

The Natural Parks Network

Ensuring the territorial and environmental balance of the 100 municipalities within its geographical scope.

Barcelona Provincial Council's Natural Parks Network consists of 12 protected natural areas of significant scenic, ecological and cultural value.

It is comprised of 102,587 ha, spread out across 100 municipalities. These municipalities represent 22% of Barcelona province territory and are home to 70% of the population of Catalonia.

The planning and management of the natural and agricultural areas is conducted through special plans drawn up with the participation of all the parties involved.

The Network protects the natural, agricultural, forestry, cultural and scenic values of each park.

It works towards achieving a balance between the preservation of the parks and the economic development of the area.

It also promotes environmental education and the public use of natural and cultural heritage.

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Feeding the Barcelona metropolitan area

The Agrarian Park, an economic area specialising in agricultural production.

In the midst of the metropolitan area, the Agrarian Park is an economic hub for the production of fresh, local, seasonal food.

The El Baix Llobregat Agrarian Park is a leader in protecting and enhancing agricultural activity in the alluvial plains of the Llobregat Delta and the lower Llobregat valley, in the El Baix Llobregat region. The Park covers an area of 3,489.83 hectares across 14 municipalities that have a population of 818,076 inhabitants.

The Agrarian Park Consortium is the Park's management body. Its aims are to enhance agricultural activity through specific programmes that preserve the productive values of agricultural lands and to promote the area's high-quality produce and local consumption. To achieve these aims, the Consortium has created a special label "Producte Fresc del Parc Agrari" to identify local farms that produce fruits and vegetables following a comprehensive management approach, with a project for the future that preserves viable and sustainable agricultural activity.

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Agricultural wealth and a source of life for many species

Agriculture and natural areas form a man-made landscape of great social and environmental value.

An agroecosystem that tries to balance food production, social processes and ecological processes.

The Park reflects the biodiversity associated with agricultural activity. Nearly 350 species of birds demonstrate the delta’s importance as a stopover on migration routes. In the fields you can find house sparrows and tree sparrows, starlings, Eurasian hoopoes and the occasional buzzard. The North African hedgehog stands out among the wild mammals because of its unique presence in croplands and its coexistence alongside more common Mediterranean species. You can also see farm animals like sheep, goats and the Catalana chicken. Croplands, wetlands and pine forests form a varied landscape of plant life that has great ecological value.

This agricultural space is a source of environmental values highly prized by society, such as sustaining one of Catalonia’s most important aquifers and acting as a green lung for CO₂ capture in the Barcelona metropolitan area.

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From prehistoric ruins to Catalan Art Nouveau gems

The settlement of the territory has a rich and varied history.

Palaeolithic and Neolithic sites, Roman villas, mediaeval castles and farmhouses are treasures of the area’s historical and architectural heritage.

From the Palaeolithic, we find El Canyet at Molins de Rei; from the Neolithic, we have the tomb of the sepulchre at Can Tintorer (Gavà); from the Bronze Age, there are the Bòbila necropolises at Can Roca in Pallejà, and the Iberian sites at Puig Castellar (Sant Vicenç dels Horts). You can also visit well-preserved Roman sites such as the villa Ca l’Espluga in Pallejà, the Plaça de les Bruixes II in Molins de Rei and the Roman baths at Sant Boi.

Icons of Catalan Art Nouveau include the Church of Colònia Güell designed by Antoni Gaudí (Santa Coloma de Cervelló), Les Begudes cardboard factory (Sant Joan Despí) and the premises of the Societat General d’Aigües de Barcelona in Cornellà de Llobregat.

Some seventy farmhouses, known locally as *masias*, showcase the region’s rich agricultural tradition and the unique architectural features from different eras.

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The environment and life

For centuries, this has been a land of farmers.

Agricultural activity has been a platform to invigorate the local economy through farmers’ markets, fairs and gastronomy, all with their own unique character.

Until recently, the region’s economic activity has been closely tied to agriculture. The construction of irrigation canals in the 19th century initiated a transformation in the growing of vegetables and fruit trees, and the railway soon gave rise to one of the most productive periods for the export of fruits and vegetables to the rest of Europe. The process of industrialisation between 1950 and 1975 left an indelible mark on rural areas. Farming ceased to be the main activity and some of the best agricultural land went to urban settlement and industrial use. Thanks to intense pressure from the farming community, this agricultural area has been safeguarded for the production of fresh local food with high environmental value.

