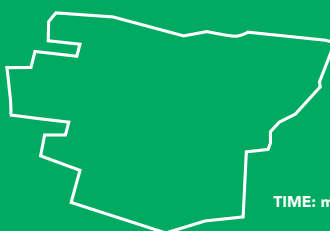


I am AGNÈS, I'm 68 years old and I spent the last 25 years working in a haberdashery. After years of work in the tigernuts and sewing arrangements, I decided to open a haberdashery shop in my father's old workspace, here at home, when he died. I was lucky, and we got along pretty well. Now I have passed it on to two young girls, who besides selling thread, wool, buttons, pyjamas and gowns like I did, organize courses and workshops on sewing and pattern making. I was invited to participate many times... And I am delighted! I'm lucky to have always lived in this neighbourhood. I've always enjoyed a lot the patron saint's day parties in summer, the proximity to the orchard, going to Valencia with friends, going down the road from Vera to the beach... There are so many good memories!



TIME: morning/evening/night

#memory
#customs
#heritage
#identity



BENIMACLET

by Agnès

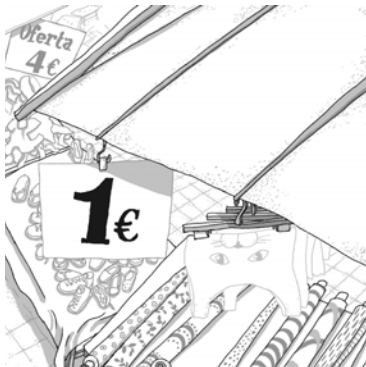
BENIMACLET NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Av. Valladolid, 42

I have been associated for about 30 years, since they arrived to this place, although they already have 44 years of history. Time just flies by! We've achieved a lot of improvements for the neighborhood during these years and we're more than proud!

STREET MARKET ON FRIDAYS

C/ Sant Esperit and surrounding area



A street market is set in the centre of the neighbourhood on Fridays. I always pass by and since I know some of the families who set up stalls, I go and greet them. In the end, I almost always see something that I like and I take it home with me. Besides, I always meet neighbours, so it's very entertaining. The market has a medium size, which I would say is very good for Benimaclet, and you can find all sorts of clothes, junk and things for home, household goods, flowers...

EL COLMADO

C/ Místral, 39

fb: elcolmadoatapasylatas



I've known this place my whole life as the "Trencadís" House. It belonged to a constructor admirer of Gaudí who, with this fantastic work, put colour in the neighbourhood. For a long time, it was the fruit and vegetable shop "JOVANI" appearing in Pedro Almodóvar's film "La mala educación". Now it's a bar that offers tapas based on fish and vegetables cans, I think. I just hope it keeps its well-groomed appearance for many more years.

CHURCH OF LA ASUNCIÓN

Benimaclet Square, 1

This church is a very important building for many people in the neighbourhood. According to the parish priest, it sits on an old hermitage of the 16th century, in which farmers from all over the Vega de Valencia usually celebrated the feasts of the patron saints of Abdón and Senén. The images inside are reproductions, because during the Civil War (1936-1939) the original ones were burned. For me, the greatest curiosity that can be found in the temple is in the presacristy: it is a tombstone from the year 1000, from a Muslim converted to Christianity.

ALQUERÍA SERRA

C/ Alquería de Serra



This old farmhouse is possibly as old as the neighbourhood or even older. I read once that it is already mentioned in documents from the 14th century. It gives me the impression that it needs to be restored, because it is slowly falling apart. My mother says it is one of the nicest places in the area, and that she used to come here to buy milk when she was a child.



BAR-RESTAURANTE PLANETA AZUL

C/ Enric Navarro, 22

It is a familiar bar, with a very cozy atmosphere. As well as the typical bocadillos and tapas, they have traditional dishes. You can eat like at home here!

Nearby alternatives:

BAR ALEJANDRO, C/ Enric Navarro, 34

LENCERÍA CARICIAS

C/ Utiel, 12

I've always bought my underwear and my father's pyjamas here. It is a small shop and the owner knows all the customers by name. I love shopping here!

