The Torrent de Pareis is unquestionably one of Mallorca's natural wonders, and possibly its most spectacular. Born at an altitude of 150 metres, out of the confluence of two streams, the Torrent des Gorg Blau and the Torrent de Lluc, in an area known as S'Entreforc, the Torrent de Pareis meanders down to the sea along its 3.3-km course amid canyon walls and narrow breadth block the entry of natural light. These features, together with the high level of humidity, make for an extraordinary and unique ecosystem locally known by the descriptive name of Sa Fosca, or “the dark spot”.

The Torrent de Pareis originates at Tossals Verds. Its course was altered in 1972 with the construction of the Gorg Blau reservoir. With a basin measuring 14 square kilometres and an altitude difference of 627 meters, the gorge becomes more pronounced in its final section, where the canyon's towering walls and narrow breadth block the entry of natural light. This area is protected by law. There are also a small population of Sa Calobra. This should take approximately 5 hours.

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As to the birds, the stream boasts abundant populations of the rock dove (Columba livia), the blue rock thrush (Monticola solitarius), and the endemic species found here include the Mallorcan midwife toad (Alytes muletensis), an endangered amphibian exclusive to Mallorca that is protected by law. There are also a number of small endemic invertebrates, such as the small species Libellula balearica and the leaf mine (Timarcha balearica).