



# 3. THE DUNES OF PERELLONET

TOURIST ROUTE THROUGH SOUTHERN VILLAGES – EL PERELLONET

TURISMO DE BARRIOS

## GENERAL MAP OF THE ROUTE



## LOCATION OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION



AJUNTAMENT DE VALÈNCIA

## HISTORY

El Perellonet boasts a splendid beach traditionally known as El Recatí, stretching over 3.5 km between the golas of Perellonet and Perelló, with a width of about 70 meters. It is a quiet beach with fine sand.

It offers excellent surveillance and sanitary services, as well as accessibility points for people with reduced mobility. Despite the urbanization in the sixties and seventies, it retains part of the ancient dune system, especially in the central stretch **(photos 1 and 2)**.

Among the existing dunes, the most significant is the fossil dune of Penyeta **(photos 3 and 4)**, located around Hèlix Street, Lluís Sánchez Polack "Tip," and Eslora Street. It dates back more than 200,000 years and serves as a vestige of the coastline that existed long before the formation of Albufera about 6,000 years ago. The dune nearly disappeared due to the urban boom of the last century and now stands as a natural geomorphological monument. It currently occupies a special integral protection area within the natural park.

Beyond Gaviotas Avenue, the landscape changes to sandy terrain, partly occupied by rice fields and small gardens bordered by reeds and canopies to protect them from sea storms. This agricultural and rice-growing area was reclaimed from the aquatic mass of the Alcatí lake or pond, which existed between El Palmar and El Perellonet until it was definitively filled in during the late 19th and early 20th centuries **(photo 5)**.

Here, much of the famous El Perelló tomato variety, highly valued for its excellent properties, is cultivated. It can be purchased at numerous direct sales points operated by farmers who have upheld agricultural activities through generations.

Traditional San Juan bonfires on the beach were once a common sight, as in many other parts of our geography, often accompanied by a *torrà* (grilled meal) of sardines. However, these bonfires no longer occur due to environmental reasons.

You can extend your stroll along the beach, enjoying the scenery and sea, until you reach the Perelló gola: another canal, in this case of natural origin, connecting Albufera with the sea.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Address:** End of Hèlix Street

## ACCESSIBILITY

**Access:** There are curb cuts and sidewalks. The boardwalk is not adapted at this specific point on the beach.

**Parking:** The nearest disabled parking space (PMR) is located near Gaviotas Avenue, 137.



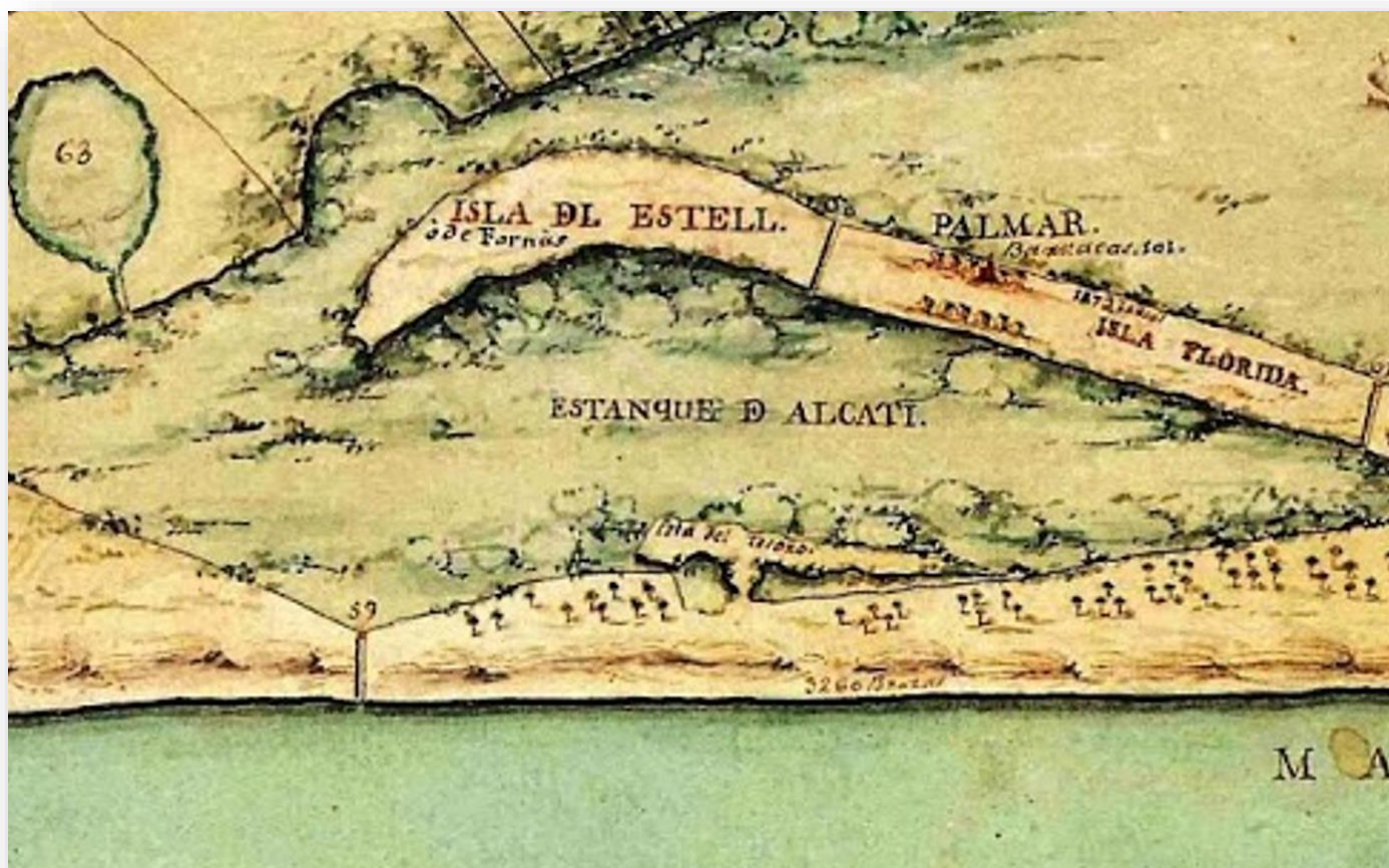


**PHOTO 1 and 2:** Access to Perellonet beach through the dunes.



PHOTO 3 and 4: The Penyeta





**PHOTO 5.** In 1751, according to the topographic map of Albufera by Juan Bautista Romero, El Perellonet was a narrow strip of land (*restinga*) between the Alcatí pond and the sea. The Perelló gola is marked as number 59 on the map.

The Alcatí pond, a large body of water that existed between El Palmar and present-day Perellonet, would later be filled in for rice cultivation. The Perellonet gola did not exist at that time.