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## River / Cal Tet

Natural areas of the River

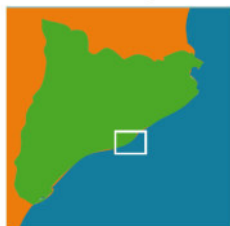
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## River / Pineda de Ca l'Arana / Cal Tet



### Technical data

• **Location:** Llobregat river natural areas, in the Municipality of Prat de Llobregat

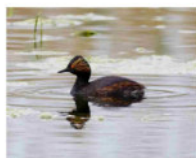


- **Distance:** **Itinerary No. 1:** 3.000 m.; **Itinerary No. 2:** 5.200 m.
- **Estimated duration:** **Itinerary No. 1:** an hour and half; **Itinerary No. 2:** three hours
- **Difference in height:** none
- **Difficulty:** low
- **Itinerary:** on foot. Wheelchair adapted
- **Soil type:** track
- **Recommended season:** all year

### Flora and fauna

In the natural areas of the river we can find different natural environments. The river itself is a habitat for many fishes that exploit the productivity of the estuary. In the banks of the lagoon and in the treatment areas we can mainly find Common Reeds and Bulrushes. In these humid areas, ornithological fauna is varied and spectacular standing out groups of Eurasian Coots , Little Grebes, Great Crested Grebes and many species of ducks. In winter, the banks are areas of rest for Northern Lapwings and Great Cormorants, and areas of nourishment for Little Egrets and Grey Herons .

The pine grove of Ca l'Arana is the most northern pine grove of Llobregat. We can find species of forest birds. Ca l'Arana's beach is an area with scant vegetation. It is an area of rest for groups of Audouin's Gulls and Sandwich Terns, Common Shelducks and Little Egrets and depending on the quantity of water, you can find an exceptional amount of Waders.



### Itinerary

#### 0 0.0 Km. Point information

In the information point they will explain you all the itineraries and the last information about flora and fauna. A few meters away there is the Cal Lluquer tower from which you will have your first panoramic view of the area.

#### 1 0.14 Km. The River of Llobregat

Follow the indications of itinerary No.1 and No.2 to which bring you closer to the river Llobregat. It should be remembered that a major part of the water in this stretch of the river is salty but there are plenty of fishes. Sometimes Great Cormorants and Ospreys are fished.

#### 2 0.88 Km. Cal Malet tower

From Cal Malet tower you can have a look, from the top, to the treatment area. This surface is very favorable for some species such as Purple Swamp-hens and Eurasian Coots . In winter you can observe rare species such as Great Bittern . From here you can choose a shorter route following the indications of the itinerary No.1, which get you to the observatory of Sabogal, or a longer route following the itinerary No. 2.

#### 3 1.93 Km. Tower mouth

If you follow the indications of itinerary No. 2 you get to the estuary tower. Beside the tower there is the beach of Ca l'Arana. Depending on the recent rains and storms the area can be more or less waterlogged but usually there are plenty of Waders, Audouin's Gulls, Sandwich Terns, etc.



#### 4 2.73 Pinar de Ca l'Arana

Get to the observatory of Cal Tet. Along the way you will pass next to the Ca l'Arana pine grove where interesting colonies of bats find refuge. Some Owls as Eurasian Scops Owl , and forestal birds such as Short-toed Treecreeper, live in this area.

#### 5 2.86 Km. Observatory of Cal Tet

The observatory of Cat Tet offers you a nice panoramic view of most of the lake. This is an exceptional place to observe aquatic birds: Little Grebes and Great Crested Grebes , Northern Shovelers, Gadwalls among other species, and in winter some Greylag Goose .

#### 6 3.70 Km. Observatory of Sabogal

Following the indications of itinerary No. 2, you get to the observatory Sabogal where you will coincide with the itinerary No.1 which comes from the tower of Cal Malet. You can enjoy another panoramic view of the lake Cal Tet, with species as those we have seen before, and new ones such as Common Pochards.

#### 7 Wet meadows

When you leave the observatory and you go to the exit, you will go through areas with interesting vegetation as rushes, salt marshes adapted to temporary flood and the presence of salt or wet meadows. This meadows when are flooded are very attractive for Waders.

