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## Bunyola / Carrabiners / Semàfor

Natural areas of the River

### Technical Data

• **Location:** Natural areas of the Llobregat river, in the municipality of El Prat de Llobregat



- **Distance:** 4.600 meters
- **Estimated duration:** 3 hours
- **Difference in height:** none
- **Difficulty:** low
- **Itinerary:** on foot and by bicycle. Wheelchair adapted.
- **Soil type:** track
- **Recommended season:** all year

### Flora and fauna

The route goes past cultivated fields and agricultural channels. In cultivated fields it is easy to observe Sparrows, Starlings, Common Magpies and Wagtails, but also Common Stonechat, Pipits, Eurasian Hoopoes ... The Cattle Egrets and the Little Egrets often fly between these two environments, while in the Channel of La Bunyola species such as Common Moorhens, and to a lesser extent, Mallards, Eurasian Coots, Black-winged Stilts ... are remarkable. You can also observe Spanish pond turtles, viperine water snakes and Perez's Frogs.

In the beach there are coastal lagoons with vegetation adapted to the high salinity with an interesting ornithological fauna such as Terns, Pied Avocets, Common Shelducks. In the sea you can observe seabirds such as Razorbills, Northern Ganneta, Audouin's Gulls, Shearwaters ... and if you are lucky you will see a cetacean.

In the the old building of "Carabiners" (Carabineers) and the building the "Semàforo" (Semaphore) the possibility of finding reptiles such as Lizards, Snakes and Common Geckos increase.



### Itinerary

#### 0 0.0 Km Road of Valencia and road of la Marina

This itinerary can be started either from the gate of the natural areas of the river, at the crossroads of the road of Valencia and the road of la Marina, or from the Moya bridge. Follow the indications of the itinerary No. 3. Both routes go past cultivated fields and channels full of life. It is not difficult to detect a Little Egret among the reeds or a Common Kingfisher flying over the water.

#### 1 1.04 Km. Viewpoint of Cal Tet

The path that leaves from the gate of the natural areas of the river covers the speck of high waters, preventing the overflow of the river in case of large floods but also prevents us from observing this plain of flood and the Cal Tet lagoon, except if you look at it from the viewpoint that you will find halfway through. This viewpoint is a good place to observe aquatic birds such as ducks of different species, Herons and Grebes.

#### 2 1.21 Km. Junction of paths

At this point the paths that come from both entrances coincide. The main attraction is the channel of La Bunyola, which collects the rainwater and the pluvial drainage of this area of El Prat. You will find Common Moorhens, turtles and many other species that nourish and reproduce.



#### 3 2.07 Km. The Tower of La Bunyola

The tower of la Bunyola is a fantastic viewpoint from which you can observe the Ca l'Arana beach and the Carabineros (Carabineers), always an interesting area because of the quantity of birds that go there. The natural value of these beaches is conserved because there is no public use. In the tower, apart from observing the fauna, you can enjoy your time looking at the delta plain with wetlands, pine groves and cultivated fields or you can enjoy yourself looking at the sea.

#### 4 2.37 Km. Building of Carrabiners

Crossing the bridge of La Bunyola and following the indications of the itinerary you will arrive at the Carabiners (Carabineers). You will be surprised when you see the conditions of life of this old security force. In the surroundings there are Eurasian Tree Sparrow and European Greenfinch and among

the ruins of the barracks it is possible to observe the Common Geckos that hide in the cracks.

#### 5 2.71 Km. Semàfor (Semaphore)

The way to the Semàforo (Semaphore) is a walk among reed beds and Small Cordgrass with small ponds where hundreds of mosquitofishes eat mosquito larvae. The way up to the building offers you one of the best views of the beach, the Ricarda pine grove, the La Magarola lagoon and the vegetation of the marsh and the delta plain in general.

