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**MAS
VINYOLES
HUB**

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



Fauna

A remarkable variety of mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds live around Mas Vinyoles. The former include wild boar, the fox, the badger, roe deer, squirrels, bats as well as rabbits and different varieties of mice and mole. There are also reptiles such as the water snake, the green snake, lizards and the Pyrenean viper and amphibians such as the salamander, toads and different types of frogs. As for birds, we can find the kingfisher, the woodpecker, the robin, the jay, the hoopoe, and birds of prey including eagles, owls and hawks. It's worth highlighting the chirping of birds in the central courtyard of the Mas on spring mornings.

In other corners of the Vall del Ges, we can find, for example, the genet a protected species. In riverbeds we find the white heron, the sandpiper, the white martin, the kingfisher, cattle egret, the mallard, the muskrat, the water shrew, river trout and the mountain barbel

Vegetation

Beyond the cultivation areas, on the Mas Vinyoles estate we find oak woodlands and marl rocks around the torrent and its tributaries. Here, alder, thistle, elm, birch, aspen, hazel, ash and elderberry predominate ... and shrubs or plants such as boxwood, ivy, bramble and hawthorn. Near the farmhouse we also find about forty walnut and fruit trees of different varieties, planted at different times.

The presence of forests is one of the main attractions of the Ges Valley. The presence of deciduous forests, especially the beech forest, in the northern part of the Serra de Bellmunt, Serra de Llancers and Cabrera stands out. These places, furrowed by old royal roads and difficult to access, have allowed their conservation, although the forest has traditionally been exploited to obtain beech wood or other similar tree species. The best-known beech forest in the Ges Valley is La Grevolosa, located on a remote promontory, very close to the Barcons pass and the baroque hermitage of Sant Nazari, with spectacular oaks and boxwoods. It houses several beeches listed as monumental trees in Catalonia.

PLACES OF SPECIAL HISTORIC INTEREST

Sanctuary of Bellmunt

Distance: 9.8 km

The Sanctuary of Bellmunt is located at an altitude of 1,246 metres. The "hermitage suspended in the sky", as Jacint Verdaguer said. We have the first reference in 1219 and it offers one of the most extensive panoramic views of the Osona region and the south of Ripollès.

On clear days you can even see the mountains of Montserrat, the Pyrenees and the top of Pedraforca. In Bellmunt there is a restaurant and inn. It is accessed from Sant Pere by road, up to about 200 metres from the Sanctuary.



Castles

There are numerous castle ruins, including:

Torelló Castle, distance: 7.6 km (Sant Vicenç T.)

Vilar or La Vinyeta Castle, distance: 8.6 km (Sant Pere de Torelló)

Orís Castle, distance: 13.1 km Besora Castle, distance: 23.3 km, on Santa Maria de Besora.

Montesquiu Castle (distance: 21.1 km) has been restored and there are theatrical visits and various activities.



Bridges of Riera and Targarona

Pont de la Riera, distance: 4,4 Km.

Pont de Targarona, distance: 1,6 Km

Both bridges were part of bridle paths used by the people of Sant Pere de Torelló to go to other places in the region of Osona, Vidrà or La Garrotxa.

The Romanesque-style Riera Bridge is located inside the Mas La Riera estate. Due to the 1940 deluge, the bridge suffered some damage, which was later repaired. It formed part of a transhumance route.

The Targarona Bridge has three semicircular arches. These, and the bases of the bridge are made of worked stone, while the rest is built with stones from the river itself. It is located on the road from Sant Pere to Mas Vinyoles and was recently restored.



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Zona de la Riera

In the Riera estate, owned by the Sant Pere de Torelló City Council and declared to be a public utility, there is a signposted route. This itinerary will allow you to get to know its most characteristic elements, such as the Font de la Figuera, the Font de la Riera or the Romanesque style bridge. Along the route you will find posters interpreting the natural environment as well as a representative sample of the trees and shrubs in the area.

