

# 45 RIBERAMUNT: DE SANTA BÀRBARA AL REFUGI BORDA DE SORTENY

## DON'T MISS...

visit Ordino's museums.

## DID YOU KNOW...

Cal Pal is a construction typical of old Andorran houses?

## BEHIND THE NAME

Sorteny - probably comes from an oxytone (acute accent on the last syllable) ending, '-èn'. The place name Sorten is thought to have an etymology meaning 'witch'. Sorteny could therefore be 'of witch'.

WALKING IN ANDORRA



Casa Batlle



Sant Martí



Camí Ral sign



Millstones

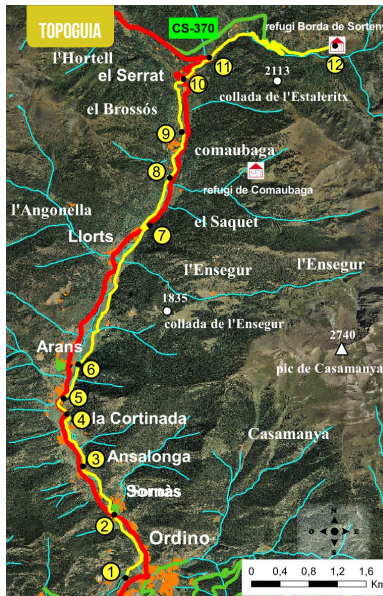
The route from the church of Santa Bàrbara to the Borda de Sorteny refuge is a linear route of about 12 km that connects the villages of Ordino and El Serrat. Finally, it takes you to the manned Sorteny refuge located in the Parc Natural de la Vall de Sorteny (Sorteny Valley Nature Park). It's a long, but achievable hike with not too much climb and descent. A good option for getting to know the villages in the parish of Ordino.

The route has various bridges and wooden walkways, making it easier to access for people of all ages.

The start of the path takes the Camí de Santa Bàrbara, leading you to the first village, Sor-

nàs, along the River Valira del Nord. Once there, you'll have to cross the main road and follow the path to the village of Ansalonga. A path protected by the shade of the trees, where you'll be accompanied by meadows and riverside landscape. A long walkway leads you to La Cortinada, where, during the summer months, you can visit the church of Sant Martí and Cal Pal Mill and Sawmill (Mola i Serradora), as well as Casa de Cal Pal. From this village, follow the Ruta del Ferro (Iron Route) to the village of Llorts. When you get to the Llorts mines, cross to take the path to Sorteny, passing by the last village in Ordino: El Serrat.

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**TECHNICAL INFORMATION**



3H 50 MIN

+732 M  
-36 M

12.360 M

APPROXIMATE TIME

**ROUTE SIGNAGE**



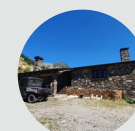
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GR 11

Camí Ral signpost - Valira del Nord section

PLACE ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
<b>1</b> SANTA BÀRBARA 1.270 m	-- (--)	--	N42 33.329 E1 31.752	Take the CG-3 towards Ordino. When you get to the village, look for the entrance to Camí Ral, which is at the end of Camí de Santa Bàrbara, where you'll find the small chapel of Santa Bàrbara.
<b>2</b> WOODEN BRIDGE 1.303 m	1.200 m (+33 m)	15'	N42 33.805 E1 31.627	Join Camí Ral on the right towards Somàs. Continue your route until you reach the main road at the village of Somàs. Cross the CG-3 and you'll come to a wooden bridge
<b>3</b> ANSALONGA 1.320 m	2.140 m (+32 m -15 m)	30'	N42 34.167 E1 31.301	Cross the river and continue up the valley towards Ansalonga. Pass through the village in a northerly direction until you once again come to the entrance of Camí Ral, where you'll find two millstones.
<b>4</b> CASA MUSEU CAL PAL 1.342 m	3.035 m (+22 m)	40'	N42 34.560 E1 31.133	Follow the route towards the village of La Cortinada. Next, walk alongside La Cortinada golf course. Camí Ral ends here and you'll need to cross the village towards Arans. Walk through the old town of La Cortinada and come to the Casa Museu Cal Pal (Cal Pal House Museum).
<b>5</b> MAS D'EN SOLER MILL 1.350 m	3.355 m (+8 m)	45'	N42 34.678 E1 31.098	Cross the river and continue climbing to the right. Pass by the church of Sant Martí de La Cortinada and the Cal Pal Mill and Sawmill (Mola i Serradora). Continue climbing along the CG-3. Cross the river again in the direction of the Mas d'en Soler Mill, where you'll meet Camí Ral again.



PLACE ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
<b>6</b> PONT ARANS 1.369 m	3.900 m (+19 m)	55'	N42 34.934 E1 31.246	The path continues flat along a stretch of Camí Ral until coming to the Pont d'Arans bridge, located just below the village of Arans.
<b>7</b> LLORT MINE 1.438 m	6.250 m (+90 m -21 m)	1h 30'	N42 35.991 E1 31.961	Follow the route towards the village of Llorç. You'll then come to the Llorç iron mine, the end point of the Ruta del Ferro (Iron Route).
<b>8</b> INFORMATION PANEL 1.462 m	7.280 m (+24 m)	1h 45'	N42 36.344 E1 32.160	Go back a few metres in the direction you came from and cross the main road. Take Camí Ral again, which goes behind the La Neu apartments. Keep climbing until you get to an asphalt main road, where you'll see an information panel.
<b>9</b> CAMÍ D'AUSANY SIGN 1.487 m	8.025 m (+25 m)	1h 55'	N42 36.692 E1 32.279	Continue heading towards El Serrat until you get to the Les Salines fish farm. Carry straight on along the wide mountain path until you get to the sign for Camí d'Ausany.
<b>10</b> SANT PERE DEL SERRAT 1.554 m	8.930 m (+67 m)	2h 15'	N42 37.088 E1 32.285	Take Camí d'Ausany towards the Borda de Sorteny refuge. Continue to the right along the path that descends towards the Parc Natural de la Vall de Sorteny (Sorteny Valley Nature Park). Cross the River Tristaina and come to the main road. Cross the CG3 and go up an alley until you get to the chapel of Sant Pere del Serrat.
<b>11</b> CAMÍ DE PUNTAL 1.628 m	9.540 m (+74 m)	2h 35'	N42 37.253 E1 32.550	Keep climbing, passing the Hotel Bringué and coming to a small path to the right in the direction of the Parc Natural de Sorteny (Sorteny Nature Park). Return to the main road, go up a few metres and reach the crossroads of Camí de Puntal.
<b>12</b> BORDA DE SORTENY REFUGE 1.966 m	12.360 m (+ 338 m)	3h 45'	N42 37.357 E1 33.845	Head towards the Sorteny refuge. Follow a section of the GRP until you get to the Sorteny forest trail.



**ROUTE PROFILE**