CAROLA REIG SALVÁ LIBRARY

C/ Francisco Martínez, 34

The municipal library is frankly fine, and in the afternoons there is a nice atmosphere and it is filled with boys and girls going there to do their homework. I usually go there to read the newspaper in the morning, after walking with my friends on the "Via Churra" to Alboraya. Every once in a while I borrow a novel to read it at home.



VICENTE ZARAGOZÁ TRAM STOP

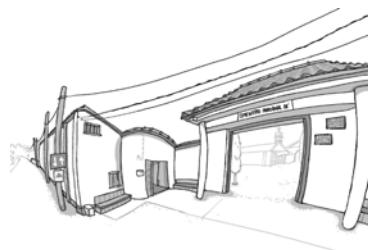


Every time I pass by, it comes to my mind how life in the neighbourhood has changed. It's like reliving the days of crossing the tracks, the wall of the train, the small old station... Luckily, everything has changed now and, although it looks like people living in Benimaclet are living isolated in a kind of an island, that is not true at all.

BENIMACLET CEMETERY

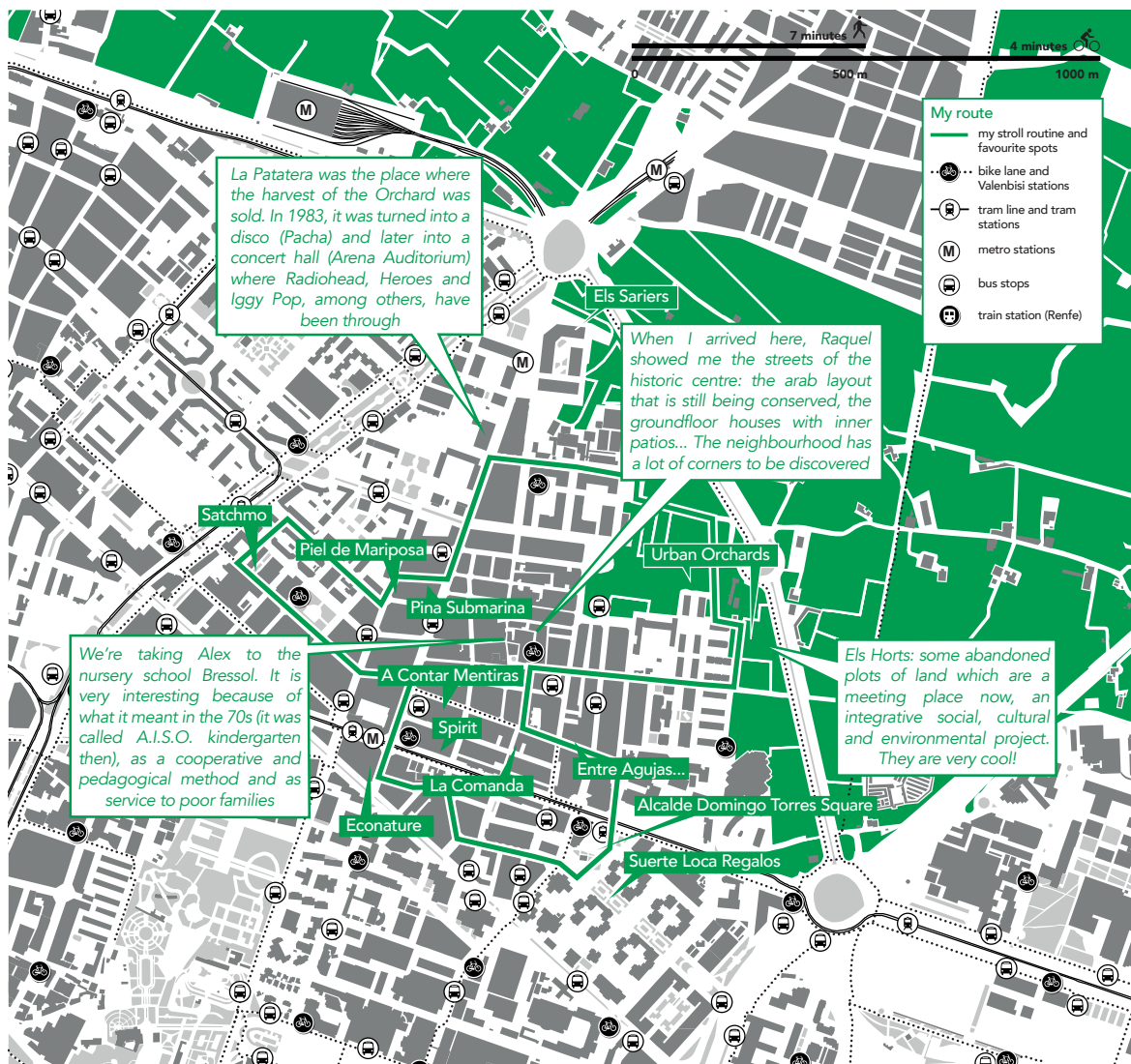
Camí de les Fonts

The cemetery is next to the old "Via Churra", and it is now a route for cyclists and to stroll through the garden. In fact, I go there for a walk every morning and pass by the cemetery. We'll all meet us there in the end! My ancestors are buried there, and every November the 1st I bring flowers to my father. We buy them right there, in the florist's shop on the old road.

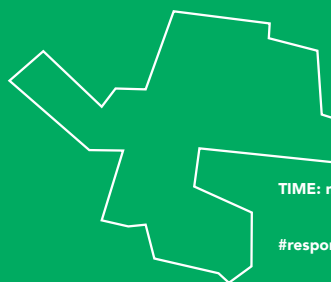


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Hi, I'm ALEJANDRO, from Cali, Colombia. I arrived in Benimaclet while looking for a shared apartment some time ago, when I was 32. What happened next is history as I met Raquel, my landlady and flatmate at that time, and we fell in love. Fruit of that love Alex came to this world. Now we live in his grandmother's