

# 04 LA SERRERA PEAK

HIKING IN ANDORRA



## DON'T MISS...

a visit to the old district of Canillo, where you can discover a small flour mill.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Aside from the mines in Ransol, there was a mine in Querol, a mine in La Maiana peak and a mine in Os. In the 18th century, the iron industry was so important that there were more than 10 operational forges in the country.

## TOPONYMY

**Serrera:** From the Latin *serra*, "uninterrupted chain of mountains".



Pyrenean thistle  
(*Carduus carlinoides*)



Saxifrage  
(*Saxifraga aquatica*)



Field gentian  
(*Gentiana campestris*)



Els Meners lake

At 2,912 metres altitude, La Serrera peak is the fifth-highest summit exceeding 2,900 metres, out of a total of six in Andorra.

Due to its strategic position, the peak makes for a good observation point above all the Andorran summits. Especially prominent are the views of the Comapedrosa and, lying beyond Andorra's borders, of the Pica d'Estats mountain and the Maladeta massif. La Serrera peak is famous for its magnificent southern "shovel", and you can get there through Ransol valley and Sorteny valley.

Just before reaching the top of the summit, you'll pass through Els Meners pass, one of the most important sites for extracting iron ore in Andorra from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Un-

fortunately, the mine galleries are closed to the public due to the danger, as they have been poorly conserved. However, you will be able to visit the remnants of the Llorts mine, where workers used to arrive at the end of May or the beginning of June and were in charge of extracting, selecting and transporting ore to the mining industry market, where it was then weighed and distributed to carriers.

The aim is to show visitors the importance that this operation had in the history of iron in Andorra. All along the way, the mines' links with the cultural landscape are explained, such as how humans have sculpted the landscape and aspects related with local flora, geomorphology, minerals and water, among others.



**DATA SHEET**

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- 3H 30 MIN
- 2H 45 MIN
- +985 M
- 4.690 M
- NO
- APPROXIMATE WALKING TIMES

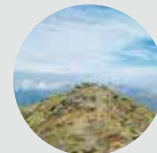
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- WRONG WAY

LOCATION	DISTANCE DROP	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
<b>1</b> LA COMA DE RANSOL 1.950 m	-- (--)	--	N42 36.729 E1 38.268	Follow the CG-2 heading toward France. Before arriving at the car park of the El Tarter ski slopes, you'll take the CS-260 that leads to Ransol. Follow the road to the right that leads to the Ransol cirque. At the end of the road, you'll find information panels on the hike.
<b>2</b> WATERFALL IN ELS MENERS RIVER 2.120 m	949 m (+170 m)	35'	N42 36.952 E1 37.752	The path begins alongside a dry stone wall, and then continues parallel with Els Meners river. A bit further, you'll see a waterfall.
<b>3</b> ELS MENERS RIVER 2.410 m	2.340 m (+160 m)	1h 50'	N42 37.043 E1 37.064	Next, you'll pass by the Clots de la Llosa fountain. Shortly after this, you'll need to cross Els Meners river.
<b>4</b> FIRST LAKE 2.410 m	2.340 m (+160 m)	1h 50'	N42 37.043 E1 37.064	After crossing the river, you'll come to a steep and steady incline that passes over the canal through which the river descends. By making a few detours, you'll overcome the hike's first big slope. Soon afterward, you'll come upon the first lake, rather small in size.



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<b>5</b> ELS MENERS DE LA COMA LAKE 2.680 m	3.880 m (+270 m)	2h 45'	N42 37.288 E1 36.435	Once you've arrived at the first lake, the slope lessens. Soon you'll pass by the second lake. Next, you'll link up with the GRP. Continue climbing, and you'll be able to see Els Meners de la Coma lake on the right.
<b>6</b> LA SERRERA PEAK 2.905 m	4.690 m (+225 m)	3h 30'	N42 37.537 E1 36.149	Before reaching Els Meners pass, take the path heading northwest. Following the yellow dots, you'll need to overcome a stretch along a large crest. A few metres farther on, the incline becomes more difficult due to the rocky ground. Soon you'll come to the peak, with breathtaking views of Ransol valley and Sorteny Valley Natural Park.



**ROUTE PROFILE**