Gavà asparagus, El Prat artichokes, El Baix cherries, the Catalana chicken and the great mullein of Molins de Rei are unique hallmarks of the region’s gastronomy and its many popular festivals.

Get the most out of your visit

It’s easy to do, whether its an impromptu stroll or an activity-packed stay.

The Park has readily accessible facilities and programmes for you to get to know the place better and enjoy everything on offer.

The El Baix Llobregat Agrarian Park has an information centre at Can Comas in El Prat de Llobregat, featuring a permanent exhibition on agriculture in the Llobregat Delta and an arboretum with a variety of organically grown native fruit trees, which also provide a source of cuttings for farmers who want to take part in their reintroduction.

In addition, you can walk or cycle along well-signposted trails that will allow you to enjoy this exceptional setting respectfully and in harmony with the area’s agricultural activity.

Can Comas organizes educational workshops and activities about agriculture, food and gastronomy, as well as a schools programme for students to learn more about Catalonia’s parks, including a whole range of activities to discover and enjoy natural and agricultural environments in a respectful manner.

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1 Masia Can Comas

Built in the 16th and 17th centuries, it is the headquarters of the Agrarian Park Consortium.



NOTES:
The left-hand pillar features a boat and the inscription “BARCA SEM BOI, 1739”, marking the spot where a boat used to cross the Llobregat river to Sant Boi.

Located in El Prat de Llobregat, Can Comas retains signs of its agricultural past and traditional architectural features of Catalan farmhouses. The arboretum, where traditional fruit tree varieties are being reintroduced, and the nearly 3.5 ha of surrounding orchards serve as venues for recreational and educational activities.

2 Agricultural cooperatives

Key organisations in the structure and promotion of the area’s agricultural sector.



NOTES:
The cooperatives from the area of the Agrarian Park have a presence in Building G of the Mercabarna fresh food market.

Cooperatives have played a leading role in efforts to preserve the agricultural area and enhance the value of local produce and gastronomy. The Gavà asparagus fair and the Catalana poultry fair provide two examples.

3 Nelson Mandela Bridge

A cable-stayed structure of contemporary design with high arches, this is the last bridge before the mouth of the river.



NOTES:
The bridge has segregated lanes for cyclists and pedestrians in both directions.

Designed by the engineer Juan Carlos Martínez and known as the Pratenc Bridge, it was renamed after Nelson Mandela in 2016. As one of the municipality’s landmarks, the bridge offers stunning views of the delta’s natural areas. It is 304 metres long and 29 metres wide.

4 Agrarian Park Trail

Circular, open-air trail among El Baix Llobregat croplands and farmhouses.



NOTES:
From the elevated position of the Camí de la Bomba, you can see fields of artichokes in winter, one of the Agrarian Park’s typical crops.

Leaving the footbridge from Cornellà de Llobregat, go downstream along the riverside path and turn left onto the Camí de la Ribera. This will take you deep into agricultural lands, where you can also see the architecturally rich farmhouses of Cal Perellada, Cal Misses, Can Comas, Cal Xagó and Cal Monjo.

5 Plane spotting platform

Between the Agrarian Park and the delta’s natural areas, you can enjoy an exciting air show.



NOTES:
Plane spotting is a hobby that involves watching and tracking aircraft.

The four lookout points, located strategically for spotters to feel the thrill of these heavy-bodied *birds* on their approach and take-off, are designed for marvelling at the show. There is parking and you can get there on public transport too.