flat, in this neighbourhood too, which was empty a few years ago. The neighbourhood looks really cool to me, and especially when I think of my son Alex, who has helped me to live Benimaclet in a different way and to discover local places and corners I didn't know before. It's fantastic!



TIME: morning/afternoon

#family
#responsibleconsumption
#publicspace
#dancing



BENIMACLET

by Alejandro

SUERTE LOCA REGALOS

C/ Guardia Civil, 16
<https://www.suertelocaregalos.com/>

Sometimes Alex wants to keep playing with his friends after school and we stay in the gardens of this street. While he is playing, I sometimes take the chance to get into the Suerte Loca Regalos. It is a very nice shop where you can get very original gifts, both for children and adults.

HORCHATERÍA ELS SARIERS

C/ Sarcet, 6
fb: [horchateriaelsariers](https://www.facebook.com/horchateriaelsariers)

It was in this horchatería that I first tasted the horchata, and I loved it! Raquel says they make the best fartons in the neighborhood. We also come some weekends during winter to have a nice cup of chocolate with churros, although Alex prefers pumpkin fritters. The truth is that you can come all year round!

Nearby alternatives:
HORCHATERÍA RIN, C/ Emilio Baró, 83



ENTRE AGUJAS Y GANCHILLOS

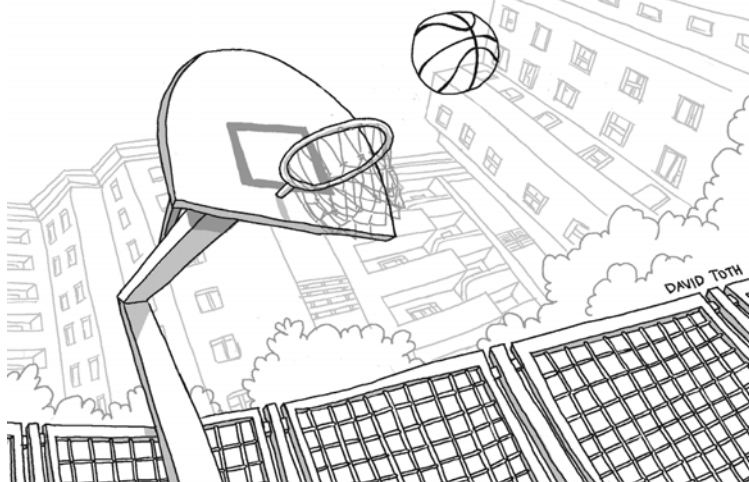
C/ Enric Navarro, 27
fb: [entreaguasyganchillos](https://www.facebook.com/entreaguasyganchillos)

I have a weakness for handicrafts and I particularly love knitting. In this shop, you can not only find all the typical haberdashery products that they sell, but you can also participate in the knitting and crocheting workshops that they organize for all levels.

