

## TAKING THE GRAUS, VOLTES AND SANT MIQUEL PATHS.

**0' Plaça de l'Església.** Taking *Carrer de Pau Bertran* (Pau Bertran street), we soon turn off to the right to take another street, *Carrer de la Drecera* towards the Pujolet district. Before us, halfway up the mountain, a point we will pass later on, we can see the colours of the Catalan flag painted on the rock against a white background. The path we should follow begins at the end of the street.

**10' Crossroads.** Take the left-hand path (known as the *Drecera dels Graus*), indicated by red and white marks, passing between the old dry stone walls of the fields, now disused. The path we leave behind on the right, also marked, is the so-called *Drecera de Fra Garí*, a possible variant on this route.

**20' Pass between rocks.** On emerging, we see the Catalan flag once more.

**28' El Llençol ("The Sheet").** This is where the *Graus* and *Voltes* paths meet, both coming from Collbató, at a spot where a small terrace forms. Take the path on the right. Soon, at a point overlooking Collbató, we pass the so-called "poplar rock" on the left. The path is very clear with some stretches conserving the old paving stones, zigzagging upwards, as its name indicates ("voltes" means twists, turns).

**36' Path joins the *Drecera de Fra Garí* path,** on the right. We go round a rocky spur to reach this clearly indicated path.

**41' Pou de Sant Joan (St John's Well)** also known as *Les Bateries*. This is a small pothole, six metres deep, the narrow mouth of which opens up on the left of the path as we emerge from a bend. In the background, at the head of the mountain stream, stand the Chapel of Sant Joan and the old restaurant building. The path begins to level out.

**48' Torrent de la Fontseca.** We cross this gully at the point where the source known as the *Font Seca* (dry source) once stood. The path starts to rise once more and we soon come to a path on the left leading up to the Chapel of Sant Joan.

**57' Les Bateries.** Here the path crosses the *Serrat de les Garrigoses*, over the hill of the same name. We are now on the slopes of the Fondo gully.

**64' Torrent Fondo.** The path crosses this gully and starts to rise steeply. Further on, near *Pla de Sant Miquel*, we can see a fire observation tower and a metal cross known as the *Creu dels Escolans* (Boys' Choir Cross), on a little peak to the right, facing south.

**81' Pla de Sant Miquel.** Crossroads.

**108' Sanctuary.**

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