



Garxal's aerial view

Characteristic fauna

Garxal: Coot, mallard, glossy ibis, grey heron, cattle egret, little egret, squacco heron, purple heron, great white egret, rosy flamingo, marsh harrier, reed warbler, terns and gulls.

Characteristic flora

Garxal: Reed swamp, bulrush, glasswort (salicornia glauca, salicornia fruticosa), tamarisk, rush, sea lavender and esparto grass.



Tern



Sea holly



Mallard



Sea lavender

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 views given by the several viewpoints of the itinerary to the Ebro river, its mouth, the illa de Buda, the illa de Sant Antoni and the Garxal pond.

Rules and advises

- Walk cautiously by the link-up ways between the cycle tracks.
- Respect the signposting and the forbidden access zones.
- Respect the flora, the fauna and the environment.
- Do not leave rubbish. Help us to keep the Park clean.
- Camping is only permitted in the established camping areas.
- It is forbidden to leave dogs untied in the protected zones.
- Use the viewpoints. They will show you the Delta's landscape.

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Ebro river mouth - Garxal – Riumar



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Fact sheet

Distance:	6.9 km / 9,8 km (short / long route)
Location:	Deltebre, Riumar, Garxal, Ebro river
Estimated time:	1 hour
Gradient:	nonexistent, completely flat
Difficulty:	low
Users:	cycle track: on foot and by bicycle. Others: Be aware of cars! A 50% of the route uses a cycle lane and the other 50% uses tracks and streets.
Ground type:	asphalt and soil
Recommended time of year:	all year

- Km**
- Km 0** Muntell de les Verges
 - Km 0,3** Beginning of Garxal's itinerary
 - Km 1,2** Zigurat's viewpoint
 - Km 1,6** Garxal's fauna viewpoint
 - Km 2,3** Garxal's viewpoint for disabled people
 - Km 2,7** Riumar Resort
 - Km 3,8** End of the seafont
 - Km 5,3** Riumar rice fields
 - Km 6,3** River port of Deltebre
 - Km 6,9** Muntell de les Verges



1 Muntell de les Verges



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Description

We begin the route at Muntell de les Verges (Km 0). We leave it back on our right hand side and follow onwards 200 meters until we reach a stop. We turn right to find the Ebro river and the beginning of Garxal's bicycles route (Km 0,3).

We continue ahead, with the Ebro river always on the right, and come across two viewpoints. The second one, the "Zigurat" (Km 1,2), consisting of an amazing wood platform, allows to overlook the horizon of the Ebro river mouth's area, with some exceptional views to the river, the (island) illa de Sant Antoni, the illa de Buda, the Garxal, part of the coastal appearance of the Delta and, sometimes, the coastline until the cape of Salou.

After going past the Zigurat, the route continues to the left, leaving the river on the back, the lighthouse on the left and following the dirt cycle track parallel to the Garxal pond.

The Garxal, with 280 ha, is the most recently formed of the Delta's ponds. It is constituted by half-moon shaped little islands modeled by the wind and the sea. Along the route you will appreciate that you are surrounded by different ecosystems, mainly sand dunes areas, brackish zones and reed swamp which take in a rich variety of fauna and flora. Take advantage of the two fauna viewpoints of the route (Km 1,6 and Km 2,3) to observe the fauna of the pond.



2 Aerial view from the Zigurat



3 Zigurat

From the second viewpoint we continue forward and after 400 m we come across the seafront of Riumar Resort (Km 2,7). We keep straight on until the end of the seafront (Km 3,8) where we turn to the left (you will see the ground painted in red and the symbol of a bicycle) to go on 500 m along Polla d'Aigua street (you realize that part of the street is post-marked for bicycles riding).

At the end of the street there is a little crossroads-roundabout with an eucalyptus in the middle (Km 4,3). We turn to the right and go 350 m along a dirt track.

Warning! In this spot we will pass under some pine trees (Km 4,7) and we must make a sudden turn to the left through another dirt track to go back to el Muntell.

So, we follow the dirt track. After 500 meters we will have the rice fields on the right and after 400 m more we come across a stop, the T-340 road one leading to Riumar (Km 5,6). We cross the road carefully and go forward for 700 m until the river port of Deltebre (Km 6,3).

We bypass the port and after 600 m we reach the starting point, el Muntell de les Verges, arrival of a 6,9 km round trip.

Long route

When we reach the pine tree zone (Km 4,7), instead of turning suddenly to the left we keep straight along the dirt track (surrounded by rice fields) for 2 Km until come across the T-340 road, which links Deltebre with the Ebro river mouth (Km 6,7). We cross the road carefully and take the adjacent cycle track which leads, after 1,6 km, directly to the river. Once we have the Ebro river on the right hand side we follow the track along 1,5 km until el Muntell de les Verges, after a 9,8 Km round trip.



4 Lighthouse of Garxal



5 Port of Garxal



6 Garxal's viewpoint for disabled

7 Riumar seafront

8 River port of Deltebre



Viewpoint

Natural Park limits

Urban zone

Main road

Itinerary

Long alternative itinerary