a track and takes you down to signpost **G30 Collellmir**. Here, head for 'Santa Pau' along a minor road and back to signpost **G172 Sota Collellmir**. From here, simply retrace your steps back to Santa Pau.