

GALATZÓ - S'ESCLOP

Start: Cases de Galatzó

Finish: Mola de s'Esclop

Distance: 11.55 km

Altitude: 181 / 926 m

Estimated time required: 4 h

Difficulty: medium/high

Heritage sites on the route: The houses of Galatzó, the Sa Cometa spring, the lime kilns of Na Llaneres, the lime kilns of Comellar de Sa Cova Rotja, ethnographic site linked to the charcoal industry at Ses Sínies, the Ses Sínies well, the viewpoint at Ses Sínies, the naviform structure at Ses Sínies, the spring-fed water tank Sa Font des Poll, the charcoal kilns at Ses Volvetes, the ethnographic site of S'Esclop, the ruins of the Caseta de Aragó.

Description: A route that ascends from Ses Cases de Galatzó (181 m) to La Mola de S'Esclop (926 m), noteworthy for the rich variety of landscapes, natural and ethnographic features it offers. While on this route we can enjoy impressive views of the Galatzó valley, and from the peak of S'Esclop it is possible to appreciate the Sierra de Tramuntana mountain range in all its splendour. In terms of ethnographic sites, we can find a large number of examples of exploitation of the forest's resources to obtain vegetable charcoal by means of charcoal kilns, as well as charcoal miners' huts. Also noteworthy is the high number of native Balearic species that we can see on this route, such as cojinetes espinosos ("thorny cushions") and Balearic St. John's Wort. Moreover, this route is intimately related to the history of the area, since at the top of La Mola we find the "Caseta de N'Arago", the house of a French scientist who participated in work to determine the longitude of the Paris Meridian Line at the start of the 19th century.