

47 PIC DE LA SERRERA (VIA ORDINO)

DON'T MISS...

visiting the botanical garden in the Parc Natural de la Vall de Sorteny (Sorteny Valley Nature Park), 800 m² with nearly 300 species of flora classified by habitats such as meadow, alpine meadow, scree, edible and medicinal plants, and located about 20 minutes from the car park.

DID YOU KNOW...

the plants you can find along the route include Michaelmas daisy (*Aster pyenaeus*), yellow gentian (*Gentiana burseri*), netleaf willow (*Salix reticulata*), Pyrenean violet, known locally as 'bear's ear' (*Ramonda myconi*), and plants with traditional uses, such as masterwort (*Peucedanum ostruthium*), mountain arnica (*Arnica montana*) and striped hemlock (*Molopospermum peloponnesiacum*)?

BEHIND THE NAME

Serrera - from the Latin for mountain chain.

WALKING IN ANDORRA



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Estripagecs (metal bars with irregular lateral spikes placed at windows to stop anyone entering)



Sorteny Refuge



Views to the valley

This route takes you to discover one of the six highest mountains in Andorra, at over 2,900 metres above sea level. The ascent, although not easy, affords wonderful views from the Pas de la Serrera pass, at an altitude of 2,230 metres, where there are lakeside habitats and a small refuge. In the background, on Roc del Rellotge, you can spot Pyrenean chamois (*Rupicapra pirenaica*) in the early morning or late afternoon. You'll also see the scree slopes that descend from Pic de l'Estanyó and Pic de La Cabaneta.

From the summit, on clear days, you'll be able to see mountains in the neighbouring state, including Pica d'Estats, the highest mountain in Catalonia, and Aneto, the highest in the Pyrenees. You'll also be able to see to France, to the talc quarries in Luzenac and the Pamiers plain. The return journey follows the same path.

Interestingly, this route was widely used for the transport of iron during the 17th-19th centuries, when the iron mines were mined in Andorra.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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- 3H 45 MIN
- 3.750 M
- 7.165 M

APPROXIMATE TIME

ROUTE SIGNAGE

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- WRONG DIRECTION



PLACE	DISTANCE	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
ALTITUDE	ASCENT/DESCENT			
1 LA CANYA DE LA RABASSA CAR PARK	-- (--)	--	N42 37.549 E1 33.110	Take the CG-3 towards the Ordino Arcalis ski resort. After the village of El Serrat, turn off towards the Parc Natural de Sorteny (Sorteny Nature Park). The path starts in the Canya de la Rabassa car park.
1.784 m				
2 BOTANIC GARDEN	606 m (+44 m)	15'	N42 37.357 E1 33.152	Take the forest track that leaves the car park in the direction of the Sorteny manned refuge. Shortly afterwards, you'll come to the botanic garden, where you can admire 300 different species of plants.
1.828 m				
3 SORTENY MANNED REFUGE	2.110 m (+138 m)	40'	N42 37.356 E1 33.842	Continue along the forest trail until you get to Puntal, where you'll find a second car park. Pass the gate and shortly afterwards you'll come to the Sorteny manned refuge.
1.966 m				
4 PAS DE LA SERRERA	3.710 m (+265 m)	1h 35'	N42 37.374 E1 34.800	Continue the route in an easterly direction, passing behind the refuge following the GRP signs. The path gently climbs to the bottom of the valley and, shortly after, you'll cross the River Cebollera. Climb a few more metres and reach Pas de la Serrera.
2.231 m				

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ALTITUDE	ASCENT/DESCENT			
5 COLLADA DELS MENERS	6.440 m (+488 m)	3h 10'	N42 37.266 E1 36.366	Follow the route, passing above the small La Serrera refuge and heading into Vall de la Serrera, with its magnificent high-mountain landscape. From this point on, the path crosses through alpine terrain. Shortly afterwards, cross the Riu de les Cebes river. The trail then has a moderate slope to reach an altitude of 1,600 metres. Next, you'll have to overcome a steep slope, reaching the Collada dels Meners col, which gives access to Vall de Ransol.
2.719 m				
6 PIC DE LA SERRERA	7.165 m (+194 m)	3h 45'	N42 37.534 E1 36.152	Cross the col and go down a few metres to take the path that leads to the ridge of the peak. Continue ascending, sticking to the yellow dots along the ridge until you summit Pic de la Serrera.
2.913 m				

