

## FROM LA PINYA TO SANT VALENTÍ

### Fact sheet:

Difficulty: Low

Distance travelled: 2,600 m

Highest and lowest points: 650 and 490 m

Duration: 1 h (round trip)

### Route:

- To start this route you have to go to the village of La Pinya. You can park in the residential neighbourhood behind Can Gaburra.
- You need to head towards the village's old centre by taking a paved track going up opposite Can Gaburra, and you will come to the church of Santa Maria.
- Behind the church of La Pinya there are some old public laundries, the only ones remaining in La Vall d'en Bas, and in the same place a sign indicates the way to Sant Valentí. You will find the Itinerànnia G152 La Pinya junction. Follow the path indicated towards Olot, and along the way you will find painted yellow marks that will allow you to follow the path without getting lost. Go to Can Guerra, a farmhouse near the village on the edge of the forest; you have to pass near the house, on the right-hand side.
- Just past the house, which is on your left, climb up through the forest towards a nearby deposit, which you have to pass close by to and on the left.
- Carrying on upwards, you will see the path is now completely in an area of forest and pasture. There are signposts and the path crosses several forest tracks.
- When you have crossed a thick wood you come to a forest track where there is a signpost. You have to follow the track upwards about 100 metres. The track continues to rise and you can take a shortcut and go directly to the chapel, but it is advisable to follow the path on the right as it tends to be flatter, although it does climb lightly.
- Sant Valentí is to the left, to the north, following a clearly visible path and shortly after passing a very steep slope. The chapel is located about 250 metres from the previous point.

## **Notes:**

- Ideal to do with the family.
- It is worth visiting La Pinya's old centre.
- This route goes up to the chapel, but you can reach the Sant Valentí peak and all the way to Olot, if you like.
- All the route is indicated with the yellow marks of the Itinerànnia trail network.
- To follow this route you can download the mobile Itinerànnia application for free.

## **The attractions of the route**

The itinerary, which is suggested as starting from La Pinya, is largely based on the old neighbourhood paths between here and Olot, and is a short route, with average slopes in general and easily accessible.

The Sant Valentí range, within the area of La Pinya village, is the natural boundary between the municipalities of La Vall d'en Bas and Olot, and Sant Valentí is a restored chapel. This is a place that is easily accessible via several paths, both from La Pinya and from other points of La Vall d'en Bas, as well as from Olot itself. It is also frequented by hikers, hunters and mushroom-pickers.

As usual in most of the municipality, the Sant Valentí range is a set of private estates that have been abandoned for economic reasons, but the areas of pasture and forest are still very different from each other, with varied herbaceous vegetation and tree specimens of considerable size.

Despite its proximity to urban centres, enough peace can be found to savour the gifts of Mother Nature, varying according to the time of year.