



7 Machine gun post

Typical fauna: Kingfisher, black-crowned night heron, little egret, cattle egret, robin, cormorant, moorhen, sandpiper, whiskered tern, black-headed gull, collared dove, greenfinch.

At dusk: We can see the roosting areas of the little egret and the cattle egret, called patxeres by residents of the delta. On summer nights, it is easy to hear call of the Scops owl (*Otus scops*), a series of high-pitched hoots. Also, in spring and summer, you can see bats flying around in search of mosquitoes and other insects.

Flora: White poplar, field elm, narrow-leaved ash, salt cedar, liquorice, giant reed, alder, black poplar.

Vegetable garden

Spring-summer = tomato, pepper, aubergine, lettuce, courgette, foxtail millet, melon, potato, beans.

Autumn-winter = spinach, chard, cabbage, artichoke, broad beans, chicory, lettuce, garlic, leek, peas, carrots.

Fruit trees = orange, olive, apple, peach, pear, quince, jujube, pomegranate.



8 Jetty



9 El Maset

Recommendations

Participants must bring a cycle helmet, and enough food and water. Depending on the time of year we also recommend bringing sun cream and mosquito repellent. The orography is completely flat, but cyclists must be well aware of the wind that is typical in the area. We advise you to bring puncture repair kits. Binoculars are also useful for bird watching.

We emphasize

The route is linear and we can park the car near the trail. Therefore, we can modulate the itinerary according to our needs and abilities.

Rules and advises



Respect the signposting and the forbidden access zones.



Respect the flora, the fauna and the environment.



Panoramic view of the river Ebro.



Camping is only permitted in the established camping areas.

Park Information Centres



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Fact sheet

Co-ordinates: 40.72395N, 0.68215E UTM 31N

Distance: 12.8 km (there and back)

Localization: The Deltebre Waterfront

Time: 2 horas, con tranquilidad

Desnivel: 2 hours at a relaxed pace

Difficulty: medium

Users: on foot, by bicycle

Surface: dirt and asphalt

Best time of year: all year round



1 Jesús i Maria church tower



2 The Belgians'House



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Route The Deltebre Waterfront

Description

km 0. We start at the Molí dels Mirons viewpoint. To our right is Gràcia Island (private property) and, to our left, the small channel that irrigates all the allotments we pass along the way. The first house we come to is the Casa Vella or 'old house'. The original owner was the Marquis of Palmerola. At one time, it was an inn for travellers on the Vapor Anita (the last riverboat in the delta at Tortosa).

300 m, Casa dels Belgues (the Belgians' House). Also called Casa Quico, it is built in colonial style, and was originally owned by Cinta Santiago. Many years later, it was bought by a Belgian family, hence its current name. Note the tall palm trees.

480 m. On Gràcia Island we can see a building with a round chimneystack next to a house called La Màquina (the machine). It was a steam-driven water wheel that took water from the river to water the estate's vegetable garden.

1,400 m, the river park. A municipal recreation area, with swings, a picnic area with shade, spits, drinking fountain, stage... A must for families with young children.

1,900 m. Here the irrigation channel leaves us and heads inland towards the town.

2,000 m. End of Gràcia Island. Just here is where the Vapor Anita, launched in 1915, sank in 1937.

3,050 m, the Garriga ferryboat. A hundred-year-old company that provided transport on a number of boats. The last Garriga ferryboat was built in 1971, which thanks to Fermín Llambrich and his nephews worked up until 30 September 2010, when



3 Orchards



4 Lo Passador Bridge

people stopped using the barcaassa (lighter) to cross the river, once the Lo Passador Bridge was opened.

Tourist boat that runs between the jetty and the estuary.

3.310 m, Lo Passador Bridge. Measuring 250 metres long and 15 metres high, it is designed so that half of its area can be used by cyclists and pedestrians. It is the site of an exhibition on the history of ferryboats.

On the Sant Jaume d'Enveja side, we can see the Camí de Sirga trail, which goes from Amposta to Migjorn – Illa de Buda, over 22 km, alongside the river all the way.

4.015 m, La Sinia. This was used to water the allotments close to the river.

4.689 m, the Olmos ferryboat. Joaquim Olmos went from being a professional cyclist to being a ferryman, which he did initially with a skiff. His son carried on the tradition and the business was expanded with a ferry and a tourist boat.

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4.744 m, Confraria de Pescadors de Sant Joan (Sant Joan Fisherman's Guild). Every day at 11.30 am (except Saturday and Sunday) a fish auction is held here.

4.866 m, the llagut (from the Arabic alud) or skiff. Here is the old skiff, which sank near Sant Antoni Island, along with another in the Ecomuseum. At the end of the nineteen eighties, they were raised from the muddy bottom and moved along the river to Deltebre.

The skiff travelled up river, dragged from the bank by men (the sirgadors, or towers), or by horses, with a towrope called a sirga. On the trip downriver, they made the most of the wind by hoisting a lateen sail, and transported stone, wood, coal, and so on. In the nineteen fifties the activity ended, as goods were transported by rail or in trucks.

