

55 SISPONY: COLLADA DE MUNTANER-PIC D'ENCLAR

WALKING IN ANDORRA



DON'T MISS...

the Casa Rull museum, one of the most important houses in the parish of la Massana. Under its roof lived hereus and pubilles (first-born children who were sole heirs) – cabalers and cabaleres (second-born children who received their share of the inheritance in money or property) and manservants and maids.

DID YOU KNOW...

You can find the first historical references to la Massana in the act of consecration of the cathedral of Urgell, in the 9th century, under the name "Maciana".

BEHIND THE NAME

Enclar: If the etymology of this word is Latin, from *claru*, "that which lets itself be seen well", it generally means "peeled" in the names of mountainous areas and may be of Celtic etymology.



Path



Field gentian
(*Gentianella campestris*)



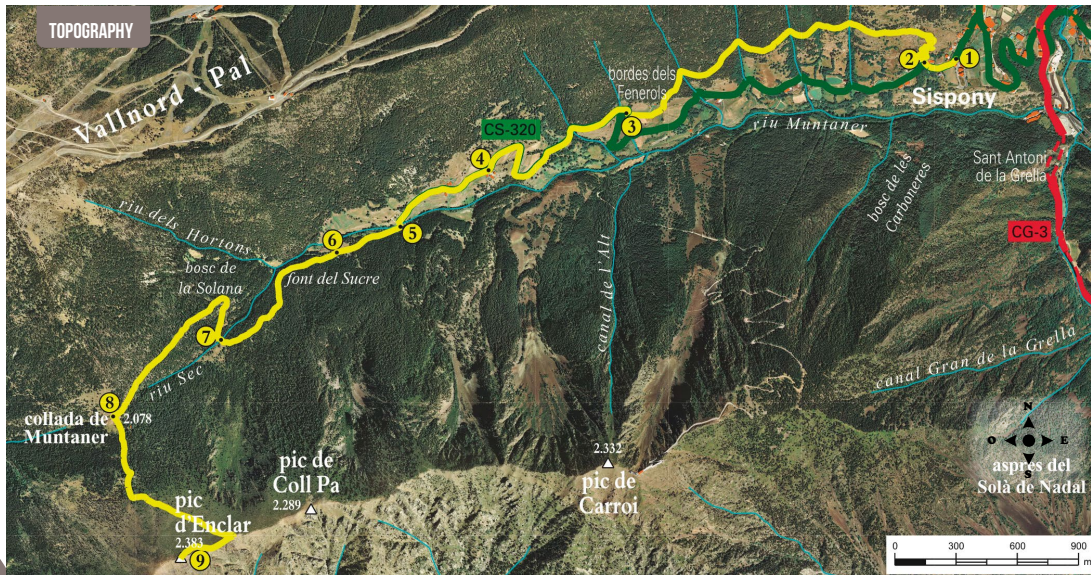
Carroi peak

Located squarely in southwest Andorra, the Enclar range is a mountainous feature very different from neighbouring massifs and ranges. It is bordered by the Muntaner river on the north, the Valira del Nord river on the east and the Gran Valira river on the southeast.

A stretch of mountains from Enclar peak to the banks of the Ós river marks the political boundary between Andorra and Spain. Specifically, it is delimited by the Ós river on the south and west and the Muntaner river on the northeast, in the lands of Alt Urgell. In fact, the Enclar mountain range would be a mountainous island if it weren't for Muntaner pass, which links El Cubil peak in the north with the group of mountains surrounding the village of Pal.

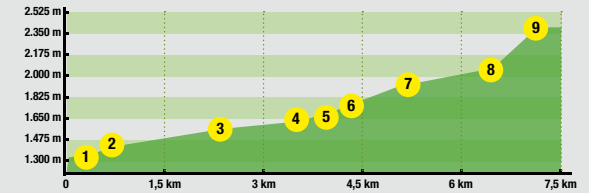
The fact that the massif in the area is bordered by an old glacier basin highlights its abrupt appearance. The slope on the northern side is not particularly steep, but glacial activity has gi-

ven it a unique look when compared with the neighbouring mountains. According to the side, the symmetry of the vegetation is spectacular. To the north, it takes the form of a dense and uniform cover of alpine and Euro-Siberian species, mainly mountain pine (*Pinus uncinata*), fir (*Abies sp.*), birch (*Betula sp.*) and alpenrose (*Rhododendron serrugineum*). The southern side has greater diversity, since the distribution of species varies according to the relative position they occupy on the slope (gullies, rocky areas, mixed areas, etc.). Some Mediterranean species are prominent, such as the holm oak (*Quercus ilex*), which probably reaches its greatest height in all of Andorra here. The upper reaches of the mountain range are covered on both sides with alpine meadows of fescue and scrublands of genista (*Genista balansae*) and juniper (*Juniperus communis*).



* You can return by following the same route.

ROUTE PROFILE



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- 3H 45 MIN
- 2H 30 MIN
- +1.055 M
- 7.390 M
- NO*
- APPROXIMATE TIME

ROUTE SIGNAGE

- GRP
- WRONG DIRECTION



La Massana

PLACE ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	
1 CASA RULL MUSEUM 1.328 m	-- (--)	--	N42 31.943 E1 30.862	To get to the point of departure, go to the village of Sispony and take the road that heads towards Cortals de Sispony. Park at the start of the road to Sispony.	
2 ELS BOIGALS INTERSECTION 1.342 m	454 m (+14 m)	10'	N42 31.861 E1 30.575	Take the Bordes de Fenerols path. You can admire the fabulous view of the Sispony Valley and the Carroi peak while following this path to the <i>bordas</i> .	
3 HUTS OF ELS FENEROLS 1.525 m	2.220 m (+183 m)	45'	N42 31.791 E1 29.684	Once you reach Bordes dels Fenerols, follow the track that branches off to the right.	
4 MOUNTAIN REFUGE 1.649 m	3.510 m (+124 m)	1h 05'	N42 31.636 E1 29.193	Continue the ascent along the track for over a kilometre. To the left you'll see a small cluster of houses; the mountain shelter is among them. There's also a path leading up to the Pal-Vallnord ski resort.	

PLACE ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION	
5 MUNTANER PASS SIGN 1.667 m	3.870 m (+18 m)	1h 15'	N42 31.485 E1 28.880	At this point, the path levels for a while and forces us to cross the Muntaner shortly thereafter. You'll come to an intersection where you'll see a wooden sign indicating Muntaner pass and the Enclar pine tree.	
6 FORK 1.738 m	4.240 m (+71 m)	1h 30'	N42 31.415 E1 28.653	Follow a stretch of the trail that rises toward the right. Soon you'll come to a fork with a sign indicating the Muntaner pass path.	
7 CLEARING 1.885 m	5.590 m (+147 m)	2h	N42 31.181 E1 28.242	Leave the trail and take the path that climbs on the left, heading toward Muntaner pass. The path rises through a mountain pine forest until you reach a beautiful clearing.	
8 MUNTANER PASS 2.077 m	6.500 m (+192 m)	2h 45'	N42 30.974 E1 27.859	You'll walk over level ground for a few metres and then climb again up the La Solana forest path. Follow the marks of the GRP until you reach Muntaner pass, an ideal point of access to the valley of Os de Civís.	
9 ENCLAR PEAK 2.383 m	7.390 m (+306 m)	3h 45'	N42 30.604 E1 28.107	On the right, the GRP continues toward El Cubil peak. The route continues on the left, heading south. You are now beyond the limits of the vegetation. Continue climbing up the north slope of the mountain until you arrive at Enclar peak.	