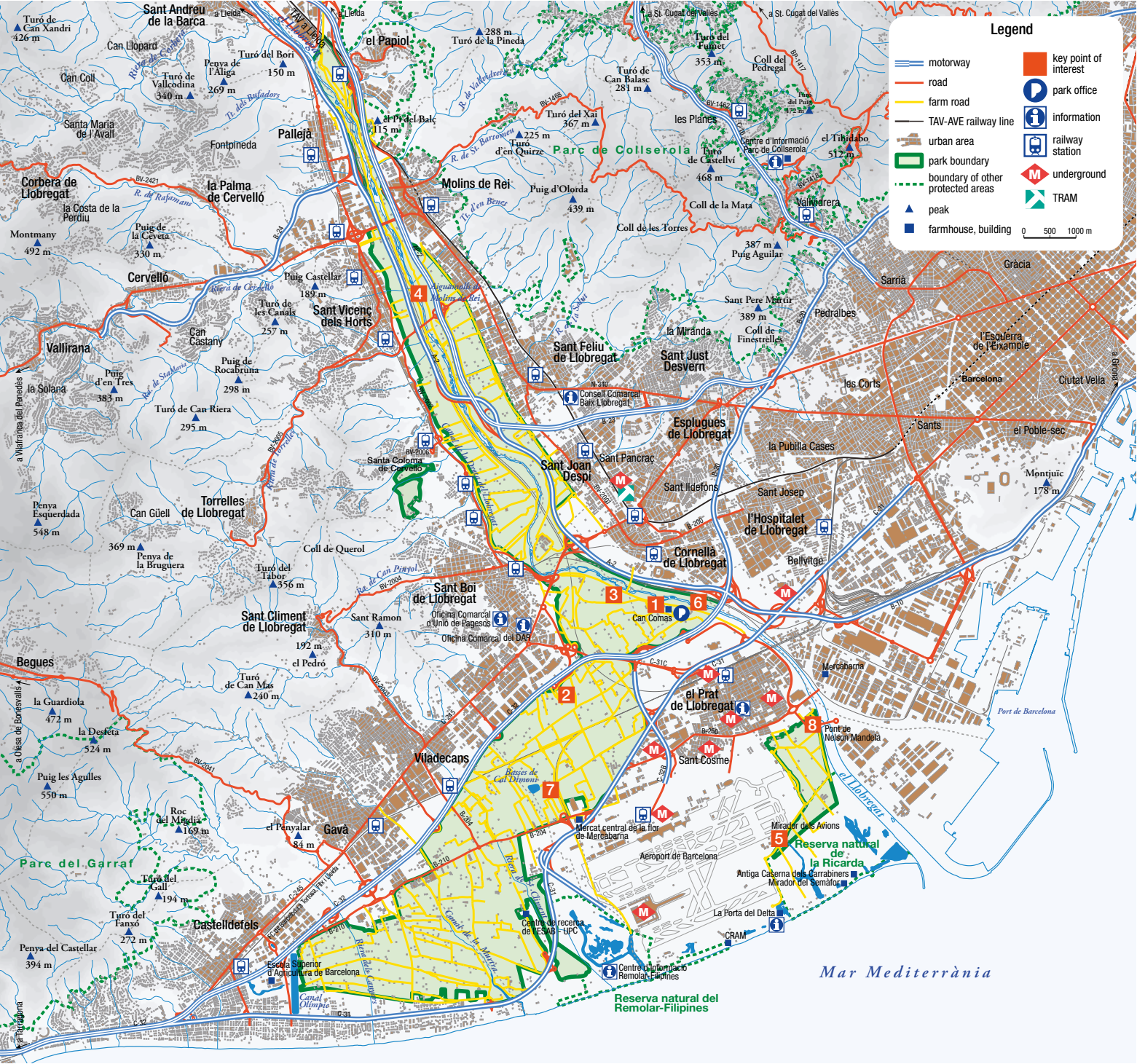
7 Cal Dimoni Ponds

Specially protected area for birds amid the agricultural flatlands of Sant Boi de Llobregat.



NOTES:
The Cal Dimoni ponds play a vital role in connecting the Remolar-Filipines Natural Area.

The ponds are a group of three man-made bodies of water resulting from the aggregate extraction in the 1970s. They form part of the Llobregat Delta Natural Areas and the Natura 2000 Network. You can find water birds, waders and plant life typical of Mediterranean wetlands.



6 Molins de Rei Wetlands

Small natural oasis where a wide variety of birds nest in the midst of the urban area.



NOTES:
This is an ideal place to enjoy recreation in nature and pursue the scientific and educational study of up to 123 bird species.

