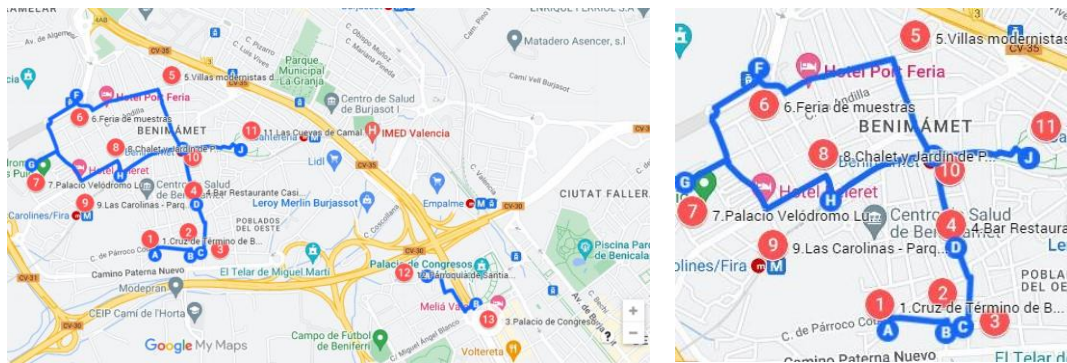


11. The Camales Caves. Parque Lineal



The Caves. Parque Lineal. Parque Carolinas

The peculiar terrain of Benimàmet made it possible to build these **limestone dwellings under the ground**.

Some are even catalogued as being of Roman origin, although a large number of them were **built during the 19th century**. They **expanded most at the start of the 20th century** to absorb the excess population, and **226** were catalogued, spread over **four areas** of Benimàmet: **Camales, Carolinas, Regina and Vista Alegre**.

Access to the house was via a central corridor leading to the bedrooms and the kitchen on the sides. Alina, and at the end was the corral with a hole that allowed light and air to enter.

The peculiarity of the stone protected the house and allowed it to remain cool in summer and warm in winter. They had electricity, but not running water or sewage. However, moisture, vehicles passing over the caves, neglect, the transfer of its residents to other housing, an blocks of flats being built nearby, have caused them to deteriorate. **Most of them were destroyed in the 1970s**.

Parque Lineal. The Camales Caves

The Benimàmet Parque Lineal is a unique area that **has resulted from the underground burying of the tramway tracks as they pass through the centre of this town**.

This green area runs from the Les Carolinas metro station to beyond Benimàmet station and includes 850 m of cycle lane, 3 children's play areas, several petanque courts, a bio-healthy park, a picnic area with 10 tables, a stage with seats for holding events and a dog socialisation area.

Within the more than **30,000 m² of landscaped area**, more than 500 trees and around 7,300 shrubs and flowering plants and it can be enjoyed on a **1,200 metre-long promenade**.

The landscaping also features 12,000 m² of Mediterranean meadow.