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FOR
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AREA: NATIONAL PARK OF ORDESA AND MONTE PERDIDO

SECTOR: PINETA VALLEY



1. LALARRI PLAINS FROM PINETA

Access from Bielsa

Level of difficulty: easy-medium.



Slope: 270 metres from the hermitage.

Approximate duration: 1 hour 30 minutes one-way.



Accessible all year round except when it has snowed heavily; in such case, it is necessary to use snowshoes.



Starting point: you can access Lalarri Plains from two different paths.



1. From the road that crosses Cinca River and goes up in direction to Circo, by crossing the river. There are signposts marking the route.

2. From Virgen de la Pineta Hermitage, next to Parador Nacional. There is a signpost of the sloped path that enters the beech woods to later join the previous road near the plains. Once you arrive to the valleys, you can contemplate Monte Perdido icecap.

SECTOR: AÑISCLO VALLEY



In Summer and Easter the road goes only one-way. Torio's way runs along Buerda to Pu-yarruego road and then towards Escalona again.



2. MOLINO DE ASO – WATER ROUTE

Access from Escalona

Level of difficulty: easy. Slope: 50 metres.



Duration: 1 hour go and return.

Total route: 1.5km.



Circular route from starting point: Añisco access parking
Accessible all year round except in snow season.



Departing from the parking, we descend on the road and take a diversion towards S. Urbez suspended bridge, which is 30m above Bellos River. The Hermitage in honour to San Urbez is near. Leaving the main path, on the left hand, there is a descending path towards Bellós River. We gain altitude and go through different lookout points, reaching Aso River and its beautiful cascades. After surpassing a small slope, there is a detour, which is in a bad condition, on the left that allows visiting the ruins of an old windmill. Finally, we reach the main path and continue back to the parking.



SECTOR: ESCUAÍN



3. PATH TO REVILLA OUTLOOK

Access from Tella hospital, via the road that goes up to Tella.
Do not get confused with the access to Escuaín from Escalona.



Level of difficulty: easy.



Duration: 2 hours.



Starting point: Bend prior to the town of Revilla (1,250m altitude)
Preferable in spring.



Leave the car at the starting point and take the path on the left, towards the west. After 15 minutes you will arrive to the ravine of Consusa, go over a mound until you reach a horizontal strip. After the strip there is a fork: first take the path to the left (to go to the outlook of Garganta de Escuaín) and then go back to the fork to take the path to the right in order to get to Gurrundué cirque. To return, go back to the fork taking the way down to Revilla.

SECTOR: ORDESA VALLEY



4. FROM ORDESA VALLEY TO ARRIPAS CASCADE

Access by Torla



Level of difficulty: Easy



Slope: 100 metres.



Time: 1 hour one-way.

Accessible all year round except when it has snowed.



Starting point: bottom of Ordesa Meadow parking.

Take the path to Soaso. The interior of a beech and fir woods with boxwood invites you to cross Cotatuero ravine and several meadows.



After reaching the outpost of Arripas Cascades, continue through the road in order to divert to the right that, through a bridge, crosses the Azaras River and the Arripas or Abanico Cascades. The return way goes on the left orographic margin at the bottom of the Ordesa Valley. Leaving La Cadiera bridge and crossing through the Senda de los Cazadores Bridge in direction to Ordesa Meadow.

In summer it is forbidden to drive to the meadow! There is a bus service and parking at Torla.

AREA: NATIONAL PARK PERIPHERY

SECTOR: BUJARUELO VALLEY



5. WALK THROUGH OTAL VALLEY

Access from Torla, at the access control of Ordesa by the Navarros Bridge take the road to Bujaruelo. 6km first on concrete and the rest on soil.



Level of difficulty: easy



Duration: 1h 30' ascent and 50' descent



Slope: 300 metres

Starting point: Romanesque bridge of San Nicolas de Bujaruelo.

From the bridge of San Nicolas de Bujaruelo (1340m), on the left continue walking towards the North. You will find yourself surrounded by an extraordinary wood of boxwood, rowan, yew and holly, all near the Ara River.