Nearby alternatives:
ESPERANZA RECICLA, C/ Viver, 8



ALCALDE DOMINGO TORRES SQUARE



Before Alex came into our lives... the daily visit to this square was sacred! To relieve myself of the daily accumulated stress, I used to come here before dinner to play basketball with people on the court. There's usually a great ambience from 5:30 p.m. onwards. Now I walk through the park daily, in the hope of throwing some balls with Alex very soon.

PIEL DE MARIPOSA

C/ Dolores Marqués, 30
<http://tiendas.pieldemariposa.es/valencia/>



We come here when we need a little gift or occasionally just to see what's new there. It is a store that sells donated items to get money to finance social projects for patients with Butterfly Skin and their families.

Nearby alternatives:
SETEMCV - COMERCIO JUSTO, C/ Utiel, 16

DANCING IN BENIMACLET

In Benimaclet you can dance a lot, and almost everything. We signed up for lindy-hop at SATCHMO and it was very funny. Later on, we wanted to learn swing at SPIRIT BENIMACLET, and it was also great. My friend Pilar convinced me some time later to sign up for a quick self-defence course at A CONTAR MENTIRAS. I liked this place so much that I keep on going there to practice Pilates.

The truth is that this neighbourhood has become a great place to learn how to dance, not only for children but also for adults. Many of these places organize events and exhibitions too. Now we come a lot to LA PINA SUBMARINA, where they offer dance and theatre workshops, and they organize shows which are well worth it. We've already brought Alex, trying to show him their enthusiasms!

Learn to dance in Benimaclet:

SPIRIT BENIMACLET - Swing school
C/ Dr. Vicente Zaragoza, 29
fb: [Spiritbenimaclet](https://www.facebook.com/Spiritbenimaclet)

SATCHMO - Lindy Hop, Balboa, Jazz Steps & Tap dancing
C/ Albocácer, 33
<http://swingvalencia.es/>

LA PINA SUBMARINA - Dance and theatre "laundry"
C/ Salvador Almenar, 3
<https://www.lapinasubmarina.com/>

A CONTAR MENTIRAS - Pilates, contemporary and oriental dance workshops
C/ Leonor Jovani, 12
<http://www.acontarmentiras.com/>

ORGANIC AND FAIR TRADE SUPERMARKETS



I think it was just after Raquel got pregnant that we started to worry and to take better care of our food. Now we know very well where the products we consume come from, and we are lucky that there are several shops we can trust in the neighbourhood. There are stores specialized in organic food, food for coeliacs, herbalist and natural cosmetics, vegan and even fair trade products.

Organic and fair trade products:
LA COMANDA A GRANEL, C/ Juan Giner, 13
ECONATURE SUPERMARKET, C/ Emilio Baró, 1

URBAN ORCHARDS

<http://www.huertosurbanosbenimaclet.com/>



Benimaclet's urban orchards are an initiative of the Benimaclet Neighbours' Association, which wanted to recover this garden space for vegetables. It is managed in collaboration with horticulturalists from the area and through a transfer of the City Council. With this initiative, land that had been abandoned for more than fifteen years has been recovered. Among other things, part of the traditional irrigation ditch system has been restored. It is a composting point too and it promotes organic farming and community work. We love it and, in fact, we share a small plot with some friends. We've met a lot of people from the neighbourhood there, and Alex has a great time running after chickens.



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I am FERRAN, I'm 20 years old and I come from Pego, the last town of Alicante, close to Valencia. I share an apartment with two other mates, who also come from the Safor region. I study computer science and they do Fine Arts and are artists. I like this very much, because they have made our old flat full of colour, paintings, sculptures... and they also update me on the social and cultural life of the neighbourhood. The thing I like most about Benimaclet is the location (it is very close to university), and the fact that I don't pay too much for the rent. Although it looks like a village, there's a lot to do here... It's like a bubble which I barely leave and I don't even need to!