You will also be able to learn about the reproduction of some of the animals that live in this natural environment. The area has a picnic area, as well as a camping ground known as El Serrat (the use of which requires a municipal permit). In summer, there are also some nice pools on the river Ges where you can take a dip.



Salt del Molí

Distance: 32,2 Km (reached from Vidrà)

This waterfall is located at the head of the river Ges and is about 15m. in height. The route to the Salt del Molí begins in front of the Vidrà sports centre and continues along a well-signposted path to the spectacular jump.

An ideal excursion to do with family or friends, suitable for everyone.

Note of interest: Near the pavilion there is a great picnic area and a playground.

Roca Foradada

Distance: 18,8 km (via Cantonigràs)

A magical place with a 20-metre-high waterfall that falls into a beautiful pool surrounded by a rock wall amphitheater, one of them with a large hole that lets you see the forest on the other side.

Legend has it that in the depths of the gorge of La Foradada live the "water women" - very beautiful fairies - who appear on the surface on full moon nights to wash their clothes, comb their long hair and enjoy the fresh night air.



PLACES OF SPECIAL NATURAL INTEREST

Grevolosa Forest

Distance: 19 Km (municipality of Sant Pere de Torelló)

La Fageda de la Grevolosa is a forest of beech trees that exceed 30 metres in height, with some specimens over 200 years old and catalogued by the Generalitat.

This beech forest has a great natural diversity, both of flora and fauna, a place of great beauty and biological interest.

It is accessed from the Sant Pere road to the Coll de Bracons; turn right, after La Vola.



Natural park of the volcanic area of La Garrotxa

Distance: 30, 6 Km

The Volcanic Zone of La Garrotxa is the best example of volcanic landscape in the Iberian Peninsula. It has about forty volcanic cones and more than 20 lava flows.

Its orography, soil and climate provide it with a varied vegetation, often lush, with holm oaks, oaks and beeches of exceptional landscape value. Undoubtedly the best known is the Fageda d'en Jordà.

In Olot, the capital of La Garrotxa "volcanic cuisine" has become popular in recent years.

Pantà de Sau

Distance: 34,1 Km

This reservoir stores and channels water from the river Ter. It is located in the Natural Area of Guillerics Savassona. It is an excellent place for hiking, for the observation of flora and fauna and for the practice of water sports.

One of the best-known views is the bell tower of Sant Romà de Sau which appears when the water level drops.

We highlight the visit to the Monastery of Sant Pere de Casserres.



PLACES OF SPECIAL CULTURAL INTEREST

Epicospal Museum of Vic

Distance: 24 Km

The Museu Epicospal was inaugurated in 1891 and for more than a hundred years has continued its mission to preserve, study, exhibit and disseminate its archives of exceptional value.

A magnificent collection of masterpieces of Catalan Romanesque and Gothic painting and sculpture, along with outstanding collections of archeology, goldsmithing, weaving, forging, glass and ceramics. An archive of exceptional value made up of more than 29,000 pieces.



Vic Cathedral

Distance: 24,3 Km

Vic preserves an important monumental and historical ensemble that spans from Roman times to the present day.

The oldest monument is the Roman temple but, without a doubt, the most outstanding is its Cathedral. Dedicated to Saint Peter, it was the centre around which the town centre developed at the end of the 9th century, Vicus Ausonae, from which the name Vic is derived.

We also highlight the Atlàntida theatre / performing arts centre in Vic with an extensive cultural program..

Turning Museum

Distance: 7 Km, in Torelló

In Sant Pere de Torelló, and throughout the Vall del Ges river valley, the wood turning industry has been, and still is, an economic activity of great importance. The manufacture of spinning tops, bowling pins and other toys, bars or knobs and other pieces of furniture have brought wealth to the area, - very often using the noble boxwood. In this small, new museum you will find manufactured pieces, machinery and stories from this page of local history.

And take the opportunity to take a walk around the tidy historic centre of Torelló, an industrial town in the Alt Ter region.



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