



Fisherman with trammel nets

Fauna and flora

Typical fauna: Coot (*Fulica atra*), Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), Red-crested pochard (*Netta rufina*), Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*), Pochard (*Aythya ferina*), Purple heron (*Ardea purpurea*), Grey heron (*Ardea cinerea*), Cattle egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), Little egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*), Marsh harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*), Black-winged stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*), Reed warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*).

Characteristic flora: Common reed (*Phragmites australis*), Yellow flag (*Iris pseudacorus*), Narrowleaf cattail (*Typha angustifolia*), Glasswort (*Arthrocnemum fruticosum*), Tamarisk (*Tamarix* sp), Sea rush (*Juncus maritimus*).



Common reed



Yellow flag



Flamingos



Squacco heron

Recommendations and rules for visitors

Recommendations:

Wear a hard helmet and take sufficient food and water. Depending on the season of the year, use sun cream and mosquito repellent. The land is completely flat, but watch out for the region's common winds. Take a puncture repair kit. Binoculars are also useful to observe birds.

Suggestion

To avoid the road that joins Poblenou to El Trabucador, take the earth track parallel to the football field in the direction of the bay of Els Alfacs, immediately after leaving El Poblenou. 400 m later turn left and continue through the rice fields for 1.5 km. At this point there is no option but to turn left and ride for 500 m alongside a large drainage channel up to the road bridge. Cross the bridge very carefully and turn left along another track that joins La Tancada cycle track, 700 m further on.

Rules and recommendations



Ride carefully along roads that join the two cycle tracks.



Pay heed of signposting and prohibited access zones.



Use the viewpoints to see the landscape of the Delta.



Respect flora, fauna and the environment.



Do not leave rubbish. Help us to keep the Park clean.



Camping is only allowed in established campsites.



Unleashed dogs are not allowed in protected zones.



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Technical features

Distance: 26 km (partially sign-posted)

Location: L'Encassinyada and La Tancada lagoons

Duration: 4 hours (very gentle rhythm with frequent stops along the way)

Height difference: None. Completely flat

Difficulty: Low

Users: walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

Connecting route: Watch out for cars!!

Ground type: tarmac and earth

Recommended season: all year

Km

Km 0 Casa de Fusta
Km 0.9 El Carreter viewpoint
Km 3.7 End of the Encanyissada cycle track
Km 7.7 La Pantena
Km 11.1 Poblenou del Delta
Km 16.3 Trabucador beach
Km 17.6 La Tancada viewpoint
Km 21.7 End of La Tancada cycle track
Km 24.1 L'Embut viewpoint –nesting box for bats
Km 26.2 Casa de Fusta



L'Embut viewpoint.



Itinerary Lagoon route

Brief description:

The route starts at the Casa de Fusta (km 0) and continues along L'Encanyissada cycle track. The dominant vegetation on this initial stretch is the common reed (*Phragmites australis*), a plant all around from which the reservoir gets its name. At the end of the track (km 3.7), turn left at a regular pasture for bulls and ride along an earth track that leads to the road that joins Sant Carles de la Ràpita to Poblenou del Delta. To avoid the road, turn left again (km 7.4) just 150 m before reaching it and continue along an earth track that ends immediately opposite the canal of Sant Pere. There is no option at this point but to take the road for 500 m. From here La Pantena, a funnel-shaped fishing facility can be observed. Continue very carefully onwards for some 250 m to another earth track that emerges on the left-hand side and runs parallel to L'Encanyissada. This track leads to Poblenou (km 11.1). At this point there are two options: to go back to the Casa de Fusta (2.7 km away) or to continue along the route.

For those who continue, ride with great care along the road that joins El Poblenou to La Barra del Trabucador (see suggestion). Rice fields, in which Cattle egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) constantly search for food, run continuously alongside on the left while the bay of Els Alfacs lies a little further ahead on the right. On the last stretch, the old saltpans of Sant Antoni can be seen. Just before the beach a road emerges on the left (km 16.3). This leads to La Tancada viewpoint, a place from which to observe the reservoir's fauna, particularly Flamingos (*Phoenicopterus roseus*), Mallard ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos*) and Great crested grebes (*Podiceps cristatus*). This is the right moment to have a rest. Continue some 600 m to the bicycle track that runs alongside La Tancada. There is now a change of vegetation and glasswort (*Arthrocnemum fruticosum*), a plant adapted to saline soils, dominates the landscape.



La Casa de Fusta



Casa de Fusta exhibition



Cyclists at La Tancada viewpoint



Casa de Fusta viewpoint

When the track ends (km 21.7), continue straight on for one km along a country track until this meets the road that runs parallel to a large earth canal. Turn right (km 23.2). The bridge lies 700 m ahead. Take a left turning at this point to head back to the starting point. Before the outing is complete, however, L'Embut viewpoint (km 24.1) provides a magnificent view of the Clot de l'Encanyissada and a place to see Coots (*Fulica atra*) and Europe's largest nesting box for bats. The Casa de Fusta, 2 km away, is also visible. The total distance of the route is approximately 26.2 km.

This route runs through a zone of the Ebre Delta Natural Park in which spectacular bird life is guaranteed throughout the year.



The Pantena



Poblenou del Delta



Aerial view of La Tancada



Travès bridge



Bat nesting box



Hut at La Tancada