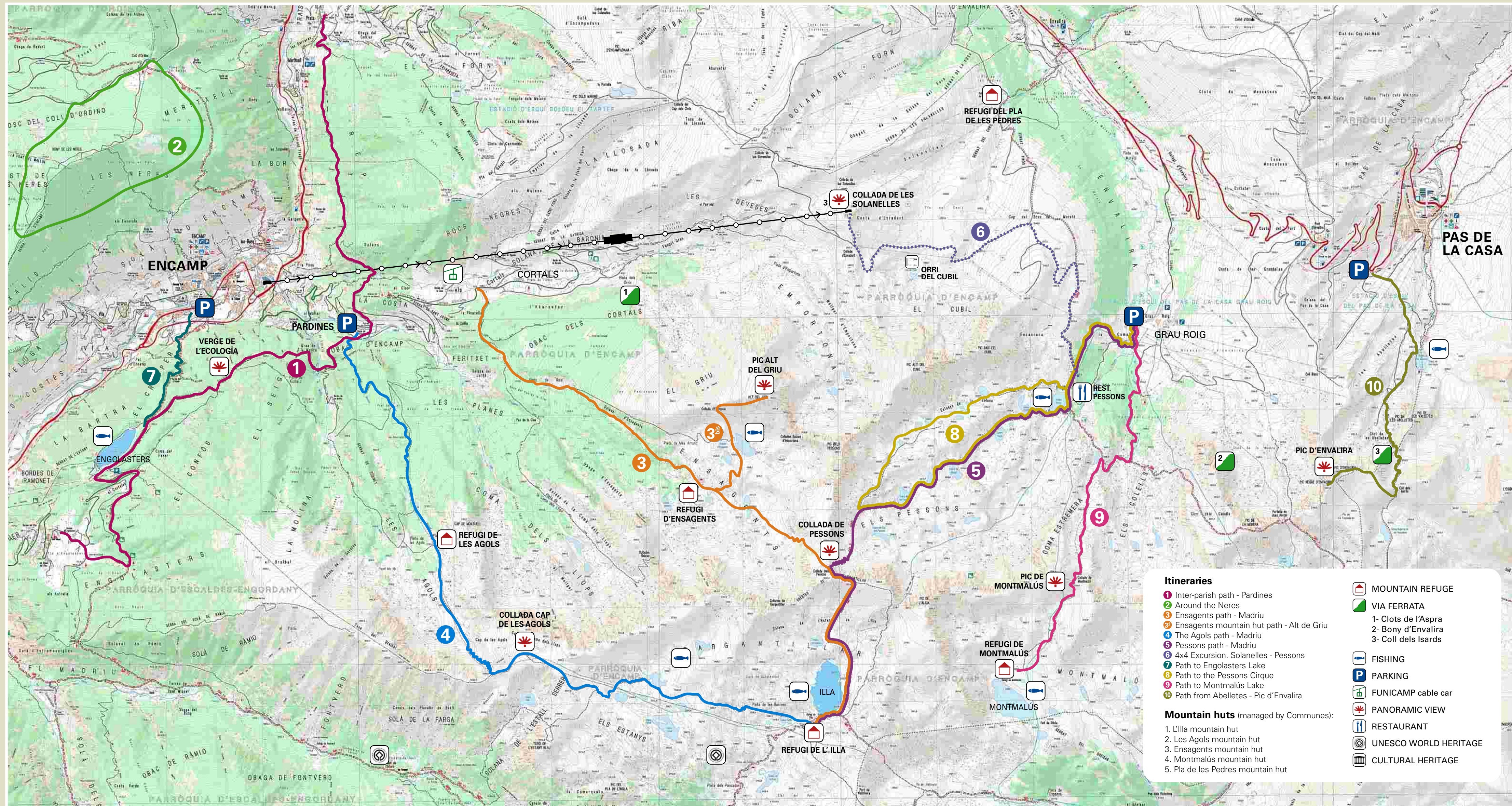


Encamp on foot

10 itineraries around the parish of Encamp



1- Refuge at les Agols

Unattended refuge
Altitude 2.230 m
Long. 01:36:35 Lat. 42:30:40
Untreated water
Places 6+4



