



Ducks in the rice paddies on the road of El Toll

Typical fauna: Canal Vell and Garxal: Coot, Mallard, Grey Heron, Cattle Egret, Little Egret, Squacco Heron, Purple Heron, Large Egret, Flamingo, Marsh Harrier, Reed Warbler, Terns and Gulls. **Niño Perdido:** Kentish Plover, Pratincole, Short-Toed Lark, Crested Lark and Allis Shad.

Characteristic flora: Canal Vell and Garxal: Common Reed, Cattail, Saltwort, Glasswort, Tamarisks, Sea Rush and Spartina. **Niño Perdido:** Sea Wormwood, Glasswort, Saltwort, Common Sea-Lavender and Sea Rush. **Riumar dune area:** Sand Couch Grass, Sea Holly, Sea Daffodil, European Searocket and Russian T' histle.



Field Bindweed



Red-crested Pochard



Purple Heron



Sea Daffodil

Recommendations

Take a helmet, food and enough water. Sun cream and mosquito repellent are also recommendable, depending on the season of the year. The land is completely flat but bear in mind the zone's typical winds. Take puncture repair material. Binoculars may also be of help for bird-watching.

Important features

The route travels through different areas of the Natural Park. A guide to birds and binoculars are useful for identifying the birds on the lagoons of El Canal Vell and El Garxal. In the Niño Perdido area of saltwort, which is often flooded by the sea, visitors can see how the plants that live there have adapted to the saline soil. The Riumar zone features a spectacular dune ecosystem.

Rules and advice

-  - Ride carefully along the roads that join the two cycle tracks.
-  - Pay attention to signposting in the zones where access is not allowed.
-  - Respect the flora, fauna and the environment.
-  - Do not leave any rubbish. Help us to keep the Park clean.
-  - Camping is only allowed on authorised camp sites.
-  - Dogs must be kept on a lead in protected zones.
-  - Use the viewpoints for views of the Delta landscape.
-  - Respect nesting zones.

Park Information Centres

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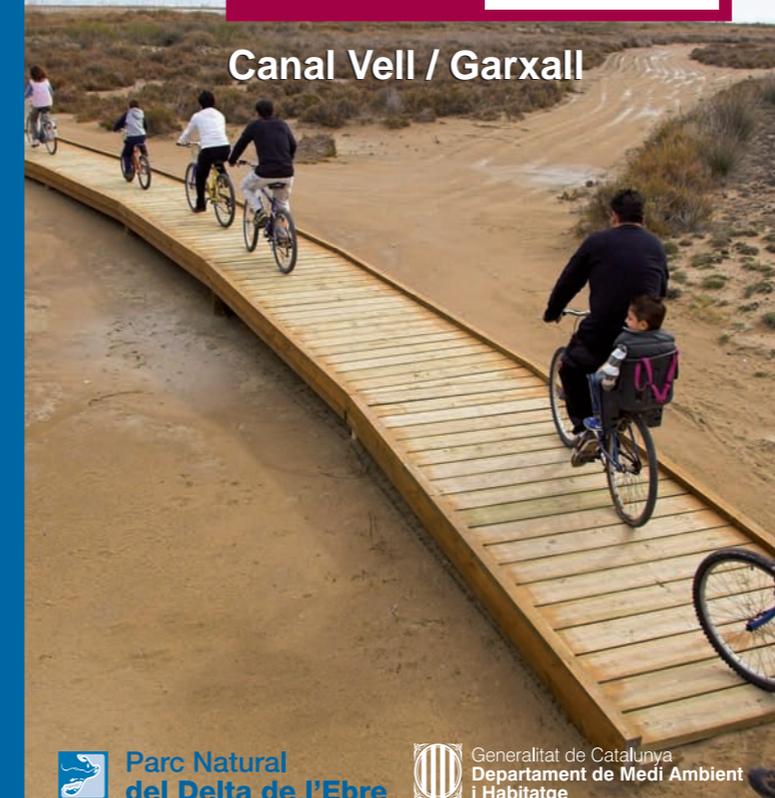
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Canal Vell / Garxall



Technical specifications

- Distance: 32 km
- Location: Deltebre, Canal Vell, Garxal, River Ebro
- Duration: a route to be cycled at leisure in a day
- Height difference: none. Completely flat
- Difficulty:** low
- Users: cycle track: on foot, by bicycle or on horseback
- Other details: Watch out for cars!!
- Type of track:** tarmac and earth
- Recommended season: throughout the year

Distance

- Km 0** Ecomuseum
- Km 2,7** Deltebre riverside promenade
- Km 8,9** Canal Vell
- Km 13,7** Niño Perdido
- Km 14,9** Riumar
- Km 16,3** Garxal
- Km 17,8** Faro del Garxal
- Km 19** Muntell de les Verges
- Km 20,5** "Camins Naturales" cycle track
- Km 24,8** Pont dels Moros (bridge)
- Km 27,5** Deltebre riverside promenade
- Km 31,9** Ecomuseum