4.904 m, Kayak training centre Martí Calvo. Centre de Tecnificació de Piragüisme (kayak training centre, traditional and skiff oars). There is public jetty.

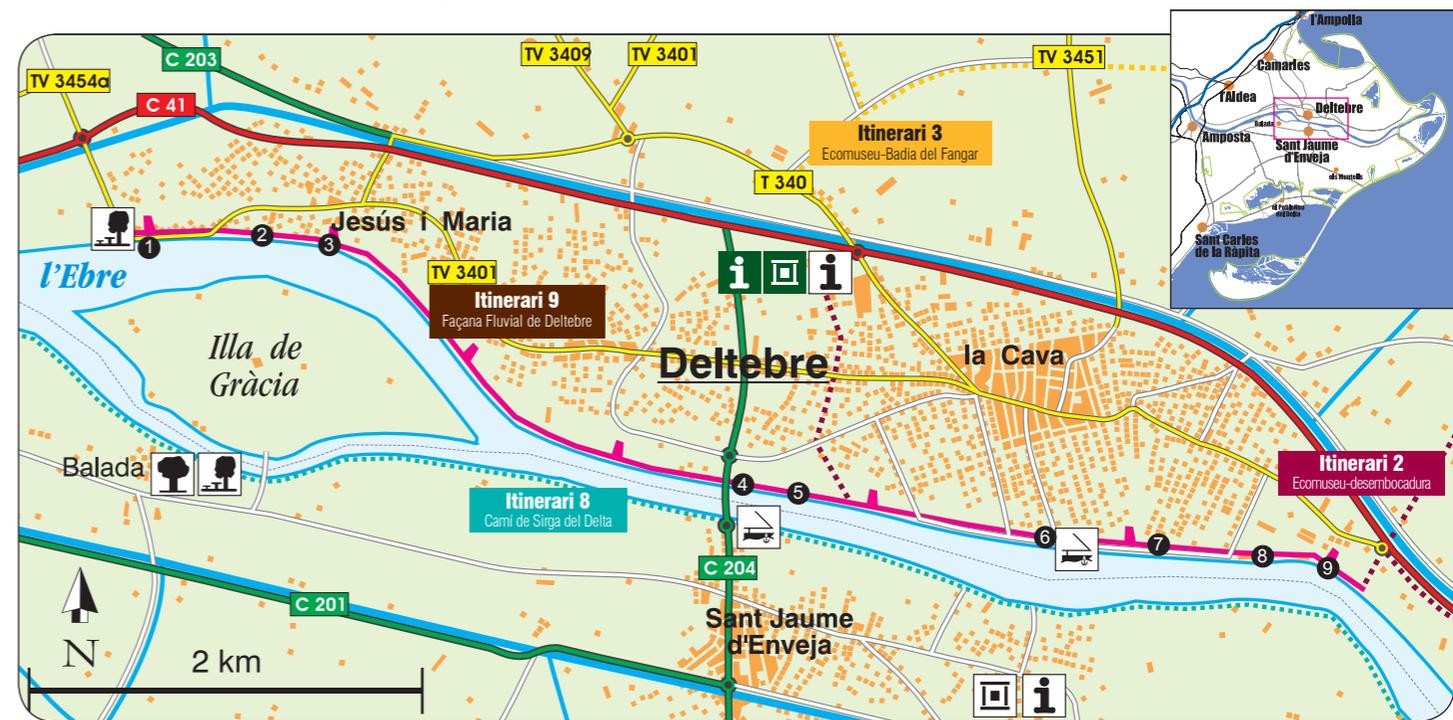
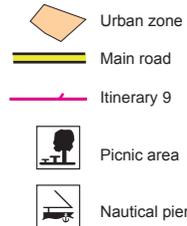
5.117 m, the La Cava ferryboat - Pas de Való. Better known amongst the locals as lo pas de Való, which comes from a nickname given to the grandfather. This ferryboat is a hundred years old. It is owned by Mr José Arques.



5 Riverside walk



6 Kayak training centre Martí Calvo



5.512 m, machine gun post. From the famous Battle of the Ebro, used during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). It was used for defence. The soldiers took refuge and shot at the enemy on the opposite bank of the river. The river marked the boundary between the Republicans and the Fascists.

5.772 m, spring and benches (Aguinaga elver farm). Just here, in this rest area, until 2005 was the Vascos hatchery, where they kept the elvers they caught and bought alive before they were sent to Aguinaga in the Basque Country.

6.093 m, El Maset. It was owned by Esteve Lamote de Grignon. Later, the estate was bought by a relative of Franco. There was a rice

mill here at one time, and you can still see the circular, pyramidal industrial chimney made of masonry. The village's first electric light was produced at El Maset in 1919, replacing acetylene gas.

6.413 m, end of trail. Tourist boat that runs between the jetty and the estuary.