TIME: morning/evening

#creation
#music
#culture
#students



BENIMACLET

by Ferran



PHOTOGRAPHY SCHOOLS

I've got to know several places in the neighbourhood through one of my flatmates, who is a photography lover. They offer lessons for all levels and ages. They organize very interesting exhibitions too. If I pass near these places and they are open, I just go in and see what they're up to.

Photography schools:
LA FOTOESCUELA, C/ Utiel, 6
EFEDEPHOTO, C/ Alegret, 10

LOS TALLERES

For those who like innovation, design and technological creation, we're lucky to have places for all this in Benimaclet. It's all about spaces where you can blow your mind. There are workshop spaces available, as well as multitude of materials (carboards, wood, methacrylate, fabrics...), tools (laser cutting, milling machines, 3D printers, bookbinding, etc.), and the necessary advice to help you to make your designs come true. I do like them a lot. Just some examples: I love to stop by ARCHICERCLE, which is at Utiel Street, 6 to see what they are doing; or by EL LABORATORIO DE FABRICACIÓN, at Poet Carles Salvador, 8 where they have created, in cooperation with LAS NAVES (a cultural entity depending on the City Council of Valencia), an innovation project called FABRICA BARRI (<http://fabricabarri.com/>).



FIARE BANCA ÉTICA

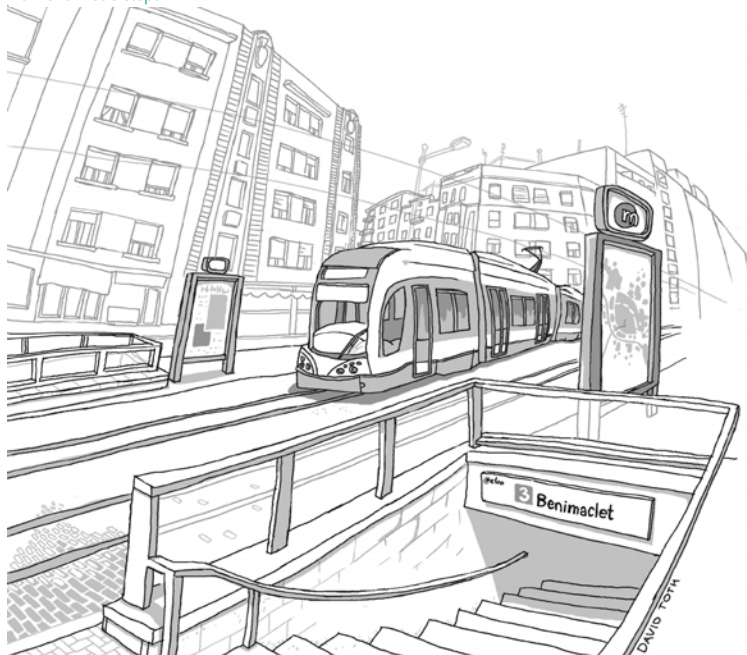
C/ Utiel, 16
www.fiarebancaetica.coop



I first found Fiare's Territorial Initiative Group through ACOEC, the Association for Cooperation between Communities, which is their information point. There was nothing like this in Pego and I find this idea of a credit union absolutely interesting. ACOEC also organizes social and international cooperation activities.

BENIMACLET STATION

Tram and metro stops



For me, it's the main entrance to get into the neighbourhood. Every Sunday night there is a horde of students coming from the North Train Station after visiting their families during the weekend. This station is perfect to go anywhere, since you can also take the tram to the university, to El Cabanyal and the beach, or to l'horta nord or Pont de Fusta.

EL GLOP

Benimaclet Square, 3

Legendary in the neighbourhood. It has been and the meeting point of several generations of students, and it still is. What I like the most is the special good vibes in the atmosphere and also that everyone who comes here does it with to just have a good time. It is a real reference for any student who has passed through Valencia, you just need to ask!

