



7 Bulls in the area XII

Fauna typical of rice paddies

Mallard, Grey heron, Cattle Egret, Stilt.

Vilacoto wastelands: Reed Bunting, Savi's Warbler, Little Grebe, Purple Heron, Marsh Harrier.

L'Encanyissada: Flamingo, Coot, Reed Warbler.

Typical flora of the Vilacoto wastelands

Sedge, Common Reed. **L'Encanyissada:** Common Reed, Yellow Flag, Bulrush, Glasswort, Salt Cedar, Sea Rush.



Eurasian Coots



Eurasian Bittern



Saw-sedge



Yellow Flag

Recommendations

Cyclists must wear a helmet, and take plenty of food and water. Depending on the time of year, take sun cream and mosquito repellent. The trail is completely flat, but be careful, it can be very windy in this area. Don't forget your puncture repair kit. If you like birdwatching, binoculars will come in handy.

Rules and Recommendations



Be very careful. This trails makes the most of country paths and only has a cycle line at L'Encanyissada pond.



Please follow the signs and keep out of no-entry areas.



In protected areas dogs must be kept on a leash.



Use the viewpoints.

They will show you the delta lanscape.



Respect the plants and animals and the environment.



Do not leave litter. Help us keep the Park clean.



Camping is allowed only on established campsites.

Park Information Centres



Ecomuseum

Martí Buera, 22
43580 Deltebre
Tel. 977 489 679
www.gencat.cat/parcs

Casa de Fusta

Bassa de l'Encanyissada
43870 Amposta
Tel. 977 26 10 22
www.gencat.cat/parcs

Sant Carles de la Ràpita Tourist Information Office

C/ Carles III, 13
43540 Sant Carles de la Ràpita
Tel. 977 744 624

www.turismelarapita.com



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Route

Sant Carles de la Ràpita - Casa de Fusta

Technical Specifications

Distance: 24.4 km (Mar-Sep) / 25.8 km (Oct-Feb)

Location: Sant Carles de la Ràpita, Vilacoto, L'Encanyissada

Time: 4 hours

Elevation gain: none; Completely flat

Difficulty: easy

Users: on foot, by bicycle. Shared stretches: Watch out for cars!

Surface: asphalt and dirt

Best time of year: all year round

Reference system UTM:-31N (ICC), March-September

Km		X	Y
Km 0	Trade fair exhibition hall	296746	4499396
Km 0,5	Start of El Poblenou del Delta road	297030	4499802
Km 0,9	Start of dirt track	297436	4499911
Km 1,1	Mar irrigation channel	297529	4500057
Km 3,1	Start of Vilacoto wastelands	298899	4500940
Km 6,4	Irrigation channel (bridge)	299751	4502484
Km 7	Mas de la Campana	300300	4502203
Km 7,2	Iron Bridge	300435	4502208
Km 8,6	Start of L'Encanyissada cycle path	300272	4503080
Km 11,2	Carreter viewpoint	302714	4503826
Km 12,2	Casa de Fusta	303561	4503535
Km 24,4	Sant Carles de la Ràpita	296746	4499396

(October-February)

Km 1,1	Start Mar irrigation channel path	297529	4500057
Km 3,9	End of Mar irrigation channel	300202	4500437
Km 4	Joining the main road	300231	4500365
Km 4,9	Start L'Anglès irrigation channel path	301021	4500698
Km 7	L'Anglès irrigation channel (bridge)	299751	4502484



1 Sant Carles de la Ràpita harbour



Route

Sant Carles de la Ràpita - Casa de Fusta

Description

Due to private property rights and the hunting season, the route of this trail varies according to the time of year.

March to September

We start at the trade fair exhibition hall in Sant Carles de la Ràpita (**km 0**). With the hall on our right, go along to a crossroads with the main road from la Ràpita to Poblenou del Delta (km 0.5).

We go along this road with extreme caution for 400 m, until we come to a dirt track on our left and trail signpost. Carefully turning left, we leave the main road and go along the dirt track. After 200 m, we cross over the Mar irrigation channel (km 1.1) and continue on the left along a dirt track that, at the beginning, has an irrigation channel on the left. As we pedal along, we see three typical riverside buildings on our right. After 900 m, the track turns to the right (**km 2**).

We turn right and then straight on. There are rice paddies on either side for 1.1 km. After that, to our left is a row of poplars and cane and, behind a dense reedbed which shows the edge of the Vilacoto wastelands or Casablanca (**km 3.1**), a privately managed area of the Park.

In winter the wastelands are an important resting ground for the harrier, while in summer it is home to the reed bunting.

We carry on straight ahead, with the wastelands on our left and the rice paddies on our right for 1.1 km. Then, we are forced to turn left, as we reach the Maquineta outflow channel (**km 4.2**).

We turn left and go along the dirt track, keeping the Maquineta channel on our right and the wastelands on our left. After 500 m we find rice paddies on either side again and after 1 km we turn right (km 5.8) and head for L'Encanyissada pond.

We follow the dirt track for another 600 m until we come to the L'Anglès irrigation channel and the road of the same name that starts in Els Ullals de Baltasar (**km 6.4**).

Then, we cross L'Anglès channel and the road and carry on along a dirt track that starts opposite us, on the right. We go along it for 900 m and near the end we pass La Campana Farm and come to the Gran irrigation channel (**km 7.2**). Here, we cross the channel over the iron bridge, which is adapted for bicycles.

Once over the channel, we can go to the Patrau viewpoint about 250 m along on the right. At this point we also meet up with **Trail number 1 The Lagoon Route**.

Our route, however, continues to the left. Once over the bridge, we go left and, after 1 km, we turn right and meet up with the L'Encanyissada cycle track 400 m further along. Here too we find the link with **Trail 6 Amposta-Els Ullals-Casa de Fusta**.

We continue along the cycle path, heading towards the Casa de Fusta. After 2.7 km, we come to the Carreter viewpoint (**km 11.2**).

Continuing on our way, after 1 km we come to the Casa de Fusta, one of the delta's emblematic buildings and Park Information Centre, which houses an exhibition on the delta ponds (**km 12.2**).

From March to September, we take the same route back, a total journey of 24.4 km. This trail runs along country paths (64%), cycle lane (28%), main road (8%), dirt track (92%) and asphalt (8%).

October to February

During the hunting season, from early October to late February, the Vilacoto area is closed, so the route is as follows:

We start on the same route as from March to September, but when we cross the Mar irrigation channel (**km 1.1**), we turn right and go along a dirt track that runs parallel to the channel for 1.8 km, and we when we reach a private estate we have to join the main road that goes from la Ràpita to Poblenou del Delta (km 4).

We join the road on the left and, with extreme caution, go along it towards Poblenou. After 850 m, we leave the road, and turn left onto an asphalted track, the L'Anglès channel path (**km 4.9**).

We continue along the L'Anglès path (which get its name from irrigation channel that runs parallel to it) for 2.1 km, where we cross the bridge over the channel.

From this point we take the same route as in spring and summer past La Campana Farm and the iron bridge (**km 7.8**); the link up with the L'Encanyissada cycle path: (**km 8.9**); the Carreter viewpoint (**km 11.9**) and the Casa de Fusta (**km 12.9**).

From October to February we go back by the same route, a total journey of 25.8 km. This trail runs along country paths (40%), cycle lane (28%), main road (32%), dirt track (68%) and asphalt (32%).



2 Sèquia de Mar area



3 Vilacoto



4 Path to l'Encanyissada lagoon

5 Tres desaigües bridge

6 Casa de Fusta

