

# 46 ITINERARI DE LA PEDRA SECA 1

## DON'T MISS...

doing this route with one of the Cal Pal guides.

## DID YOU KNOW...

dry stone construction was very typical in Andorra and there are countless examples around the country?

## BEHIND THE NAME

Camí Ral: public path, a key route before the construction of modern roads.

WALKING IN ANDORRA



Dry stone wall



Sornàs



Wash-house



Golf course

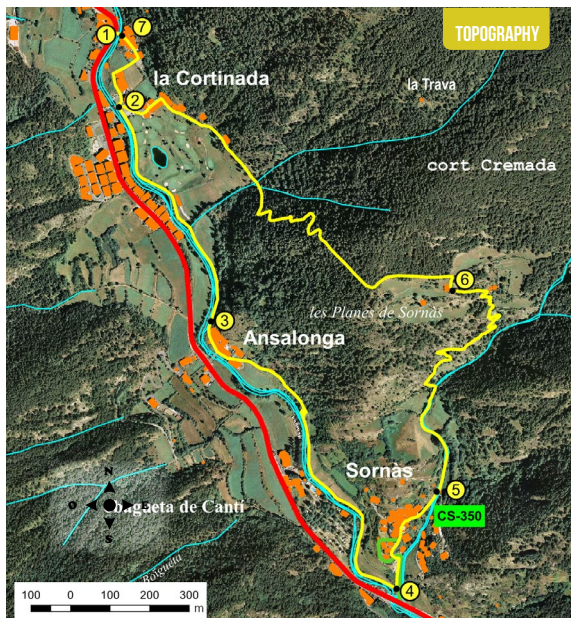
One of the most ubiquitous features along the length and breadth of the Mediterranean is dry stone construction, either in the form of a simple wall, bank or strip, or perhaps a hut or something more substantial. Dry stone architecture is a building technique based on bonding using nothing other than the force of gravity acting on the stones. It's ubiquitous in the agricultural landscape of the valleys of Andorra.

This circular route connects the villages of La Cortinada and Sornàs, in the parish of Ordino. It's an easy, short route, ideal for the entire family.

Along the way, you'll discover the cultural heritage of Andorra through its bordes, meadows, orchards, dry stone walls and the Cal Pal de La Cortinada house, one of the most iconic constructions of the vernacular architecture of the Principality of Andorra and a true testimony of national history.

The dry stone constructions are testimony to the structure of the landscape. From the bottom of the valley to the highest hills, the different types of buildings and the organisation of the spaces defined by the architectural constructions show the changes that have marked the Andorran economy.

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**TECHNICAL INFORMATION**



- 2H
- +283 M  
-283 M
- 4.650 M

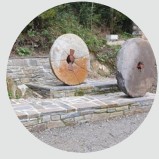
APPROXIMATE TIME

**ROUTE SIGNAGE**

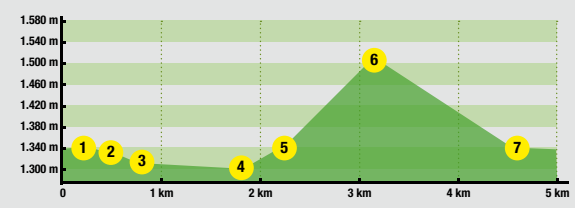
GR 11



PLACE	DISTANCE	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
ALTITUDE	ASCENT/DESCENT			
<b>1</b> CAL PAL 1.340 m	-- (--)	--	N42 34.560 E1 31.133	The start of this route is in the village of La Cortinada in the parish of Ordino. Cross the Pont de La Cortinada bridge and you'll find yourself at the historic Casa Cal Pal house.
<b>2</b> BEGINNING OF CAMI RAL 1.333 m	274 m (-7 m)	5'	N42 34.461 E1 31.128	Walk through the old town of La Cortinada and head towards the golf course, where you'll find the start of Camí Ral.
<b>3</b> MILLSTONES 1.320 m	882 m (+4 m -17 m)	15'	N42 34.170 E1 31.302	Join the Valira del Nord section of Camí Ral in the direction of the village of Ansalonga. Follow this pleasant, flat path until you get to the village of Ansalonga, where you'll find some millstones.
<b>4</b> INFORMATION PANEL 1.304 m	1.844 m (+14 m -30 m)	25'	N42 33.810 E1 31.648	Walk through the village of Ansalonga in a south-easterly direction until you rejoin Camí Ral. Continue along the path towards the village of Sornàs. Pass by the Ansalonga campsite and continue along until you get to a wooden bridge. A few metres further on, you'll find an information panel.



**ROUTE PROFILE**



PLACE	DISTANCE	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
ALTITUDE	ASCENT/DESCENT			
<b>5</b> WASH-HOUSE 1.340 m	2.153 m (+36 m)	35'	N42 33.940 E1 31.723	Leave Camí Ral and continue left along an asphalt main road in the direction of the village of Sornàs. Cross the village of Sornàs. When you get to the village square, carry straight on towards the river. Continue along this cobbled path that runs parallel to the River Sornàs until you come to a small wash-house (safareig).
<b>6</b> LES PLANES DE SORNÀS 1.542 m	3.100 m (+202 m)	1h 20'	N42 34.218 E1 31.748	To the left of the wash-house is the start of Camí Les Planes, which climbs to the north. Follow this cobbled path, which gains altitude rapidly, until you come to Planes de Sornàs.
<b>7</b> CAL PAL 1.340 m	4.650 m (+27 m -229 m)	2h	N42 34.560 E1 31.133	Keep going up along a narrow path to an information panel. Turn left onto a section of the GR11 towards La Cortinada. The trail then flattens out for a while and shortly afterwards enters the Tosquer forest. A sloping path leads you to a crossroads of paths. Follow Camí del Tosquer marked with signs for the GR11 to the village of La Cortinada. Walk alongside the golf course and continue to Cal Pal, the start and end point of this route.