Nearby alternatives:
LA GRAMOLA, C/ Barón de San Petrillo, 9



KAF CAFÉ

C/ Arquitecto Arnau, 16
fb: [kafcafebenimaclet](https://www.facebook.com/kafcafebenimaclet)



Before I came to study here, I already knew the Kaf Café. Some friends from my village were living in Benimaclet and, when I came to visit them for some weekends, we were coming here for recitals or concerts or just to have a drink or to have dinner in such a pleasant environment. They're still working in the same way as then, and we keep on coming as regular customers.

Nearby alternatives:
TULSA CAFÉ BAR, C/ Juan Giner, 11



SOCIAL CENTRE - BAR TERRA

C/ Barón de San Petrillo, 9
<http://elterra.org/>

My flatmates come usually here, and I join them whenever I can. It is a self-managed social centre, and I like the way they run it. I think they do a great job for the Valencian language and for our culture in general. Besides, when they are not organizing a debate, a talk, a discussion or a book presentation, they're playing documentaries or live music. And, as it has to be... prices are very popular!

CIM Benimaclet

CENTRE INSTRUCTIU MUSICAL

C/ Barón de San Petrillo, 14
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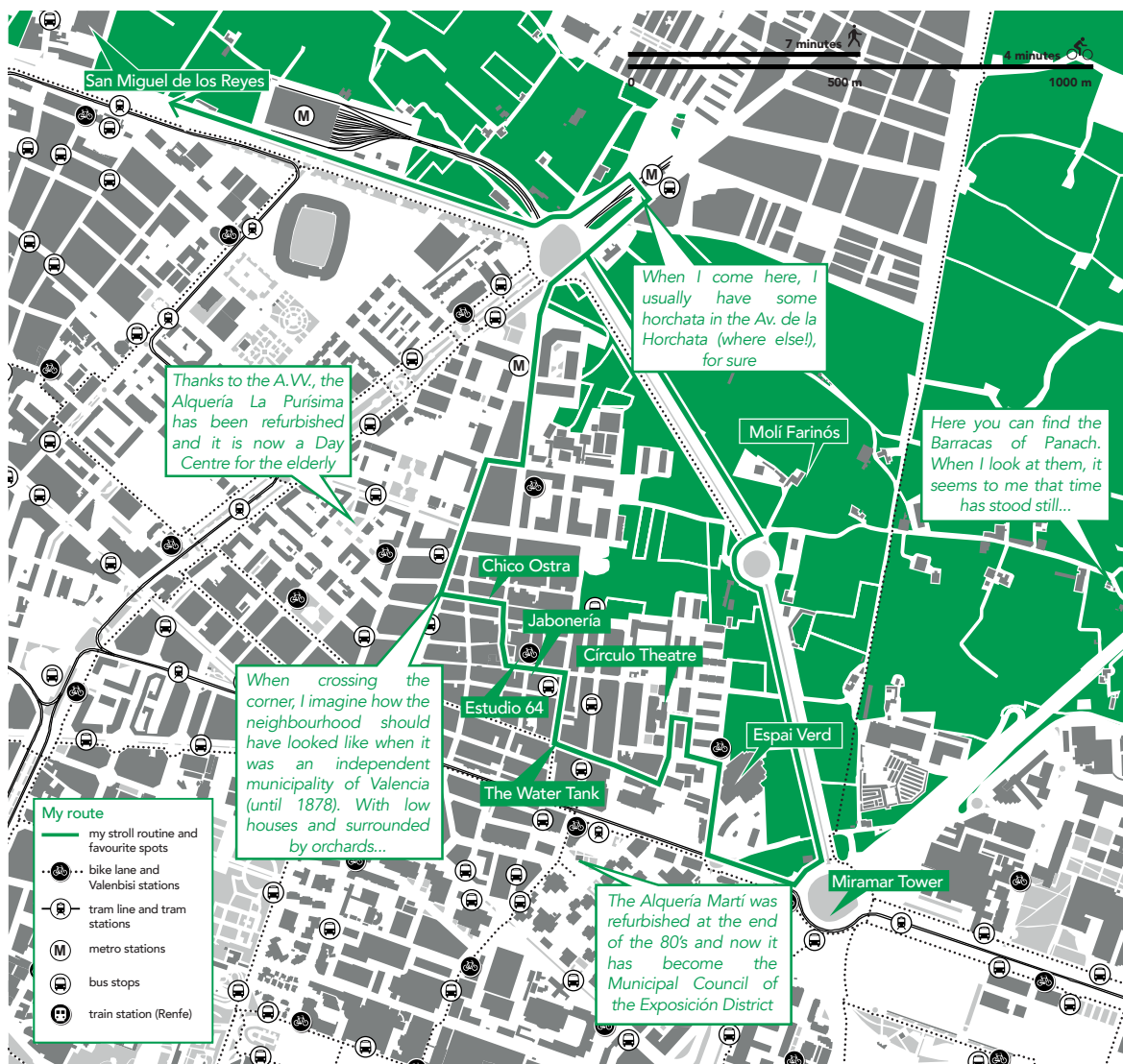


