

99 EL TOMB DE SANT ROMÀ DELS VILARS

DON'T MISS...

looking at the Ruta d'Engordany signs for information on the area.

DID YOU KNOW...

in September, the traditional gathering of Sant Romà takes place.

BEHIND THE NAME

Vilars: could explain the Roman remains and may indicate the location of Talayotic settlements (prehistoric burials).



Viburnum rhytidophllu



Poplar



Sant Romà dels Vilars viewpoint

A simple, short walk around the Vilars, one of the villages in the parish of Escaldes-Engordany. The route allows you to explore some old buildings, such as typical mountain bordes or manor houses, which are today the main homes of the inhabitants of Escaldes.

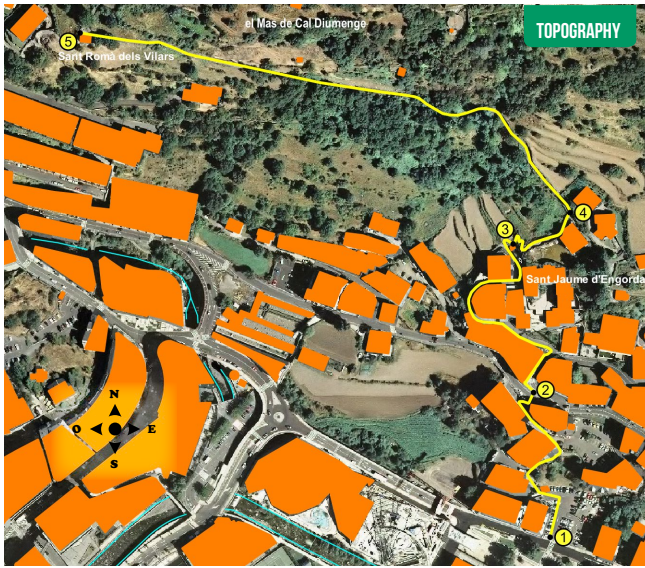
The cobbled path takes you to Sant Romà dels Vilars church, a tiny pre-Romanesque building built in the 10th century, austere and very simple architecturally speaking. This church is one of the oldest in the Principality of Andorra. It was built using unworked stone blocks and distributed horizontally.

It has a rectangular floor plan with the apse facing east, as is the case with all Christian churches. The apse is square and to the south of the building is a very rough door and a small window that seem to have been added at a later date. The orchards, fields and valley floor accompany you along the entire route.

As for the most common fauna, you find common wood pigeon (*Columba palumbus*), a large species of general grey colour, with a white spot on the sides of the neck and the edges of the wings, and a tail ending with a black stripe.

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION



30 MIN

20 MIN

+93 M

960 M

APPROXIMATE TIME

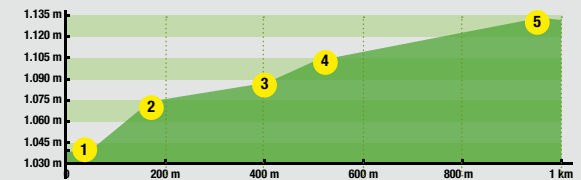
PLACE ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
1 PARC DE LA MOLA 1.035 m	-- (--)	--	N42 30.666 E1 32.357	The starting point is at Plaça del Parc de la Mola, in front of the Caldea thermal spa, in the parish of Escaldes-Engordany.
2 AVINGUDA DEL PESSEBRE 1.056 m	190 m (+21 m)	5'	N42 30.745 E1 32.445	Cross the road, taking Camí de la Salita. The path is on the left of the car park. Marked by a steep slope, you'll come to the crossroads with Camí del Valira. Continue on the left-hand side to Avinguda del Pessebre.
3 CAMÍ DE LA FONT DEL PUI 1.076 m	400 m (+20 m)	10'	N42 30.804 E1 32.334	Cross the road and you'll need to climb some metal steps. A few metres further up, you'll find Camí del Pui. Continue left to a crossroads with Camí de la Font del Pui.
4 CROSSRO- ADS SANT JAUME CHURCH 1.098 m	515 m (+22 m)	15'	N42 30.819 E1 32.370	Continue along the cobbled path to Font del Pui, marked by a steep slope, until you come across Sant Jaume church. The church is a few metres on the right. It was built in 1992 in the same place as the original building was found, documented in the 14th century.



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ROUTE PROFILE



PLACE ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
5 SANT ROMÀ DELS VILARS CHURCH 1.123 m	960 m (+25 m)	30'	N42 30.890 E1 32.081	Go uphill along the cobbled path of Els Vilars, the first section of which is marked by a steep slope before reaching Sant Romà dels Vilars church. This church is listed as one of the oldest in the Principality of Andorra.