

# 2. ALTERS MILLS

**TOURIST ROUTE THROUGH NORTHERN VILLAGES - POBLE NOU** 



# **GENERAL MAP OF THE ROUTE**





# **LOCATION OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION**



#### **HISTORY**

The Molí dels Alters is a flour and rice mill from the early 19th century, located next to the Camino de Moncada **(photos 1 and 2)**. The earliest reference to it dates back to 1817, when it was leased to Josep Donderis, from a family of professional millers. The mill also includes a two-story adjacent house where the workers lived, following the typical farmhouse format of the Valencian Community. It remained operational until the mid-20th century, later focusing on animal feed milling and operating with electricity.

These mills operated using water power from the Petra branch of the Mestalla irrigation canal, which rotated a millstone to grind grain. Over time, metal began to replace various parts of the mill, and from the 19th century onwards, machinery was added to automate parts of the process.

The building has a rectangular floor plan with one wing and two floors, topped by a double-pitched roof with Arab tile. The layout of the old mill's various rooms is still preserved, although the machinery has disappeared. Despite no longer functioning as a mill, the underground hydraulic circuit is still maintained (photo 3). The front part has been modified due to urbanization, covering the canal, making the mill less visible. However, the rear part remains in the orchard area, with the Petra canal still visible. The complex consists of several sections from different periods, expanded over time and parts replaced to adapt to technological advancements.

The building is deteriorating and requires comprehensive rehabilitation.

Near the Molí dels Alters, on the adjacent Camino del Assagador, lies the Tallarròs farmhouse, inhabited by farmers until 1980. The complex comprises two single-winged buildings attached to each other, appearing as one unit. It has undergone numerous transformations and expansions over time, incorporating construction elements ranging from the 14th-15th centuries to the 17th century. Its deterioration is also notable, with some consolidation work already undertaken (photo 4).

Both the Molí dels Alters and the Tallarròs farmhouse were declared Local Relevance Assets in 2015 in the "Catalog of Protected Assets and Spaces" of the General Urban Development Plan of the city of València.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Address: Camino de Moncada, 189

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

Parking: There are no parking spaces nearby.

**Access:** The sidewalk ends in the vicinity of the mill, transitioning into a marked pathway, and then the sidewalk resumes. There is no curb ramp to access it again.







PHOTO 1 and 2. Molí del Alters from different perspectives





**PHOTO 3.** Detail of the hydraulic system of the Molí dels Alters



PHOTO 4. Tallarròs Farmhouse