I was in a band in my village, but I left it and I've taken it back in this neighbourhood. The CIM is an association where music has been taught since 1910: playing instruments, musical language, musicology... They also have a choir, a rondalla, a band and an orchestra. On the ground floor they serve breakfast, lunch, meals... I love it. And, of course, they organize a lot of activities for both children and adults.



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My name is TERESA, I'm an architect and, during my studies, I was coming and going from my village, Torrent, to the Polytechnic University of Valencia (UPV) every day. I got to know this neighbourhood then, while doing projects for the subject of town planning, and I slowly fell in love with it until it came the time to take decisions. Along with two classmates, I decided to create a collaborative workspace. We wanted it to be in Benimaclet because all of us enjoyed the idea of being part of everything that was going on in this neighbourhood. We've already been working here for several years and I've also been looking for a flat to live in Benimaclet. In all this time, I've discovered places I would highly recommend.



TIME: morning/evening

#heritage
#walks
#culture
architecture



BENIMACLET

by Teresa



SAN MIGUEL DE LOS REYES

Av. Constitución, 284

Although it is outside the neighbourhood, a visit to this 16th century Renaissance building is a must for history and heritage lovers. Thousands of Republican supporters were imprisoned there and, after being refurbished in 1999, it became the headquarters of the Valencian Library. Free guided tours are organised on Saturdays and Sundays at 12:00 and 13:00 and there is no need to register in advance. It's worth a trip to see it!



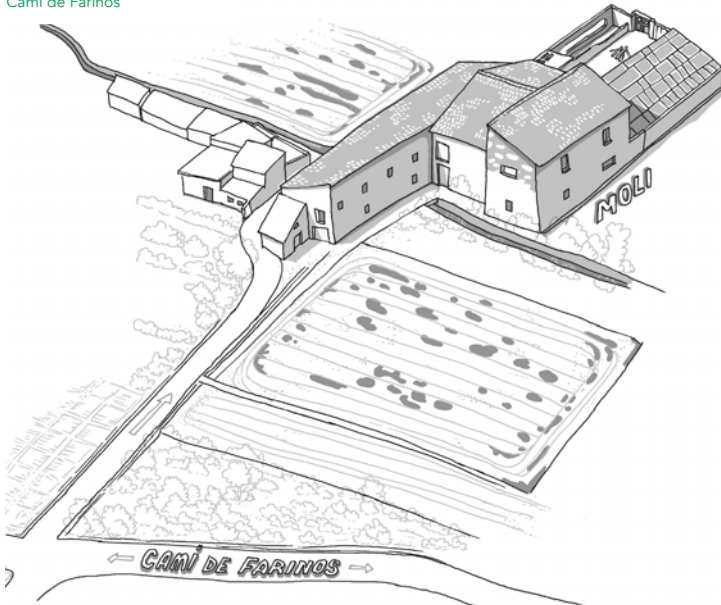
THE WATER TANK

C/ Enric Navarro and C/ Mistral

This deposit has witness value for Benimaclet neighbours, who have turned it into an urban icon. The Company of Trams and Valencian Railways ordered to build it to supply employees nearby houses. It is currently a reminder of how urban services have been changing. For me, it's a vestige that speaks of the neighbourhood's past.

