

ITINERARY: PRATDIP – ELS SOLANS – CLAPER DEL NOLLA – LA FORESTAL TRAIL – ZENÓN SHORTCUT - PRATDIP

This route starts at the village hall, in Catalunya Avenue. Walk up to Les Escoles street. Then, take Santa Marina street until you find the memorial monument honouring the soldiers who died during the Civil War. Take a street that goes up towards the road (1). Cross the road and take the path of Els Solans. The first stretch goes along a gully. The path winds steeply up to the top of Serra de Llaberia. At the end of the steepest climb (2), you will enjoy splendid views over the village and the surrounding mountains. Continue along the path on the left. You will walk around an old field with almond trees to Claper del Nolla. *Claper* is the name used in this region to refer to dry-stone huts. It is really worth a visit. The path is flat but it eventually climbs up towards Portell and Grauets de l'Estudiant. A short stretch of El Portell is practicable with a cable. Some metres further on, near the highest part of the Serra, is a path intersection (3). Take the path on the right. From there, you will have spectacular views over the creek of la Dòvia, dominated by the peaks of Mont-Redón and la Miranda. Start going down gradually until you get to another intersection (4). Take the path on the right, the shortcut of Zenón, which zig-zags down to a wide track in good condition (5). Follow it to the right, on the way back to Pratedip, until you get to the road (6). Cross it and walk straight on going by some farms and an intermittent water course. You will eventually reach the streets of the village of Pratedip. Walk on the left side of Les Escoles street. Catalunya avenue is on the right.



**MIDE** (Method for the Information about Hikes)

Walking time	2 h 20 min	Harshness in natural environment	1
Accumulated ascent	383 m	Level of difficulty to find one's way	2
Maximum gradient	331 m	Walking difficulty	3
Horizontal distance	5 km	Effort required	2
Type of route	circular	Rank from 1 to 5 from a lesser to a greater degree Source: www.euromide.info	



## A CLIMB THROUGH ELS SOLANS, THE VIEWPOINT OF PRATEDIP

### PRATEDIP

**SCENIC CLIMB TO THE SERRA THROUGH ELS SOLANS**

Short but intense scenic route that will take you to the top of Els Solans, a spectacular viewpoint over the village of Pratedip, surrounded by Serra de Güena mountains and the hills of La Cabrafiga and Les Mugues, which allow to glance a bit of the plain and the Mediterranean sea. Further on, the ghostly remains of some dead almond trees combine with the old dry-stone edges that terrace the mountain. The Claper del Nolla stands out, which is an impressive but austere dry-stone hut that was used as a storage place and as a shelter by the farmers of these lands.

Some passages or breaches between the rocks, one of which is practicable with a cable, will allow you to get halfway up the crag and have better views over the creek of la Dòvia, dominated by Mont-redon and La Miranda. You will walk suspended over the valley along the path of La Forestal until the descent on the shortcut of El Zenón takes you back to lowland and Pratedip.



## LA SERRA DE LLABERIA

Serra de Llaberia is part of the Serralada Prelitoral (Pre-Coastal Mountain Range), between Muntanyes de Prades and Vandellòs and Tivissa Mountains. It comprises the comarques (areas) of El Priorat, Baix Camp and Ribera d'Ebre, and has peaks which are more than 900 m high from sea level. At present, a part of the Serra de Llaberia is an Area of Natural Interest (Espai d'Interès Natural, EIN). The predominant vegetation is strictly Mediterranean, consisting mainly of scrubs of pine trees and holm-oaks, and communities of scrubby environments, with some dry oak woods and yew groves isolated in the shady sides (both are typical of Eurosiberian climate). The fauna is very rich and diverse. The presence of invertebrates stands out. They find refuge in the numerous caves and karstic ghylls.

The human settlement is located particularly in the surroundings of Serra de Llaberia, with an only population settled area in the rugged inland, the village of Llaberia

Due to the concerns of the people in the area, the town councils of Capçanes, Coldejou, Marçà, la Torre de Fontaubella, Pratedip and Tivissa set up the Consorci per a la Protecció i Gestió de l'Espai Protegit d'Interès Natural de la Serra de Llaberia in 2004. This organization aims at preserving, revaluing and managing the natural environment comprehensively. The Consorci has a technical team who have already carried out several studies and actions in order to promote its popularization, knowledge and conservation.

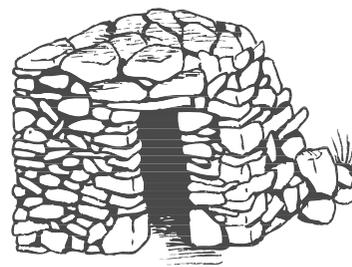
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Pratedip is a small village in the comarca del Baix Camp region. It has a municipal district of about 36.27 square kilometres and about 720 inhabitants. People from Pratedip and its surroundings call it *El Prat*. According to Coromines, this place name may have a pre-Roman origin. In fact, Pratedip may come from *Prat del Dip* (Field of the Dip), a dip being a fictitious vampire dog. Legend says that these mysterious dogs watched people at night and attacked and drank the blood of livestock or of men who wandered around the village. It is unknown whether any of them was ever captured. They are said to have disappeared at some moment during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The dip also inspired writer Joan Perucho. In his novel *Les Històries Naturals*, the dip was a vampire with the capacity to metamorphose into other beings. At present time, the dip is in the centre of the village coat of arms and has a monument at the village entrance.

This village has an unquestionable tourist potential, with many routes that start from the village and have several levels of difficulty. The itinerary presented in this leaflet is a short but intense route that climbs up through els Solans. As the name *solans* (sunny spot) indicates, this place faces the South. It reminds us of the agricultural use of the Serra, most of which is not cultivated today. The climb starts at the beginning of a gully delimited with dry-stone edges which still conserve a

small hole quite near the road used for storing tools. The series of edges show the path that you have to follow up to the end of the most intense climb, where the viewpoint of Els Solans gives us the chance to enjoy spectacular views over the village and its surroundings. The most outstanding dry-stone construction is Claper del Nolla, a hut from which you can see the Western slope of the Roca Plana. The moment of adventure arrives with the Portell and Grauets de l'Estudiant. Some of these passages are quite aerial and one of them is practicable with a cable, which will make you be suspended over the immensity of the creek of the Dòvia. The path of La Forestal, which has this name (path of the woods) because it was opened during the 1940s in order to take profit of the mountain, will also take you halfway up the crag. Today, this path connects several paths and would lead us to the old village of Llaberia.

This route, with good bird eye's views over a large territory, shows the intensive use of the mountain by its inhabitants. Only some flocks remain, as well as the farmed fields near the village, which are better communicated.



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