

## Mountain advice

### *Pedraforca, enjoy it with care*

#### Before you start your excursion:

- The Pedraforca Massif has a very complicate relief, with lots of precipices. It's necessary to inform you about the characteristics of the route you would like to take:
  - Use maps, books or route guides.
  - Ask information at the mountain hut or at the information offices in the area:
    - Natural Park Cadí-Moixeró (Bagà): 93 824 41 51
    - Pedraforca Massif Information Centre (Saldes) : 93 825 80 46
    - Town hall Gósol: 97 337 00 16
  - Make sure there is someone with you who is an experienced hiker, or request the services of a guide.
  - The scree (Tartera) of Pedraforca is deteriorating severely, due to natural causes (dynamics of scree slopes) and due to the large number of people passing through. Descend carefully to avoid accidents and erosion.
  - You don't need to climb Pedraforca to enjoy it. Around the mountain, there is a wide choice of trails of varied difficulty and duration. Ask for information!
- Inform someone of:
  - the route you will take.
  - the approximate duration it will take (keep in mind the hour of the sunset and in summer it's advisable to leave early to avoid the heat and thunderstorms in the afternoon)
- Carry enough food and drink, climb is hard and hot.
- The weather in the mountains is very changeable. Check the weather forecast and do not start your excursion if the predictions are bad.
- Ensure you're equipped with:
  - Clothing for all weather conditions (hot, cold and wet)
  - Mountain boots or suitable sport shoes
  - Sun protection.
- Keep the number of the **emergency services** at hand: **112** (text messages **SMS for the deaf 679 43 62 00**).
- **International hand signs for rescue :**

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| Two arms up ( <b>Yes</b> ) | <b>YES</b> , I need help (stay in this position, do not wave arms) |
| One arm up ( <b>No</b> )   | <b>NO</b> , I don't need help                                      |



#### During the excursion:

- Keep the mountain clean.
- Remember that there are natural hazards which are difficult to control and can be fatal:
  - Rock falls and rockslide.
  - Storms and particularly lightning.
  - Sudden increases the water level of streams and in ravines.
  - Strong wind.
  - Mist.
  - Snowfall, avalanches and the collapse of cornices.
  - Heavy snowfall and presence of ice.
- Be aware of your strength and make sure that you have enough left for the descent.
- In the Verdet area, rocks are frequently dislodged by passing hikers. It's very important to try to avoid this.

#### Thank you for your cooperation!

Source: Working team:

- Council of Saldes
- The Fire Department of Generalitat of Catalonia
- The Catalan Hikers Federation (FEEC)
- Natural Park of Cadí-Moixeró



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# Pedraforca by Coll del Verdet

