

51 CAMÍ DEL COLL DE LES CASES (COMAPEDROSA NATURE PARK)

DON'T MISS...

sampling wild strawberries (*Fragaria vesca*), which you will find in many places at the start of the route in the months of July and August.

DID YOU KNOW...

coll de les Cases was an ancient passageway between the Arinsal and Ordino valleys.

BEHIND THE NAME

Coll de les Cases:
From the Latin *collu*, meaning "mountain, hill, of not very high elevation". The Catalan word *coll* has come to designate a pass between mountains.

WALKING IN ANDORRA



La Capa highlands



Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*)



Anthill



Sign

This simple two-hour route provides great views of the north face of Casamanya peak, located in the parish of Ordino, which you can visit with data sheet number 8 in this guide.

The most common animals in this area include the cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*), the crag martin (*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*), the common redstart (*Phoenicurus ochruros*), the coal tit (*Parus ater*), the chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*), the citril finch (*Serinus citrinella*), the linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*) and the common crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*). Mention must also be made of the European hare (*Lepus europaeus*), roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*) and red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), which you may spot very early in the morning, or the

asp viper (*Vipera aspis*) and smooth snake (*Coronella austriaca*), among others, later in the day.

The cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*) is widely present in the valleys on Andorra. Its highly characteristic, monotonous song is one of the most commonly heard ones in the country's forests. This is a summer bird, and can be spotted mainly between the months of spring and summer. It generally arrives in April and leaves in August or September.

This small species lives in forest settings, such as forests of mountain pine (*Pinus uncinata*) and Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*), as well as deciduous woods of Mediterranean holm oak (*Quercus ilex*) in exceptional locations (*Padern peak*).

LA MASSANA

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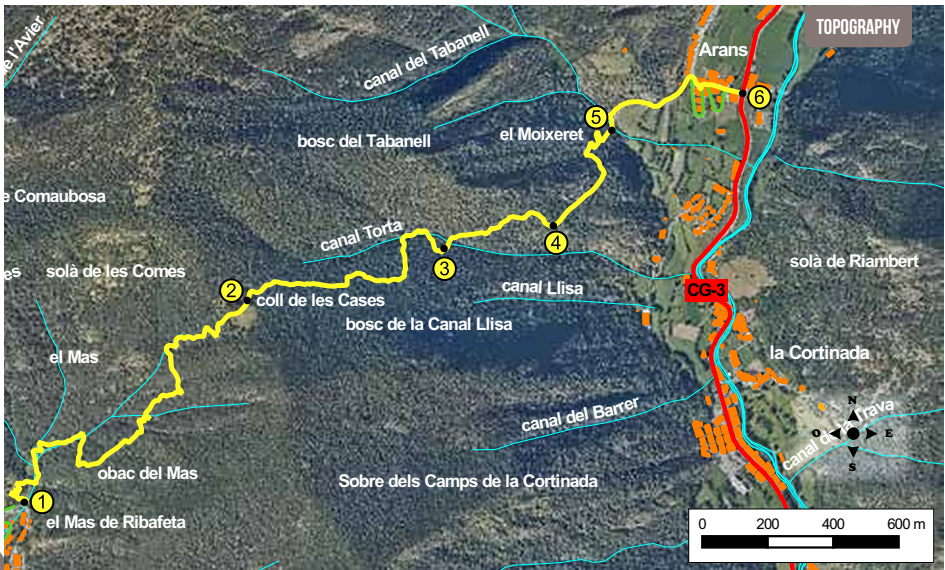
TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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-  2 H
-  +438 M
-  -623 M
-  4.100 M
-  NO

 APPROXIMATE TIME

ROUTE SIGNAGE

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-  WRONG DIRECTION



PLACE	ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
4	MIRADOR 1.627 m	2.951 m (-128 m)	25'	N42 57.853 E1 51.209	Take the path that doubles back sharply to the left. Follow it to a viewpoint beside the remains of old stone walls, where fine views open out across the Ordino valley.
5	JUNCTION ARANS 1.479 m	3.430 m (-124 m)	30'	N42 58.111 E1 51.429	Continue descending through the forest until you reach another junction.
6	ARANS 1.366 m	4.116 m (-120 m)	40'	N42 58.221 E1 51.930	Once again, take the path on the left. After a final gentle climb, the trail levels out before descending steadily to the village of Arans, where the route comes to an end.

PLACE	ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
1	MAS DE RIBAFETA 1.524 m	-- (--)	--	N42 57.083 E1 49.251	The trailhead is located at the upper end of the road leading to the Mas de Ribafeta residential area. At the final bend, a sign marks the start of the route.
2	COLL DE LES CASES 1.953 m	1.700 m (+438m)	1h 25'	N42 57.640 E1 50.068	The route is easy to follow. The path climbs steadily through a beautiful forest dominated by Scots pine, leading all the way to the col.
3	INTERSEC- TION 1.742 m	2.554 m (-225 m)	5'	N42 57.764 E1 50.838	After crossing onto the opposite side of the mountain, the route begins its descent back through the forest. Keep an eye out for a junction ahead: one path continues straight on, while the other bears sharply left, almost doubling back on itself.

