

# Palau Robert

**Counties:** Priorat || **Difficulty:** Difficult || **Media Locomotion:** On Foot || **Distance:** 17.28 km ||  
**Ascent:** 450.0 m || **Gradient Descent:** 450.0 m || **Signaling:** Yes || **Duration:** 4 h 20 min

## Old chapels of Montsant sierra

The shady side of the Serra de Montsant Natural Park includes a wet zone of leafy woods and gushing springs, with hidden spots of extraordinary natural beauty, such as the spectacular Fraguerau canyon, which runs between crags and vertical walls with fanciful shapes. We also discover isolated chapels such as Santa Magdalena, Sant Antoni or, the most remote of all, in time and place, Sant Bartomeu de Fraguerau.

The route begins in Ulldemolins, along the C-242 between Albarca and Bellaguarda, from where you leave along the broad paved track which leads to Santa Magdalena. You reach this track either beside the sanctuary of Loreto and the swimming pool or from the parish church.

You pass the bridge over Teix brook and after an ascent, you come to a fork (km 3.2) a little further on. You take a path on the left which, after 250 metres, comes to the 16th century chapel of Santa Magdalena, built in Renaissance style. It is an ancient place of worship with a number of springs. You return to the last crossroads and now take the road to the left. You pass beside the 15th century chapel of Sant Antoni or Santa Bàrbara (km 3.8).

Immediately you pass beside the hermitage of Sant Antoni and Santa Bàrbara (km 4.25), of the XV century.

You take a road to the west with the white and red marks of GR-65-5 (Long Distance Path) which combines both paved and earth roads. The route runs along the shady slopes of Montsant Sierra. You pass two minor turnoffs to the left which, by Grau del Llop or Wolf's Hill, climb up to Major Sierra (km 4.5 and 5.9).

When you come to the confluence with Montsant river (km 6.52), in the place known as Codolles Fondes, you can see the beginning of the magnificent Fraguerau canyon. You get off the bicycle for a little while to negotiate some wooden steps. From this point onwards, you travel by narrow tracks or paths. You continue on the other side past esplanades used as a camping ground and descend by a path that leads to Racó de la Pastera.

You cross Montsant river (km 8.5) by way of a hanging bridge that should be negotiated with care. You continue through landscape that is now rather more difficult and, after 800 metres, come to the hidden chapel of Sant Bartomeu de Fraguerau (km 9.3). The Romanesque church was built in the 14th century beside the cavern which, in the mid 12th century, housed Guerau Miquel chapel. You retrace your steps.

### Practical information

You should carry a map of the area. You need a helmet, suitable clothing, tools for mending punctures, an accurate milometer, food and water. In the summer it is advisable to avoid the time when the sun is strongest.

### Directions

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