

Track 3. WALLS – PORTAL DE LA FONT.

The historic site is the most outstanding aspect of Vilafamés. This is surrounded by the remains of the walls that enclose an elongated area that conserves the form of the hill upon which the town sits. The existing remains and the defensive towers can be found in this guide colored with a continuous blue line. The missing walls are indicated with a discontinuous line.

The construction of the walls dates from 1375, after the conquest of the village. They were rebuilt and repaired in later eras.

There remain towers, both circular and quadrangular, attached to what is left of the walls, as well as some freestanding ones that can be seen on this visit. You can find them in points 10, 16, 21, 27 and 48 in this guide.

Nowadays, the existing walls show us how they were adapted for purposes of defense (the loopholes) in order to place the artillery during the Carlist Wars, which were very important in these regions.

At this point, where we stand now, there was a gateway called “El Portal de la Font”, which, along with the other three gates that enclosed the town, were destroyed in the XIX century. They were used by the inhabitants and their beasts of burden, which lived in the stables located on the ground floor or the basement of their owner’s dwelling.

If you step carefully to the wall, you will see that the landscape consists of two different parts: the plains and the mountains that surround them. The plains are divided into small plots, used for cultivation. Some are irrigated, others are not. We recommend that you enjoy the beauty and monumental character of the century-old olive trees.

Some of the mountainous areas that are not cultivated have beautiful formations composed of Mediterranean pines and kermes oak trees.

This is the end of the Walls – Portal de la Font. You can proceed to the 4th point QR, the Town Hall and Surroundings.