2- Refuge at Ensagents

Unattended refuge
Altitude 2.425 m
Long. 01:38:34 Lat. 42:31:01
Untreated water
Places 14
Lake nearby



3- Refuge at Illa

Unattended refuge
Altitude 2.480 m
Long. 01:39:26 Lat. 42:29:42
Path GRP GR7, GR11
Places 60
Lake nearby



4- Refuge at Montmalús

Unattended refuge
Altitude 2.445 m
Long. 01:40:53 Lat. 42:29:57
Untreated water
Places 10
Lake nearby



5- R. at Pla de les Pedres

Unattended refuge
Altitude 2.150 m
Long. 01:40:46 Lat. 42:33:13
Path GRP
Untreated water
Places 5



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Emergency telephone numbers:
110: police
112: mountain rescue unit /
International emergencies
116: urgent medical service (SUM)
118: Fire Brigade

1

Inter-parish path from Sant Miquel – Prats - Pardines – Sant Miquel d’Engolasters

Inter-parish path between Canillo, Encamp and Escaldes-Engordany.

TECHNICAL FILE

Degree of difficulty: easy

Change of altitude: 110 m

Approximate time: 3 hr

Starting point / Access to the path: Sant Miquel de Prats, Canal path, road from the Cortals d’Encamp, path to Les Pardines, Engolasters Lake, circuit of Sources, Sant Miquel d’Engolasters

DESCRIPTION

Agreeable walk linking the **churches of Sant Miquel de Prats** and **Sant Miquel d’Engolasters** passing by the canal path, Les Pardines path with its **botanical display**, **Engolasters Lake** and the **circuit of Sources**, adapted for the blind as far as Sant Miquel d’Engolasters. The route is practically level and this makes it very suitable for a quiet family walk. Open areas with magnificent panoramic views over the valley alternate with wooded areas, so that it is very interesting from the landscape viewpoint. The route offers places to rest and points for drinking water, and can be done all at once or in sections. The section of Les Pardines is a really flat part, ideal for walking, for mountain bike, horse riding and for running. The route runs between the Engolasters Lake (a dam for electricity production) and the Bordes de les Pardines. Route signposted with yellow points and the letters C.I.



2

Inter-parish path between Canillo – Encamp. Ordino. La Massana

TECHNICAL FILE

Degree of difficulty: medium

Change of altitude: 198 m

Approximate time: 3 hr - circular route

Access to the path: you can start the path at several points and in whichever direction you like, as it is circular, although we recommend starting from the Coll d’Ordino, towards the slope of Canillo, for its accessibility

Starting point: the most convenient starting point for parking your car is on the CS240 road, at Coll d’Ordino. It is easy to find as the start of the route is marked with a sign, there is a map and details of the route

DESCRIPTION

We start the path on a large plateau where there is a panoramic orientation table. From here there are markers and posts to indicate the route. We penetrate into the parish of Canillo through the **Tosa woods**, an ideal place for hunting wild mushrooms and where there is a spring. Continuing the marked path, we pass the **Plana blanca woods** in the parish of Encamp on our way up to Solana d’Encamp, with a rise in altitude of less than 50 metres. There are surprising and unique views over Engolasters Lake and the path to Les Pardines, on the mountain just in front of us, at a height of around 1,659 metres. Following the path through the woods, full of colours and sensations,

we come to the slopes of La Massana and enter **the Plana woods**, where the way is darker and we are soon surrounded by red pine and birch. This wood looks to the west and the moist conditions underfoot are good for the wild mushrooms that grow here. We continue towards the **Estall Pass**. From this meadow you can see a forest track, which is the way to the path Around the Neres, if you wish to start the route from La Massana. The track is 2.3km long.

