



5. FARMHOUSES IN THE FAITANAR ORCHARD

TOURIST ROUTE THROUGH SOUTHERN VILLAGES – LA TORRE-FAITANAR

GENERAL MAP OF THE ROUTE



LOCATION OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION



HISTORY

Faitanar is an extensive agricultural area within the municipal district of València, bordering Xirivella, Picanya, and Paiporta, and separated from the city center by the new course of the Turia River. These fields are irrigated by the Faitanar irrigation ditch and partly by the Andarella irrigation ditch, a subsidiary of the Mislata irrigation ditch, all regulated by the Water Court (Tribunal de las Aguas).

The term Faitanar derives from the Arabic *faīd an-nahr*, meaning "the flood of the stream," likely referring to the Rambleta, an intermittent stream that historically flowed from this area towards the present-day neighborhoods of San Marcelino and la Creu Coberta. Today, the Rambleta name is used for a park and cultural center located in that neighborhood. Historically, Faitanar belonged to the Patraix district, but currently, it is managed jointly with La Torre under the administration of La Torre-Faitanar.

Faitanar has never developed into a consolidated urban center, and its settlement has traditionally consisted of around fifty farmhouses scattered throughout the orchard. Despite the current administrative boundaries, which now officially include areas historically part of La Torre (such as the new Sociópolis neighborhood), the historical boundary between Faitanar and La Torre is marked by the old Picassent road and the Favara irrigation ditch, running parallel in a north-south direction.

Despite having been traversed in recent times by significant infrastructures that fragment it (such as the FGV railway, the CV-36 motorway, or more recently, the Valencia-Madrid AVE), and degraded by the proximity of the Quart-Benàger sewage treatment plant and various industrial estates, Faitanar still retains a large extension of productive fields, as well as a considerable number of historically significant farmhouses, albeit in varying states of conservation. Noteworthy are those located around Perrina Road (**photos 1 and 2**), such as the farmhouse of the same name, Les Alqueries Noves or Del Patriarca, Chirivella, Masero, El Cudol, or Quintín; or Dels Aiguamolls, near the Turia River bed and next to the AVE viaduct (**photos 3 and 4**), where the sign for this point on the route is located.

If we cross the railway via the existing overpass, we will find Alquería de Rocatí (**photo 9**), one of the oldest and most important in this area, which housed a school attended by children from Faitanar and La Torre; Burguet, near the new course of the Turia River (**photos 5 and 6**), and Maroto, next to the old Torrent road (**photos 7 and 8**), in good conservation condition, or Baix, near the border with Picanya, built in the 14th-15th centuries.

On the other side of the CV-36 motorway, stand out the farmhouses of Ferrer, La Purísima, or the Campaneta mill, among others; although, unfortunately, they are in a significantly degraded state of conservation.

The protection of the orchard and most of these buildings in different catalogs and regulatory instruments, along with their enhancement by citizen movements as cultural and heritage vectors, will be the first step towards their definitive recovery.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address: Perrina road and Alqueria dels Aiguamolls road.

ACCESSIBILITY

Understand that the route follows roads and paths through agricultural fields without sidewalks, so pedestrians should exercise caution when walking along the roadway, especially in the first part of the route.

There are no reduced mobility parking spaces nearby.





PHOTO 1 and 2. Chirivella farmhouse and orchard landscape next to the Perrina road.



PHOTO 3 and 4. Farmhouse of Aiguamoll





PHOTO 5 and 6. Alqueria de Burguet. Vine arbour and barbed wire





PHOTO 7 and 8. Farmhouse of Maroto and ditch next to the camí vell of Torrent





PHOTO 9. Orchard of Faitanar and Farmhouse of Rocatí in the background