7 El Garxal lighthouse

8 River Ebro



9 Muntell de les Verges

10 Pont dels Moros





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1 Ecomuseu

Description:

The route sets out from the **Ecomuseum** (km 0). Leave the museum behind on the right and continue 100 metres to Carrer Girona (km 0.1). Turn left and carry on along the same street for 400 metres until you reach a Stop sign. Cross the street and continue straight on for a further 400 metres to another Stop sign. Turn left (note the “**Caminos Naturales**”: **Ebro GR 99** sign, which accompanies some of the route). Continue along Carrer Riu Ebre (there is a narrow water channel on the right and an area of small vegetable gardens) until the end, where there is a Give Way sign (km 1.8). Turn right (at some large eucalyptus trees) along Avinguda Generalitat, which, after several yards, meets Passeig Reinosà. Continue straight on (note the *llagut boat* at the Deltebre Sailing Club) to the start of the riverside promenade (km 2.7). This is a point at which to enjoy the **Ebro**, see an old machine gun nest and use the first rest area on the route.

At the end of the riverside promenade, the route comes to a roundabout (km 4.3) on the road from Deltebre to Riumar. Go round it and continue straight ahead, paying careful attention to cars. Carry on to the Esquerra Channel of the Ebro (concrete track).

Although the route encounters the GR 99 sign, continue straight on along an earth track, with irrigation channel of **El Toll** on the left. After 1 km the route meets the tarmacked road of **El Toll** (km 5.4). Turn right and carry straight on for 2.2 km until the end of the road of **El Toll**. Turn left at this point (km 7.7) and look out for the viewpoint and the lagoon of **El Canal Vell** (keep an eye out for signs), some 1.2 km further along. Access to the viewpoint is from behind a private house (see signs).

The viewpoint (km 8.9) is a good place to enjoy a well-earned rest and to watch the birds on the lagoon.

Go back the same way to meet the route you were following prior to the diversion to the viewpoint. Go left and, some 800 metres further ahead, cross the wastepipe of **El Penal**. Turn right at this point (km 10.3) (leaving a palm tree plantation behind) and carry straight on for 180 metres. Turn to the left, crossing a canal with sluice gates, and continue towards La **Bassa d’Arena** beach. After 1.5 km, the route veers off left (km 12.5) and views in the distance appear of the **Mediterranean** and of the beach. Go straight on and turn right, after 1.1 km, along a sandy track that leads deep into the **Niño Perdido** area of saltwort (km 13.7). Carry straight on along this track for 1.2 km to the **Riumar** housing development (km 14.9). Turn left, look for the Riumar seafront and then carry on to the start of the cycle track of **El Garxal** (km 16.3), with the beach and the Mediterranean on the left.

The route continues along the sandy track until it reaches the viewpoint, 400 metres ahead, from which the fauna in the lagoon of **El Garxal** can be observed. Carry straight on to the lighthouse (km 17.8), which is 1.1 km from the viewpoint. The route thereupon again encounters the **Ebro**, in its last stretch before the river meets the **Mediterranean**.

Continue upriver alongside the **Ebro**, which the route leaves behind on the left to follow a tarmacked road for 1.1 km. It then veers left to **El Muntell de les Verges** (km 19), a fixed dune with a height of 4 metres from which the **Island of Buda** can be discerned. Carry on beside the river to the river port of Deltebre. The route goes round the port and carries on alongside the river **Ebro** to the *golondrines* (pleasure boats), the starting point for the “**Caminos Naturales**”: **Ebro GR 99** cycle track (km 20.5), along which the route then returns to **Deltebre**.

This cycle track runs parallel to the road from Deltebre to Riumar. The last rest can be taken at the picnic area of **El Pont dels Moros** (km 24.8). (Be careful when crossing the road!!). Carry on along the GR 99, which runs alongside the canal until it reaches the roundabout that provides access to the town of Deltebre. Go round the roundabout carefully and continue along the riverside promenade (km 27.5).

At this point, the route returns to the **Ecomuseum**, 4.3 km away, along the same way as the outward journey (riverside promenade, *Passeig Reinosà*, *Av. Generalitat*, *Carrer Riu Ebre* and *Carrer Girona*) and reaches the starting point after having covered a total distance of 32 km.

This route travels along country lanes (70%) and cycle tracks (30%). Despite the low density of traffic, pay great attention, particularly at crossroads.



2 Llagut boat



3 Deltebre riverside promenade



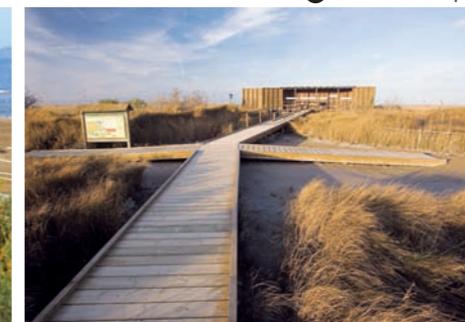
4 Canal Vell viewpoint



5 Riumar dunes



6 El Garxal viewpoint



6 GR 99