From the Estall pass we go into the **Coll d’Ordino Woods** in the parish of Ordino. Here we have to cross the road to continue the route. In this section, with a notable change of altitude, we find fir trees which can grow as high as 24m.

There is a link here to the GR and if we take it we come to the picnic area at **Font de la Navina**, where there are tables, barbecue sites and a spring. Going on we come back to the starting point at **Coll d’Ordino** with its panoramic orientation table, and the path to the **Peak of Casamanya**, a remarkable peak and one of the most central in the country (2,740 m).

An ideal route for training runs. The altitude is at 1,950m and 2,000m.

3

Ensagents path - Madriu

TECHNICAL FILE

Degree of difficulty: medium

Change of altitude: 543 m to Ensagents mountain hut / 923 m to the Pessons Pass / -591 m to the Illa mountain hut

Approximate time: 2 hr to Ensagents mountain hut / 4 hr to Pessons Pass / 5 hr to Illa Mountain hut

Starting point: Borda del Tresà dels Cortals. Km 6 on the CS-220. (Road from Cortals)

Mountain huts: Ensagents and Illa mountain huts

DESCRIPTION

Leaving the Borda del Tresà, at Km 6 on the CS 220, we take the path marked with yellow points which goes up through the black pine woods. We come to Prat del Sigarró, and we go on up towards the Ensagents mountain hut, passing the sheepfold at Ensagents and the Molleres de la Bassa de les Arenes, while following the Ensagents river towards the Ensagents mountain hut. The route continues towards the Pessons Pass, passing by the Pools at Ensagents. From the Pessons Pass, where there are spectacular views over the Pessons Cirque and the Madriu Valley, we continue along the mountain ridge towards the southeast, until coming in sight of the Illa Lake, one of the largest in Andorra, and here we start our descent to the lake and Illa mountain hut. The lake at Illa is at the head of the Madriu Valley, declared by UNESCO as World Heritage in the cultural landscape category.



TECHNICAL FILE

Degree of difficulty: medium-high.

Change of altitude: 444 m Approximate time: 1.30 hr to the Alt del Griu.

Starting point: Ensagents mountain hut

Mountain huts: Ensagents mountain hut

DESCRIPTION

The path begins at the Ensagents mountain hut, rising to the north towards the Ensagents lakes, from which we go on up to the Entinyola Pass (2,663 m) to the northwest. When we reach the Pass we only need to follow the ridge to the Alt de Griu. The way back takes the same route, although there is an alternative way down through the woods in Campeà and Clots de l’Àspra, leading to the Cortals valley in Encamp.

The natural landscape of the whole of **the Ensagents valley** alternates open parts and others more enclosed and intimate, with wetlands of great botanical interest. **The lakes at Ensagents**, resulting from the basins excavated in the ice age, form a wild setting in the high mountain and offer great beauty. **The Alt del Griu** is the highest peak in the Parish of Encamp, the panoramic 360 degree view from this peak is one of the broadest in the Principality. It is a wonderful point from which to see the geography of Andorra.

4

Les Agols path - Madriu

TECHNICAL FILE

Degree of difficulty: medium

Change of altitude: 600 m to the Agols mountain hut / 1,072 m to the top of Les Agols / -190 m to L’Illa mountain hut

Approximate times: 2.30 hr to the Agols mountain hut/ 4 hr to the top of the Agols / 5.30 hours to L’Illa mountain hut

Starting point: Les Pardines car park by the Prat de Gilet

Mountain huts: Agols and l’Illa mountain huts

DESCRIPTION

The path starts at the crossroads on the road from Cortals with the Borda de les Pardines, at 1,640 metres (a little before Km 3 on the Cs220). There is a large parking area. A wooden board indicates the path (yellow points). The path goes up steadily through the woods, following the yellow points and marker boards, bordering the Montuèll brook in some parts of the path, where we find a great variety of flowers, and up to the Agols mountain hut. Leaving the mountain hut behind, we continue following the yellow points until reaching the Pass de les Agols, crossing impressive peaty bogs of great botanical interest. From the Agols Pass, where we enjoy magnificent views over the Madriu Valley and the Forcats and Blau lakes, we descend gently until arriving at the Illa mountain hut, passing the Forcats pools and the Rodó lake. The return is by the same route.



