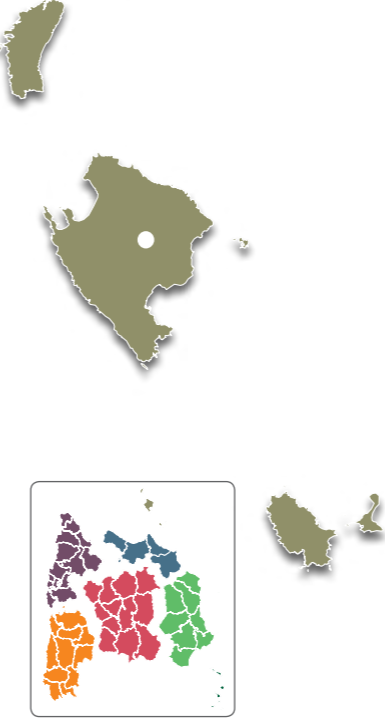


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# NATURAL TRAIL SON JUNY



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**1.** Starting at Passeig Joan Mas i Mates, located at the exit of the urban area of Sant Joan, the short Son Juny Nature Trail runs between farming areas up to the nearby Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation.

In the town and its surroundings, we can find several sights, such as the parish church, windmills, a restored traditional waterwheel and public wells, like the Well of Son Santos.

As the traveler moves forward, Sant Joan is left behind, leaving an outstanding background of silhouettes made up by the Church of St. John the Baptist and the windmill of Martí Gran, which rises next to a high tower on a hill, nowadays turned into a restaurant.

**2.** Throughout the entire route, the views of the typical rural surroundings of the Pla de Mallorca are magnificent, with wheat fields and small gardens irrigated thanks to pumps that extract water from the subsoil.

The route runs among pine trees (*Pinus halepensis*), mastic (*Pistacia lentiscus*) and grey-leaved cistus (*Cistus albidus*), dotted with some olive trees (*Olea europaea*) and carob trees (*Ceratonia siliqua*) that create a small forest mass among the farming fields.

The ancient constructions in dry stone, documented in the Balearic Islands since the 13th century, have been reproduced for the paving of the trail. The use of this material declined in the 20th century due to the

## A RESTORED NATURE TRAIL



The trail has been paved with rustic stones, and dry stone walls have been built at both sides, according to the techniques used in the 13th century for the construction of the ancient cart trails. This traditional material is typical from the Mediterranean area and it is still used nowadays in the island of Mallorca for the construction and building of walls to separate plots, traditional houses, paths, etc.

The Son Juny Nature Trail departs from Sant Joan, a municipality of Muslim origin and agricultural tradition located in the center of the island. It covers around 500 meters up to the Shrine of Nuestra Señora de la Consolación, permitting to enjoy the typical agricultural landscape of Pla de Mallorca or Plain of Mallorca.

abandonment of agricultural areas and the development of mass tourism in the 1960s. Currently, many of these ancient structures are protected in the Balearic archipelago.

The entire route is lit with streetlights and equipped with litter bins. In addition, interpretative panels with didactic information have been installed at both ends of the trail.

**3.** E3. At the end of the route, by the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, there is a big parking lot that makes the access to the sight easier, as motor vehicles cannot access the nature trail.

This is a really nice route to go for a bike ride. Likewise, given the characteristics of the route, with certain elevation, short length, a surface without slope and access front he urban area of Sant Joan, the nature trail is suitable for people with reduced mobility.

## SHRINE OF NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA CONSOLACIÓN

An asphalt trail links the Son Juny trail to the Shrine of Consolation, located 100 m away. Its origins date back to the 13th century, although it was restored between 1755 and 1780 and, later on, between 1959 and 1966. Inside it, there is a statue of the Virgin from the 16th century, restored in 1917. Stone steps lead to a chapel located by a big cistern, with a well on the upper part that is used as a viewpoint from which beautiful views of the region can be admired.