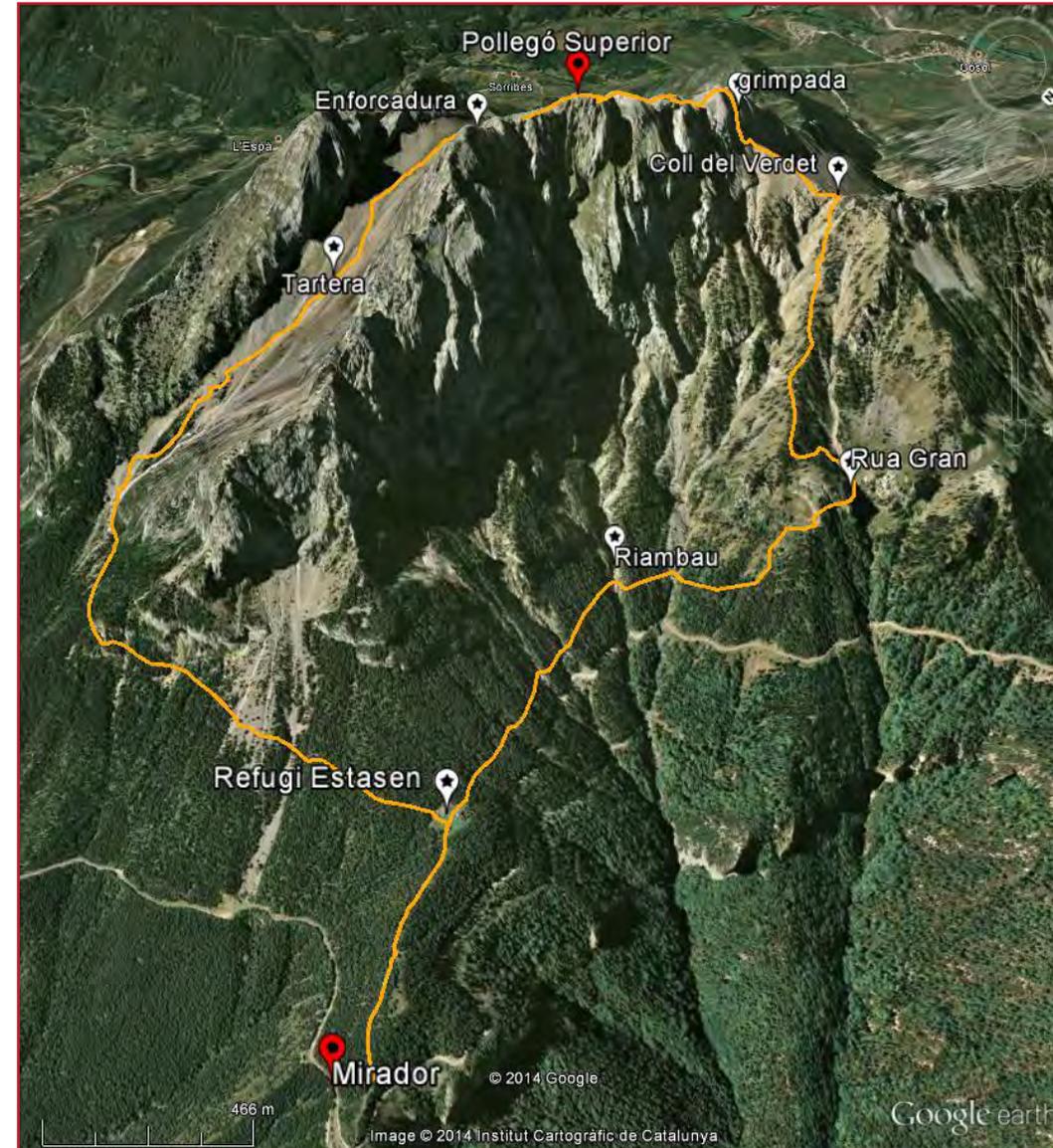


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**Start Point:** Refugi Lluís Estasen (Mountain hut. Tel.: 608 315 312)

 Road B-400 from Saldes to Gósol, about 1km after you passed the village of Saldes, turn right (direction sign Refugi Lluís Estasen – Mirador de Gresolet).

After 4.5 km you arrive at the Mirador de Gresolet: viewpoint, adapted for people with reduced mobility and parking area. Follow the path to the mountain hut Refugi Lluís Estasen (10 – 15 min). Fountain.

**Way marking:**

 **White and yellow** marks from the viewpoint till Coll del Verdet (Verdet mountain pass): PR-C 123.

 **Small yellow** marks from Coll del Verdet till the top (**scramble: go carefully!**), and “Enforcadura”.

 **White and yellow** marks from “Enforcadura” till the mountain hut (PR-C 123 again).

 **During the tour, do not leave the marked trails and avoid shortcuts, for your own safety.**

**Difficulty:** **HIGH** (Due to its **altitude**, the **climbing** and the **danger of sliding** at scree)

 **Hike NOT recommended for little children.**

**It is very dangerous in winter conditions.**  
(High Mountain in winter experience needed)

**Ascent:** 940 m (3083 ft)

**Distance:** 7,3 km (4mi 943yd). (4,2km ascent & 3,1 descent)

**Estimated time:** In normal conditions, 5 hours –without breaks- from which 3h15' ascent.

Please, keep to the footpath and respect private property and cattle fences. Please, inform us of any problems you encounter.

Keep the mountain clean by no leaving rubbish.  
Respect wildlife and plants.

**Disclaimer:**

The council of Saldes and the mentioned organizations are not responsible for accidents or damages caused to users during the accomplishment of this route nor the signalling defects that occasionally there may be.

However, with respect to any kind of deficiencies that you could find, please notify us.

**Emergency services number: 112**