5

Pessons path - Madriu

TECHNICAL FILE

Degree of difficulty: medium

Change of altitude: 720 m to the Pessons Pass / -330m to the Illa mountain hut

Approximate time: 2.30 hr to the Pessons Pass + 3 hr to the Illa mountain hut

Starting point: Grau Roig (Cubil car park) 2,100 m

Mountain huts: The Illa mountain hut

Restaurants: Restaurant at Pessons

DESCRIPTION

To get to the Pessons Path, you need to go up to Grau Roig ski station. From there you take an unpaved track which goes up to the west until it reaches the restaurant at Pessons (in summer, there is a bus for this part).Here you come within sight of the first of the Pessons lakes. To get to the other lakes in the Pessons Cirque, you have to take the GR7. This path, with white and red markings, leads to the Pessons Pass, where there are spectacular views over the Ensagents Valley and the Madriu Valley. From there you continue southeast along the mountain ridge until you can see the lake at Illa, where you start the descent to the lake and the mountain hut at Illa.

The Pessons Cirque is formed by a large number of lakes and pools, creating an environment which is unique in the Pyrenees. They are all part of the largest granite glacial cirque in Andorra.



6

Funicamp and 4x4 Excursions (Solanelles-Pessons)



INFORMATION

Opening: summer season

Hours: 10.00 to 17.00 hrs (17.00 hrs is the time of the last departure from Solanelles)

Ticket sales: Tourist offices in Encamp and Pas de la Casa and at the Funicamp building

DESCRIPTION

The Funicamp is the gateway to the wealth and history of the Pyrenean region and landscape. In just 18 minutes, travelling more than six kilometres up the Cortals valley, you arrive at an altitude of 2,502 metres, where there are lots of things to do.

This summer it will also be the starting point for many walks and guided 4x4 excursions, exploring the high mountain landscapes and enjoying the cultural and historic heritage, visiting Orri del Cubil and ending at Pessons where you can relax on the terrace of the bar-restaurant and enjoy the wonderful views or get involved in activities such as hill walking or fishing.

You can also stop at the Funicamp halfway station and take a wander through the Cortals valley, where you can photograph the remarkable features of the rural and mountain landscape, or do a via ferrata, enjoy various walking routes or go up the climbing wall outside Cortals.



7

Path to the Lake at Engolasters

TECHNICAL FILE

Degree of difficulty: medium

Change of altitude: 360 m

Approximate time: 1.30 hr

Starting point: La Mola car park

DESCRIPTION

The beginning of this walk is marked by a board with the words “Camí del Riu Blanc”. The way starts with some sharp rises, following the path as far as the turning to Encamp; but then it continues following the borders of the meadows until reaching the source of the Riu Blanc, where we find a sign reading “Camí d’Engolasters”. From here we go steadily upwards through the woods to the Borda del Cresper, where we find a more level section up to the Lake at Engolasters.

There is trout fishing at **the Engolasters Lake**: the brown trout is the native species here. Until recently the lake was restocked with rainbow trout, another species native to the Principality, but now the extreme greediness of this type has meant a return to restocking with brown trout. Expert palates are able to distinguish between the two, while rating both of them as delicious.

From here we have the opportunity to take the **Camí Hidroelèctric d’Engolasters**. This is a guided walk through



the history of electricity and Andorra, suitable for everyone, in an incomparable natural setting, where you can learn how electricity was first produced in Andorra, visit the inside of the dam at Engolasters, walk over the channels which bring water from the rivers and climb onto the light truck used for transport, dating from 1930.

