

71 CAMÍ DE COSTA SEDA

WALKING IN ANDORRA



DON'T MISS...

if you have time, check out the *bordes* in Manyat, which are beyond the Collet de Costa Seda pass.

DID YOU KNOW...

the word *Margineda* is a place name referring to a land where there are *marges*, stone walls intended to allow cultivation of the land.

BEHIND THE NAME

Costa: sloping wall.



Perforate St John's-wort



La Margineda Romanesque bridge



Pont de Paris



Font freda

Camí de Costa Seda, the shadiest part of Santa Coloma, which lies behind Enclar, is where iron ore was extracted from La Margineda in the past and where the Romanesque bridge dating from the 15th century is located. This medieval bridge is the largest and slimmest one preserved in Andorra. With a length of 33 metres and a single horse arch with a span of 9.2 m, the bridge is built over the River Valira, the country's main river.

Next to the bridge is a modern sculpture, the work of the Valencian artist Vicenç Alfaro, which represents the past and present of Andorra and consists of two arches.

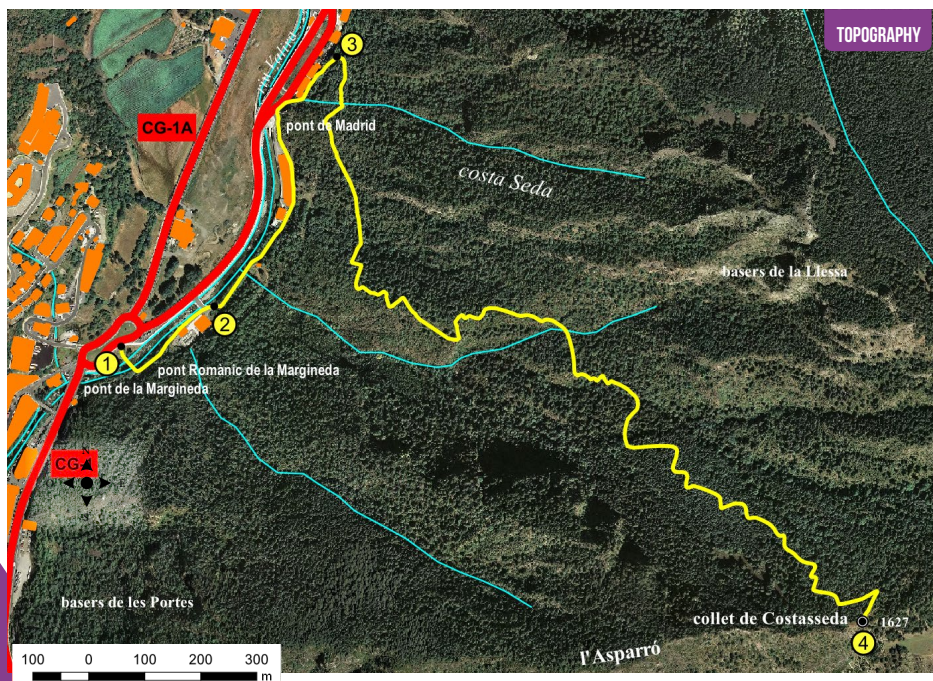
The path between birches and pines takes you to the Collet de Costa Seda pass. This is an idyllic place populated by butterflies of all colours, and the route is much appreciated by mushroom foragers.

If you have the opportunity, take this path and visit the Cortals de Manyat, and the wonderful view of the valley of the parish of Sant Julià de Lòria.

Also along the path is a fascinating lime kiln dating from the 1930s with a circular floor sunk into the ground. It's a truncated cone shape, with the retaining wall closing as it gains height. At the top of the slope, the crown is preserved, while at the bottom the wall has collapsed. It's probable that in the sunken part was the mouth of the kiln.

ANDORRA LA VELLA

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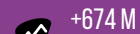
TECHNICAL INFORMATION



2H



1H 20 MIN



+674 M



-21 M



3.300 M



NO



APPROXIMATE TIME

ROUTE SIGNAGE

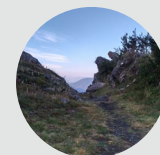


Andorra
la Vella

PLACE	DISTANCE	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
ALTIITUDE	ASCENT/DESCENT			
1 LA MARGINEDA ROUNDABOUT	-- (--)	--	N42 29.055 E1 29.514	The starting point is La Margineda roundabout at kilometre 4 on the main road of the parish of Andorra la Vella, on the border with the parish of Sant Julià de Lòria, next to the Romanesque bridge of La Margineda. Built in the 15th century, the Pont de la Margineda is the largest and slimmest medieval bridge preserved in Andorra.
2 CAMÍ RAL DE L'OBAC	240 m (+7 m)	5'	N42 29.106 E1 29.631	Cross the River Gran Valira via the Romanesque Pont de La Margineda bridge. Follow the path heading north and, after about 200 m, return to the main road, where you'll find Camí Ral de l'Obac.
3 CAMÍ DE COSTA SEDA	728 m (+35 m)	15'	N42 29.106 E1 29.631	Following the path a few metres, you'll find the Font Freda (cold water spring), which has a generous flow. Going out onto the main road again, head along the road for about 50 metres until you reach Camí Ral de l'Obac again. Heading a few metres along Camí Ral, you'll come across Camí de Costa Seda.



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4 COLLET DE COSTA SEDA	2.315 m (+637 m)	2h	N42 28.813 E1 30.490	For the first 500 m, the path has a moderate slope. After leaving behind a large electrical pylon, the path is marked at all times by a steep slope, even vertical and stony in some sections. Zigzag up the final part to the Collet de Costa Seda pass. Exceptional natural viewpoint of the Vall del Valira.



ROUTE PROFILE

