



LAND OF VALENCIA

### Excursions in the Tinença de Benifassà

La Tinença de Benifassà and the surrounding areas deserve leisurely exploration. You might like to leave your car at some moment and discover the area at the calm pace of the hiker or the silent pedalling of the cyclist.

The magnificent opportunities provided by this area for nature excursions are fully covered by the long-distance and short-distance hiker's routes known in Spain as the "Senderos de Gran Recorrido" (GRs) and "Senderos de Pequeño Recorrido" (PRs). These are traditional trails signposted by hiking groups and shown in a number of guidebooks.

#### A) Long-Distance Routes (GRs):

The GR-7 crosses the district from NE to SW, linking up various towns such as Fredes, Boixar, Vallibona and Morella. The sections of this route between Boixar, Fredes and Pinar Pla are fairly easy to cover and relatively short. They are signposted with red and white painted marks. For further details, see the following publications: Topo-*guia del sector Paüls-Fredes* (Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya, Barcelona, 1973) and *Topo-*guia del sector Fredes-Sant Joan de Penyagolosa** (Diputació de Castelló, Castelló, 1991).

#### B) Short-Distance Routes (PRs):

The GR-7 branches off into a series of shorter routes indicated with white and yellow painted marks known as PRs.

PR-V-75: With 13 variants that join the towns in the Tinença de Benifassà, providing spectacular views of places such as Portell de l'Infern ("hell's port"), or the Salt de Robert. This route is documented in the *Topo-*guia* guidebook from the Centro Excursionista de Castellón*.

PR-C-16-1: This route connects the "Barranc de la Tenalla" (a gorge) to the mountain shelter at Font Ferrera.

Recommended for relatively experienced hikers.

PR-C-82: Running from Casetes Velles, in the heart of the massif of Ports de Beseit, this route follows a long and complicated itinerary before reaching the



town of Sènia. From here, it follows the river course to the Ulldecona dam.

In addition to the signposted GR and PR routes, La Tinença de Benifassà has a wide range of hiking routes various days, one-day excursions or shorter walks. For further information, consult the guidebook *Els Ports de Morella y Benifassar. Port de Beceite*, by R. Muñoz Badía (Castellón, 1989).

Along the many local roads with very little traffic and on quiet forest trails, cyclists have many opportunities for enjoyment. For well-trained cyclists, the route from Poble de Benifassà-Boixar-Morella-Vallibona-La Sènia has tough mountain passes with magnificent views which are well worth the effort. Mountain-bikers can follow a forest trail running from Fredes to Els Ports de Beseit.

All hikers or bikers are advised to consult the guidebooks mentioned above and use detailed maps. The district of La Tinença de Benifassà is covered by the following 1:50,000 scale maps: Peñarroya de Tastavins 30-20 (520); Beceite 31-20 (521); Morella 30-21 (545); and Ulldecona 31-21 (546).



### Useful tips

You can reach the Tinença de Benifassà from the A-7 motorway taking exit 42 towards Vinaròs (N-238) and turning off almost immediately on the CV-11 to San Rafael del Río. From here, take the road to La Sènia (entering via La Sènia Nord) and then the CV-105 to La Poble de Benifassà.

There are two other access routes from the N-340 on its way through Vinaròs:

- Along the N-232 from Vinaròs-Morella-Zaragoza, drive up to Torre Miró and from here take the road to Castell de Cabres.

- Along the N-238 to Ulldecona, just before exit 42 on the A-7 motorway, take the CV-11 to San Rafael del Río. From here, drive to La Sènia (entering via La Sènia Nord) and then take the CV-105 to La Poble de Benifassà.



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