



ALCALALÍ COLL DE RATES

ROUTE DETAILS:

Starting point: Calle Ravalet de Alcalalí street.

Destination: Calle Ravalet de Alcalalí street.

RECOMMENDATIONS:



Keep dogs on a leash



Respect the fauna



Respect the flora



Follow paths



Bring plenty of water



Travel in company

PROHIBITED:



No fires



No motor vehicles



No littering

SIGNS:



Route continues



Sharp change of direction



Change of direction



Wrong direction



Route continues



Sharp change of direction



Change of direction



Wrong direction

Should you detect any damage to the signposting, please contact the FEMECV so that it can be repaired.

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This route is a great introduction to the cultural heritage and scenery of La Vall de Pop.

Terraces of almond trees, olive trees, orange trees and vines thrive as the route departs from **Alcalalí** and climbs up to **Coll de Rates**, a stunning viewpoint that commands the most spectacular panoramic views over both La Vall de Pop and *La Vall de Tàrbena*.

On the way back down, the route heads towards **Parcent**, a village renowned for its Moorish past. Without actually entering the village, the route returns to **Alcalalí** along the path the residents used in bygone times.

Almost at the end of the route, a small detour leads to Sant Joan Mosquera Chapel (Ermita de Sant Joan Mosquera), a remnant of the Moorish past that heavily influenced La Vall de Pop.

TECHNICAL INFO

Type of route: Circular

Total estimated duration: 4 hrs.

Total distance: 10,781 m.

Gradient: 383 m.

Difficulty: Moderate

Province: Alicante

Region: Marina Alta

Area: La Vall de Pop

Villages along the route:

Alcalalí - Parcent



The route departs from the Town Hall Square (Plaza del Ayuntamiento), along the street **Calle Ravalet**. The name of the street dates back to Moorish times, when the area was located in the outskirts of the village. Upon reaching the end of the street, take the path to the right towards river Xaló.

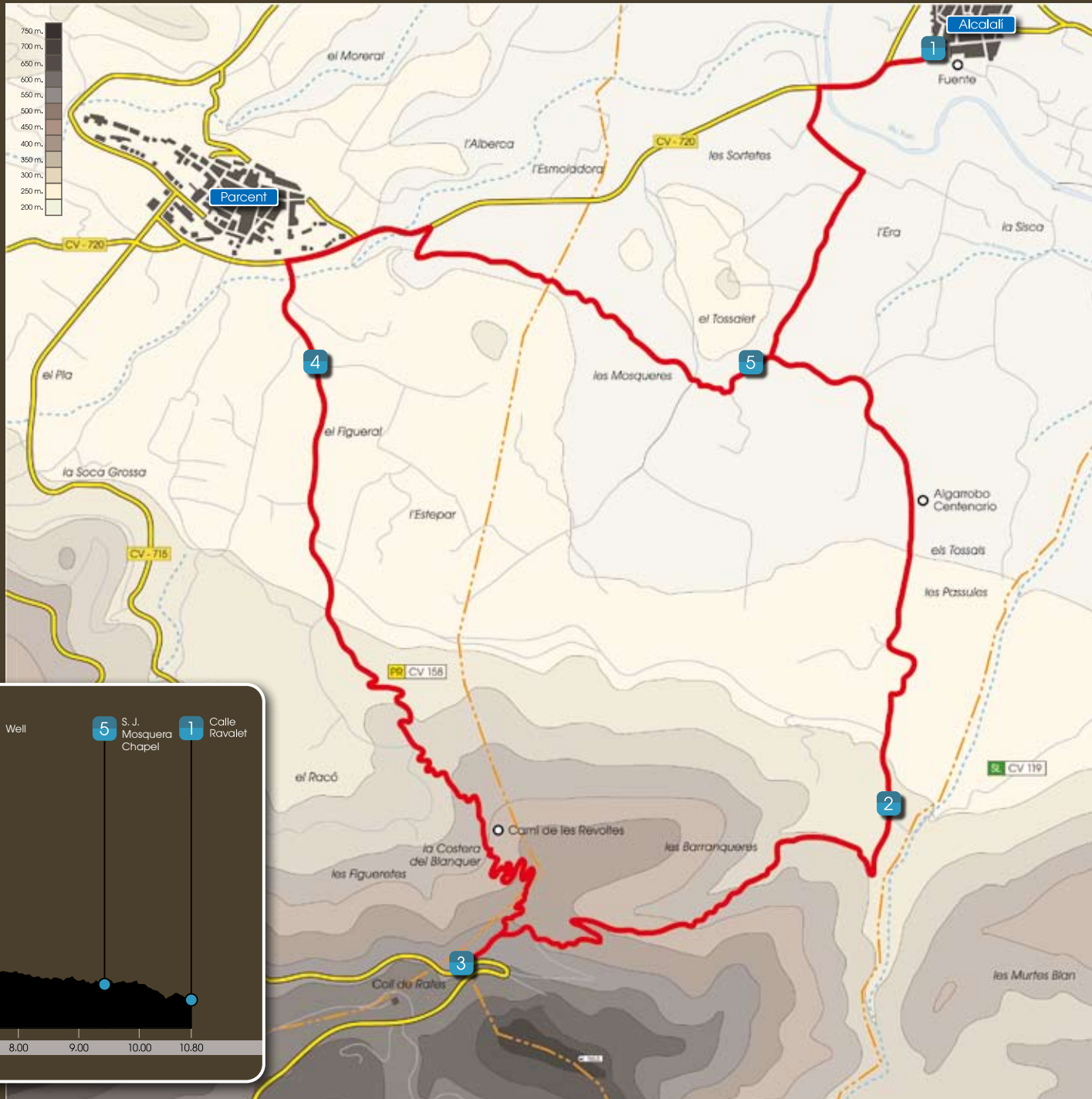
The route meets road CV 720 a few metres ahead and comes to an intersection after crossing a bridge.