At 20' with an altitude of 1370m we find a spring and a bifurcation. We take the path to the right that goes up through Otal Valley. You can see Vignemale - Comachibosa (3300m) and its snow-caps. In front, you can see Cervillonar. At 1h, with 1620m we enter the Otal Valley. It is a completely flat valley without trees. At the bottom we can see the peak of Tendeñera (2853m) and we find a natural dam of an old lake. Its plain and U-shape structure tells us that it has eroded slowly by the glaciers. In this meadow there are beautiful mountain flowers: daffodils, orchids and gentians. And in summer we find the most poisonous flower in the Pyrenees, aconite. We can also find many grasshoppers, see chamois and colonies of marmots. At 1.30', at 1645m we reach the bottom of the Valley, where we will find a shepherds' hut. On the way back we can take the other riverbank. From the spring continue along the trail and after crossing the bridge above Ara River we connect the path that crosses the meadows until the bridge of San Nicolas de Bujaruelo. It might be possible to see frogs and newts.

SECTOR: TELLA



6. ROUTE THROUGH THE HERMITAGES OF TELLA

Access from Tella hospital.

Level of difficulty: very easy.



Slope: 150m.



Duration: 1 hour.



Circular route.



Starting point: corner of the parish church of San Martín de Tella.



Accessible all year round except after snow or blizzards.



Tella is 1384 metres high. It is one of the most picturesque towns in the Pyrenees with Pyrenean style houses: stone, slab roofs, few windows and chimneys. In Tella we can find a beautiful route through three hermitages of three different chronological periods. The first one, San Juan and Pablo hermitage is pre-Romanesque. The next one is Nuestra Señora de Fajanillas and the third one is the Virgen de la Peña hermitage; all of them are framed in exceptional scenery. Also, they are in a plain where the legends say the witches gathered... The well-preserved dolmen of Tella, also known in Spanish as Piedra Vasar or Losa de la Campa, is one kilometre away from the town. The hermitages are on different points of the path. You can combine this route with a visit to the interpretation centre of the cave bear in Tella.



7. TELLA'S MEGALITHIC DOLMEN



Tella's Dolmen, known also in Spanish as Piedra Vasar or Losa de la Campa, is located on the northeast of Tella. Just a bit before reaching Tella you will find the signpost. The route is circular and goes through a well-marked path. Archaeologically this megalithic monument was destined to burials, of collective internment. It is made of several flagstones, set vertically on the ground and holding a horizontal stone; the whole set is covered by a pile of stones and soil (ritual element, which was also necessary to build the monument).



During excavation works, bones and other megalithic utensils were found and they are now exhibited in the Provincial Museum of Huesca.

AREA: NATURAL PARK OF THE MOUNTAIN RANGE AND THE GUARA CANYONS

SECTOR: LECINA



8. LECINA WINDMILL AND SAN MARTIN HERMITAGE



Continuous access to the road that gets to the campsite towards Guaso and Barcabo



Level of difficulty: easy



Duration: 1 hour



Starting point: from Barcabo

Description of the route: From Barcabo you have to continue the path that gets to the dam. On the right, you can find the Verrala spring. The path continues parallel to the ravine and ends up in the river where there are remains from the Lecina windmill.

If you continue the path by the river, you arrive to the confluence of this with the ravine of Choca and the San Martín hermitage

SECTOR: ALQUÉZAR



9. VERO CANYON FOOTBRIDGE ROUTE



Continue the road from Barcabo to Colungo and go down to cross the Vero River in the campsite. Link with the road from Barbastro to Alquezar.



Access from the back part of the Collegiata. The wooden footbridge to go down can be slippery when wet. Please take care of the children during the whole itinerary through the suspended footbridges of Vero, one adult per child.



Description of the route: The itinerary is limited by the walls of the gorge of River Vero and the path has been fitted with suspended footbridges and wooden stairs. This route allows going from the historic village of Alquezar to the inside of one of Vero ravines, being able to see also different elements of how to use the water and Fuente de Baños bridge.



Steep slope in the return way, 150 metres straight.

AREA: MEDIUM RESERVOIR: FUEVA VALLEY – LOWER CINCA

SECTOR: SAMITIER



10. CLIMB TO THE RELIGIOUS-MILITARY COMPLEX OF SAMITIER



Level of difficulty: easy-medium

Time: 2 hours go and return.



Starting point: from Samitier, road A138 from Ainsa to Barbastro.