The Molins de Rei wetlands consist of a layer of freshwater spanning 6.2 ha with a depth of 30-150 cm. Amid a rich variety of riverside and aquatic vegetation, the wetlands’ reeds and bulrushes provide a habitat for many species of birds.

8 El Llobregat Path (GR 270)

The Llobregat blue route, a hiking trail that connects Barcelona with inland Catalonia.



NOTES:
The blue route covers some 186 km from Castellar de N’Hug to El Prat de Llobregat.

From Martorell’s Pont del Diable bridge (originally Roman) to the mouth of the river Llobregat, cyclists and hikers can take delight in a variety of historical landmarks and a wide range of spots from which to observe fauna, nature and agriculture.

Fruit trees in the lower Llobregat valley



Springtime in the lower Llobregat valley is a spectacle of nature as the fruit trees blossom.

The lower valley of the Llobregat river lies between the municipalities of Pallejà and El Papiol upstream, and Cornellà de Llobregat and Sant Boi de Llobregat downstream. Peach, plum, apple and pear trees live alongside the cherry tree, the iconic crop of spring festivals in municipalities of the lower Llobregat valley.

Farmers’ markets



“Producte Fresc del Parc Agrari”: a special label to promote local seasonal agriculture at markets.

The farmers’ market at the El Baix Llobregat Agrarian Park is a place that brings farmers and consumers together. It offers a chance to buy directly from local fruit and vegetable growers, building trust between producers and consumers.

Farmers’ Market at Sant Boi
Rambla Rafael Casanova. Sant Boi de Llobregat
Friday, 3.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
Farmers’ Market at Colònia Güell
Cami de la Colònia Güell. Santa Coloma de Cervelló
Saturday, 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
Farmers’ Market at El Prat de Llobregat
Plaça de Pau Casals. El Prat de Llobregat
Saturday, 8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
Farmers’ Market at Torreblanca
Plaça de la Torre in Parc de Torreblanca. Sant Joan Despí
Sunday, 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Farmers’ Market at Sant Vicenç dels Horts
Plaça Narcís Lluís i Boloix. Sant Vicenç dels Horts
Saturday, 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
Farmers’ Market at Viladecans
Parc de Can Xic. Viladecans
Wednesday, 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
Farmers’ Market at Cornellà de Llobregat
Parc de Can Mercader. Cornellà de Llobregat
Sunday, 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
Farmers’ Market at Gavà
Parc de la Torre Lluc. Gavà
Tuesday, 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

How to get there

BY CAR
AP-2, exit toward the A-2
A-2, exit 609.
B-20 Ronda de Dalt / Aeroport.
C-31, exit 194-B El Prat de Llobregat, coming from the north.
C-31, exit 194 El Prat de Llobregat / Zona Franca ZAL, coming from the south.
C-32, exit 55 Sant Boi de Llobregat / El Prat de Llobregat, coming from the north.
C-32, exit El Prat de Llobregat / Barcelona, coming from the south.

BY BUS
Mohn SL. Tel. +34 902 023 393
Rosanbus. Tel. +34 932 967 788
Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona (TMB). Tel. +34 933 187 074

UNDERGROUND
Line L5 “Cornellà” Centre station
Line L9S “El Prat Estació” and “Mas Blau” stations

BY TAXI
Ràdio Taxi el Prat. Tel. +34 933 701 611
Taxis Aeroport del Prat. Tel. +34 934 782 050
Ràdio Taxi Transports i Missatgers del Baix Llobregat. Tel. +34 936 303 030

BY TRAIN
Renfe. Tel. +34 902 240 202
Lines R1 (Molins de Rei - Maçanet-Massanes via Mataró) and R4 (Sant Vicenç de Calders - Manresa via Vilafranca del Penedès). Get off at Cornellà.
Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya
Lines S3, S4, S5, S7, and S8. Get off at Cornellà Riera.

TRAMBAIX
T1 and T2. Get off at Cornellà Centre. Follow Carrer de la Verge de Montserrat to the footbridge over the Llobregat river, cross and take the Camí del Sorral downstream to Can Comas.

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Facilities

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For information on the opening hours and services of the Park’s facilities, see: <http://parcs.diba.cat/web/BaixLlobregat>

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