



PRC 124 a Prat d'Aguló 8,4 km
 SL 11 El Collell
 PR 123 a Gósol
 GR 107 - GR 150 a Bagà 19,5 km
 GR 150 - GR 107 a Gósol 4,7 km

GR 150 - GR 107 a Coll de la Bauma 3 km
 a Gisclareny 7,5 km

SL 3
 Santuari de Gresolet
 Refugi Casa de Gresolet

A Saldes 5,5 km
 A Refugi Lluís Estasen 3 km

Mirador de Gresolet
 PR 123
 Lluís Estasen

La Costa
 Font de la Costa

Castell de Saldes
 Santa Maria

Ctr. B 400 a Gósol 9 km

PRC -124 Saldes

Ctr. B 400 a Guardiola 18 km

18 km
 7 h

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Volta per la falda del Pedraforca i la vall de Gresolet

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WALK BY THE MOUNTAINSIDE OF PEDRAFORCA AND THE VALLEY OF GRESOLET

Saldes has two major attractions: El Pedraforca and Gresolet. This route allows you to see different perspectives of both. Although there are long stretches forest track, the impressive views are compensating this. You return by the Costa path, which is the old path that joined Gresolet and Saldes and is of great beauty.

Description

You leave the square and go direction the Cardina neighborhood following the white and yellow marks of the PR-C 124. After passing the last house of the village, the way climbs on a rock and goes through a meadow very often visited by cows and enters in the forest. On the way you see a lot of stone walls. These are old fields, evidence of effort and hard work to obtain some yield of these fields. You follow the path with the marks of the PR-C 124 and you pass along the spring Font del Pere Miquel and a little further the spring Font de la Solella de la Costa.

After a last effort, the path finally joins the road. Next to it you see a pool. You follow the road to the right and in a couple of minutes you reach the viewpoint "mirador de Gresolet". The views are really impressive. It's worth it to stay here a while to enjoy and to try to identify all points with the help of a map. If you want, you can go up to the mountain hut "refugi Lluís Estasen" staffed during all the year: it will take you about 15 minutes. Next to the mountain hut there's also a spring. To get back to the forest track, there are several paths that are leaving behind the hut. We recommend you that you follow the path marked with orange points (circuit of the way Cavalls del Vent) that descends on the left.

Once back at the forest track, you go to the left. This forest track will lead you to "el Collell". The forest track is part of a classic 4X4 circuit and can be quiet busy in summer. Nevertheless, the views are compensating the bother that the cars can cause you. Halfway between the mountain hut and el Collell you will see an abundant spring next to a stream. Occasionally, you can see groups of deciduous trees between pines and spruces. You are at 1.700 meters and it isn't very usually to find them at this altitude. The hours of sunshine and the protection against the wind explain their presence.

When you reach el Collell, you have to be attentive, because here you leave the PR-C 124 and follow the white green marks (route 13) that will guided you to Gresolet. From the moment that you take this path, returns the peace. The path descends next to the stream Torrent de les Mulleres. In the past the path was twice as long as it's now, but it got lost when they lengthened the forest track upwards. The destruction of forest paths in favor of the deforestation tracks for the logging operations happens in many places.

This way will lead you to the shrine Santuari de Gresolet, one of the most emblematic places of the region. Situated higher up in the valley and overlooks the great forest of Gresolet, where you can find the biggest spruce of Berguedà. The north face of Pedraforca presides high above the valley. The shrine is documented since the 13th century. From the original Romanic structure are no remains left, due to the alterations they did during the ages.

To go back to Saldes, you have to retrace your steps along the forest track until you find the sign post of route 3 which you take back to Saldes by the way "Saldes pel camí de la Costa". From the forest track, are rising the limestone cliffs which from lower the gorge of Moronta. Gaining altitude, the path is getting flatter and bends the attractive streams la Arquedes and la Gerdera that traverse the north face of the Pedraforca, passes beneath the "mirador" and approaches to the limestone ravine that closes the great valley where you went through. The views that offer you the small view points that you find crossing the ridges are quite impressive.

The path goes beneath the cave "Forat del Llop" (Wolf's den) and change of slope: you are at "la Feixatella". From this point, the valleys are orientated to the east. There are appearing long walls of dry Stone that are adapting the great slopes of the mountain to make them suitable for farming.

On the descent, you pass along the Cal Costa house typical mountain peasant farmer house with the annexed buildings around; three plants: the stable on the ground floor; the kitchen, oven, living room and rooms at the first floor and the barn at the attic. Next to the house there is a hay loft with in front a threshing-floor. Near to

the complex, in a corner, there is a small spring recently fixed. This house has the basic building typology that became popular since the 16th century in the mountains.

You continue the way along a path that runs a little above the access road of the house. Go through a pinewood of Scots pine and you reach Coll d'Euga. Before you arrive at the pass, be attentive that you don't take the forest track it would deviate you from the route.

Once at the pass, you enter in a oakwood and you cross a labyrinth of farming land terraces between walls of dry stone. Are remarkable the terraces that limit the fields: tons of rocks that have been moved by generations to clean the farm land. The path passes by a labyrinth and you have to be attentive to not lose the marks.

Finally you reach the castle of Saldes, castle where they did recently works for its consolidation and a study about the best conserved parts. The most spectacular element is the base of a tower, with big arrowslits and a hall with pointed barrel vault. It was build between the 11th and the 12th century with reforms in the 14th or 15th century. The hermitage of Santa Maria was the castles church, is a small building with a rectangular nave and a apse at the eastside; watching it you realize immediately that it has suffered a lot during its long history: the apse deformed and the bell-gable off-centre are witnesses of the reforms whom have their origins in the cataclysms of the history.

You follow the white and green marks to Saldes and about 15 minutes later you are again at the Plaça Pedraforca square.

Distance	18 Km.
Start point	Plaça Pedraforca, Saldes.
Zone	Pedraforca
Estimated time	7 h.
Way marking	Yellow and white marks until el Collell (PRC-124); green and white marks until Gresolet (SL 11) and from Gresolet until Saldes (SL 3)
Parking	Parking areas of Saldes.
End point	Plaça de Gósol.
Maps	El Berguedà 1:50.000. Institut Cartogràfic de Catalunya. Serra del Cadí-Pedraforca 1:25.000. Editorial Alpina
Included services	Mountain hut Refugi Lluís Estasen, Refugi del santuari de Gresolet and refugi-casa de Gresolet, in Gresolet. For the services of Saldes you can consult the touristic services section.
Sources	Consorci de Turisme de l'Alt Berguedà.
Observations	As this walk combines various routes, you have to keep in mind in every moment which you're following and be aware of the numbers of the signs. The path that descends from el Collell is at some point very steep. Be careful at these points. <i>Neither the Consorci de Turisme de l'Alt Berguedà nor the council of Saldes cannot held responsible for accidents or damages caused to users during the accomplishment of this route nor for the way marking defects that occasionally there may be. However, with respect to any kind of deficiencies that you could find, please notify us. Respect private property and cattle fences. Please, inform us of any problems you encounter.</i>

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