More information: The Electricity Museum. Tel. 739 111 www.musumw.ad

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The Pessons Cirque path

TECHNICAL FILE

Degree of difficulty: medium

Change of altitude: 500 m from Cubil

Approximate time: 3 hr - circular route

Starting point: Cubil car park. Grau Roig

Restaurants: Restaurant at Pessons

DESCRIPTION

To reach the Path to Pessons you need to go up to Grau Roig ski station. From there, you take an unpaved track which goes up to the west until reaching the restaurant at Pessons (in the summer, there is a bus for this part).

From there we can see the first of the lakes of Pessons. To reach the other lakes of the cirque, you need to take the GR7. This path, with white and red markers, crosses the central valley, passing Lake Forcat, Lake Rodó, Lake Meligar, Lake de les Fonts and takes us all the way to the Lake at Cap de Pessons.

The return route goes round by the lakes of La Solana, enjoying the many pools and lakes until coming back to the first of the Pessons lakes.

The route is very rich in flowers and animals, both domestic and wild, and is one of the easiest places to see marmots, mountain goats, vultures, the lammergeier... while at the same time it is an idyllic place for lovers of fishing.

The Pessons Cirque is formed of a large number of lakes and pools, creating an environment unique in the Pyrenees. These are all part of the largest granite glacial cirque in Andorra.



TECHNICAL FILE

Degree of difficulty: medium

Change of altitude: 680 m to the Peak of Montmalús / 600 m to the Pass / -260 m to Montmalús mountain hut

Approximate time: 3.30 hr to Montmalús mountain hut

Starting point: Cubil car park. Grau Roig

Mountain huts: Montmalús mountain hut

DESCRIPTION

From the ski station you go up to the south by the Montmalús ski slopes. You can follow the line of the ski lift with the same name.

When you get to the end of the ski lift you find a small lake called Coma Estremera. The path goes on upwards to the south and ends at the Montmalús pass (2,704 m). Throughout the ascent you have the peak of Montmalús is to your west, and the peak of Colells to the east, with a quick and easy way up from the Montmalús Pass to reach the top. The descent is very clear to see, since all the way down you have views of the Montmalús lake and mountain hut. The path comes down from the pass and goes towards the west side of the **lake of Montmalús**, one of the most beautiful in Andorra. To the west there is the natural formation of a little beach, a real luxury for mountaineers.

The Peak of Montmalús is a peak of easy access and often visited by skiers during the winter season, with splendid views over the Pessons Cirque and the Valley of Montmalús. The return is by the same route.



TECHNICAL FILE

Degree of difficulty: medium

Change of altitude: 180 m to the lake / 515 m to the Peak of Envalira

Approximate time: 1 hr to the lake - 2.15 hr to the peak

Starting point: Costa Rodona car park (Pas de la Casa)

DESCRIPTION

From the Costa Rodona car park and the ski lifts in Pas de la Casa, you have to go up the mountain track until you reach the lake at Abelletes. To get to the Peak, you go on upwards with frequent bends until reaching the Isards Pass, where you turn left to go up to the Peak of Abelletes (2,815 m).

The lake at Abelletes is at the head of the basin of the River Ariège, which flows into the Garonne. This river also forms a natural frontier defining Andorra’s border with France. The lake at Abelletes attracts many fishermen, who go there to fish for trout. The Principality of Andorra, apart from the brown trout and rainbow trout, is also home to the brook trout. The **Peak of Envalira** is situated on the Pyrenean ridge dividing the Mediterranean slopes from the Atlantic side and is one of the most important peaks in the Parish of Encamp. From here we have views over three countries, France (the Ariège and the Porte Valley), Spain (Vall d’Engait and La Llosa) and Andorra (Pas de la Casa valley and the Envalira valley).