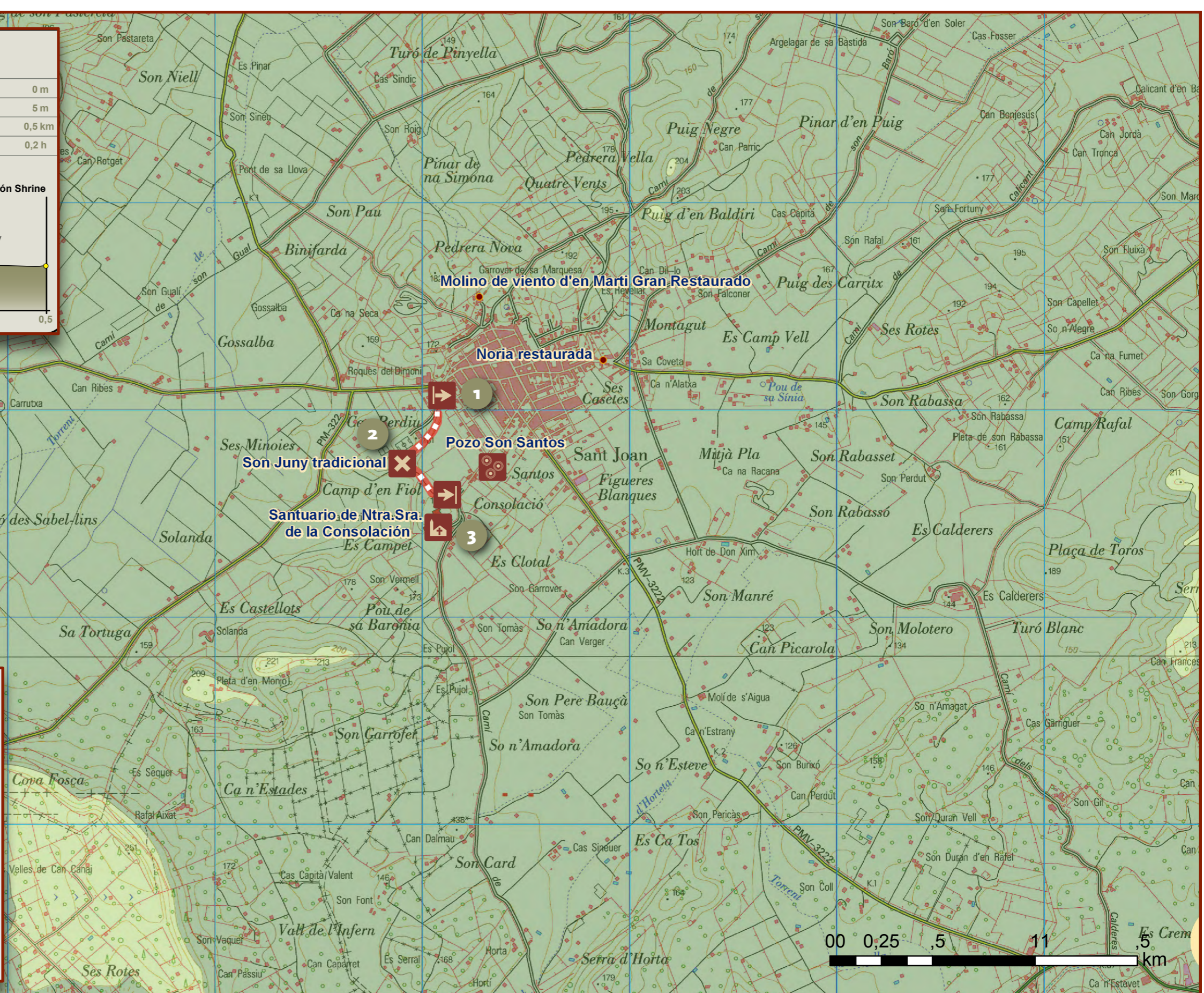
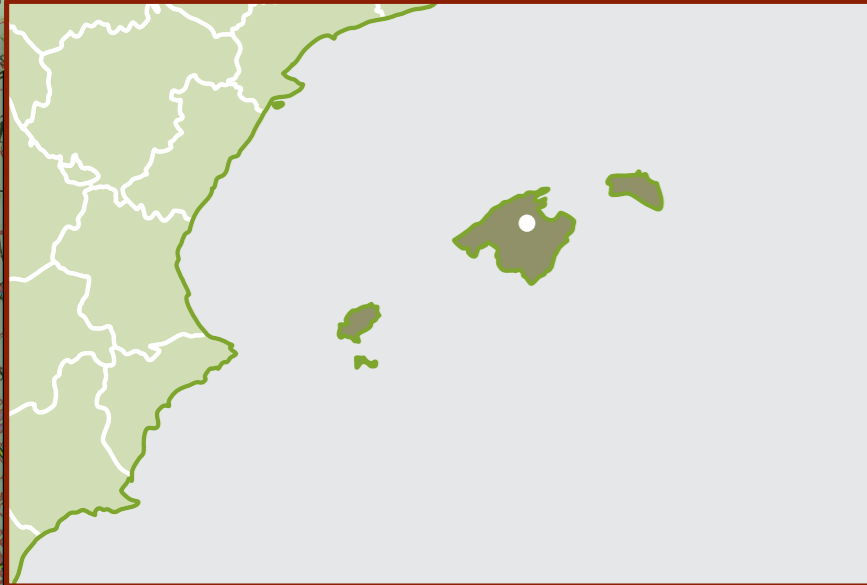
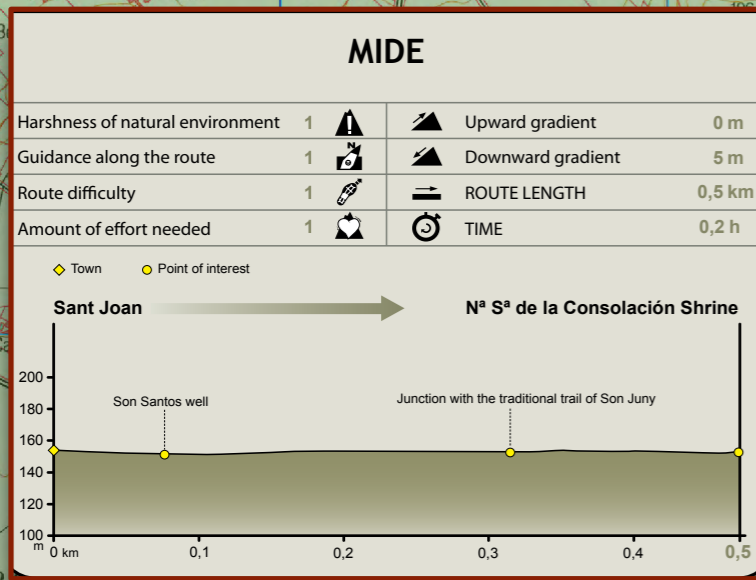
Windmill of Martí Gran



Shrine of Nuestra Señora de la Consolación



Waterwheel of Sant Joan



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- Starting point
- End of Trail
- Junction
- Religious building
- Others sights of interest