The track continues through lands populated by orange trees, almond trees, olive trees and vines. Take the path on the left at the crossroads towards Sant Joan Mosquera Chapel (Ermita de Sant Joan Mosquera), then take the path on the right at the next crossroads and continue along the main track. You're heading in the right direction if you see a carob tree staked with a stone pillar. Leave the dirt track to the right and continue straight ahead until you reach the **Camí de Tàrbena** (local trail SL CV 119), indicated with a vertical signpost.

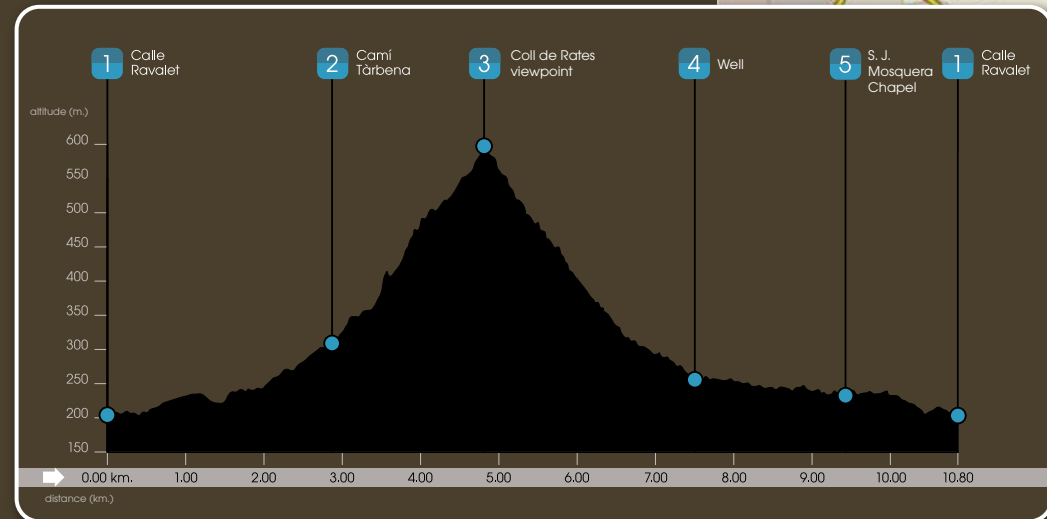
This ancient thoroughfare between Alcalalí and Tàrbena will take you up to the summit.

You will reach the summit after 1.5 km, where the route intersects with short-distance route PR CV 158 El Carrascar de Parcent and heads up to the **Coll de Rates** viewpoint.

PR CV 425 ALCALALÍ - COLL DE RATES



OUTLINE OF THE ROUTE



This pass between La Vall del Pop and La Vall de Tàrbena traditionally harboured bandits.

The views are stunning and it is worth taking the time to study the information panel and identify nearby villages and mountain ranges. Retrace your steps to make your way down along short-distance route PR CV 158, heading towards Parcent this time. Notice the stone steps that facilitated communications between villages. People would travel on foot, by donkey or by mule in those days.

This path, known as *Camí de les Revoltes* or *Camí de la Pansa*, offers stunning views over Parcent, and is scented with the fragrance of autochthonous Mediterranean vegetation (rosemary, heather, thyme, etc). You might see wild boar tracks if you look closely.

Along the *Camí dels Pous* you will encounter one of the **wells** the path is named after. This is a good place to stop and rest, under the shade of one of the many carob trees.

Continue along to the main road, and head towards Alcalalí along the right until you reach *Camí dels Molins*. Continue along this path. Almond and orange trees will accompany you on towards the next destination: **Sant Joan Mosquera Chapel** (Ermita de Sant Joan Mosquera). This construction was once part of an ancient Moorish farmhouse, and around the year 1600 the chapel celebrated one of the most popular festivities in the region on 24th June.

Retrace part of the route back to the first track and on to Alcalalí.

MAIN POINTS	Distance	Duration
1 Calle Ravalet	0 m.	0
2 Camí Tàrbena	3.098 m.	1hr. 11
3 Coll de Rates viewpoint	4.776 m.	2hrs. 40
4 Well	7.457 m.	3hrs. 10
5 S. J. Mosquera Chapel	9.333 m.	3hrs. 38
1 Calle Ravalet	10.781 m.	4hrs.