The path that joins the town of Samitier with its castle and the hermitage is sunny and rural. Although the doors of the buildings are closed, you can access inside by opening the bolts. The route consists on a climb to the hill by a visible dirt track.



It has several steep slopes until reaching the top of the hill. From there, you can con-



template a beautiful panoramic view of the Pyrenees at the back, the reservoirs and the strait of Entremón and you can also enjoy incomparable peace and silence.

AREA: LOWER PEÑAS

SECTOR: MONASTERY OF SAN VICTORIAN



11. PATH TO THE ROCK HERMITAGE OF LA ESPELUGA

Level of difficulty: easy

Time: 2 hours



Starting point: from the Monastery of San Victoriano



Description of the route: From the back of the Monastery you can see a small wooden sign that indicates the start of the route; sometimes you have to cross a small stream. The first stretch of the route runs through the rocky side of the mountain where it is necessary to be careful with the abyss that opens towards the right. 15 minutes along the way, you will find the meadow of the hermitage of San Antonio. The path continues towards a forest and it is indicated through white and yellow paintings with the letters PR. Almost at the end of the route there are small slopes.



AREA: SURROUNDINGS OF AINSA AND BOLTAÑA

AÍNSA



12. HIKE TO CRUZ CUBIERTA

Time: 15 minutes

Start: in the plains located behind Ainsa castle.



You can do it on a bike or with a baby trolley.



After visiting the medieval town of Ainsa, its old town with its arcaded main square, its streets, its museums, crossing the parade ground of Ainsa castle, crossing the wooden bridge over the moat of the city, you arrive to a large parking. Go towards the right.



There is a wooden sign that reads "Cruz Cubierta". This circular temple was built in 1655 to commemorate the battle of the Recapture of Ainsa from the Moors. Among the 8 columns and surrounded by an old fence you can find the stone representation of the Cross on the kermes oak, a symbol of Sobrarbe and the first quarter for the coat of arms of Aragon. The setting is peaceful and it is ideal to visit in summer early in the morning or at dusk.



AINSA



13. HIKE TO LOS PALACIOS HERMITAGE

Time: 30 minutes (one way)



Starting point: bridge of the Ara River, in the fort of Barbastro-Guaso road/ Natural Park of Sierra and Guara Canyons



Accessible all year round, preferably in spring.



Looking forward we can see that in the middle of both roads starts a dirt track that will lead us to Los Palacios Hermitage. The views to Ainsa, its old town and the Pyrenees are wonderful. After a little bit of slope to get to the hermitage, you have to take a diversion to the left. The initial steps are on a steep concrete slope, but after a bit we reach a large plain.



14. HIKE TO SANTA ANA HERMITAGE

Level of difficulty: easy

Time: a little bit more than one hour.



Circular route



Starting point: riprap of the Cinca river, between the bridge and the park.



It is possible to do it with a baby pram.



Departing from the starting point, the path is flat and runs parallel to Cinca River. After walking 15 minutes, take the diversion to the right, which is signposted and take you upwards to the Hermitage. If you continue through this path it will lead you to the road that goes to El Pueyo de Araguas. When arriving to the road, you have to go right where you will find a pronounced slope downwards and a straight that will take you back to Ainsa park.

BOLTAÑA



15. HIKE TO BOLTAÑA CASTLE

Duration: 20 minutes one way.



Starting point: Old Town of Boltaña



From the old town of Boltaña, follow the sign that marks the path to the castle, which is located on top of a hill. You get there following a beautiful mule path that is slightly inclined. You can appreciate the remains of a Romanesque castle that was built in the era of Sancho the Great.



This walled site domains the new part of the village of Boltaña with amazing panoramic views.



The hike is pleasant and very easy. In summer, it is advisable to do it early in the morning or at dusk. This route can be very sunny.



16. FROM THE OUTLOOK OF JANOVAS TO JANOVAS

Level of difficulty: easy but it is not recommended for smaller children.

Duration: between 20 and 30 minutes.



Starting point: from the outlook of Janovas (N-260) or the dirt track at the entrance of the town. The path runs along a stone path that goes down towards the river. You have to cross the river through a wooden suspended bridge. When arriving to the right river-bank there is a small slope that surrounds some rocks and leads you to the town. After a wander through its abandoned streets, the return goes through the same path. This hike is not recommended for smaller children.



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