MOLÍ FARINÓS

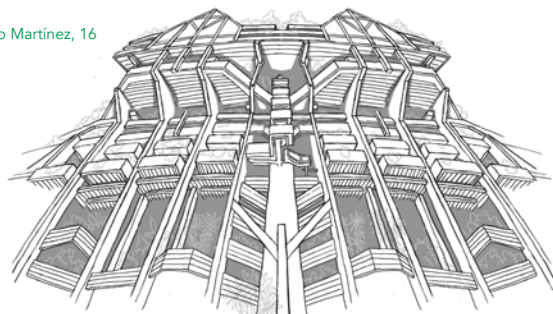
Camí de Farinós



If you take the old road to Vera, you pass near a building which is in the orchard right on the top of the irrigation ditch: it is a flour mill that was used to grind grain with some stones. Although there's no trace of the machinery left, I always entertain myself with its presence.

ESPAI VERD

C/ Músico Hipólito Martínez, 16



It is a landmark in the neighbourhood: its design, its materiality, its building process and management make it a very unique residential building. It was conceived by the architect Antonio Cortés Ferrando and built in 1986 by the cooperative called the same name. All dwellings are different. In addition, this building has many common areas such as elevated gardens, a swimming pool and an indoor track for exercise without having to get out of it. If you want more information, I recommend you the website "benimacletconta.com", an initiative created by the association of neighbours, where you can find high interesting information about this and other emblematic spaces. Nearby there is also another good building: the Benlliure Housing Cooperative, based on Ricardo Bofill's building "Walden 7".

CÍRCULO THEATRE

C/ Prudenci Alcón i Mateu, 3

<http://teatrocirculo.com/>

It is a small theatre, whose company usually produces contemporary plays with strong social content. It is great to have such a theatre next door. In addition, they have discounts for students and special prices on weekdays.

JABONERÍA

C/ Murta, 2

Occupying the current social services centre, there was the former Viguer soap factory. The streets Utiel and Mistral did not exist at that time and the soap factory was one of the limits of the so-called Poblado de Benimaclet.

BOOKSHOP-CAFE "EL CHICO OSTRÁ"

C/ Músico Belando, 15

<http://chicoostrá.com/>



I think it's been open since 2010. It's a quiet and pleasant place to have a drink late in the afternoon or in the evening, surrounded by second-hand books and paintings of the exhibition at the time. In addition, they organize cultural and gastronomic activities.

Nearby alternatives:

LA OLA FRESCA-DELICAFE, C/ Músico Magenti, 11

ESTUDIO 64

C/ Benicolet, 2

<https://www.estudio64.es/>

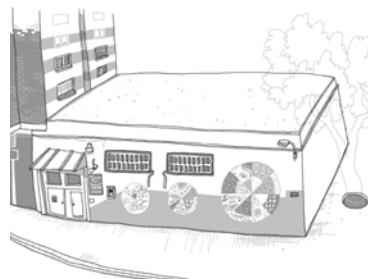


In my opinion, this bookstore is quite an institution in the world of illustration. They are specialized and have a gallery where exhibitions on the subject are often organized. In addition, there are book presentations, conferences and one-day to multi-day workshops on drawing, calligraphy, folding, collages, bookbinding...

Nearby alternatives:

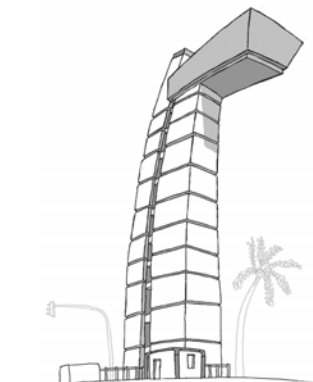
LA TRACA, C/ Enric Navarro, 15

LIBRERÍA PRIMADO, Av. Primado Reig, 102



MIRAMAR TOWER

Roundabout on Av. Catalunya and Av. Tarongers



This observation deck and all its surroundings have turned into a sad tribute to the late urban wastefulness period. It was built with the intention to spot the Valencia coastline, but it ended up being an expensive roundabout, which didn't meet all the leisure expectations. Today, all fountains, gardens and facilities are abandoned and there's no access to the viewpoint. It certainly reminds us that we are not only supposed to do things, but also to think about them before. And without losing sight of the maintenance.



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