



M. Cebolla

Fisherman with trammel nets

Typical fauna

Coot (*Fulica atra*), mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), red-crested pochard (*Netta rufina*), Northern shoveler (*Anas clypeata*), common pochard (*Aythya ferina*), purple heron (*Ardea purpurea*), grey heron (*Ardea cinerea*), cattle egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), little egret (*Egretta garzetta*), greater flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*), marsh harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*), black-winged stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*), reed warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*).

Typical flora

Common reed (*Phragmites australis*), yellow iris (*Iris pseudacorus*), narrowleaf cattail (*Typha angustifolia*), glasswort (*Arthrocnemum fruticosum*), salt-cedar (*Tamarix* sp), sea rush (*Juncus maritimus*).



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Common reed



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Yellow flag



J. Gil

Flamingos



F. Aguilar

Squacco heron

Recomendaciones y normas para los visitantes

Recommendations

Use a hard helmet and take enough food and water. The use of sun cream and mosquito repellent is recommended, depending on the season of the year. The terrain is completely flat although you should pay attention to the winds, which are common in the area. We recommend taking puncture repair material. Binoculars will also be useful for watching birds.

Rules and advice

-  Cycle carefully along the roads that link the two cycle tracks.
-  Respect the signposting and prohibited access zones.
-  Respect the plants, animals and the environment.
-  Do not leave rubbish. Help us to keep the park clean.
-  Camping is only allowed at established campsites.
-  In protected areas, dogs must be kept on a leash.
-  Use the viewpoints to observe the landscape of the Delta.

Park Information Centres

 **Casa de Fusta**
Bassa de l'Encanyissada
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Itinerary

The lagoon trail



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Technical Details

Distance covered: 28 km

Location: La Tancada and L'Encassinyada lagoons

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

Elevation gain: None. Completely flat

Difficulty: Easy

Users: On foot, by bicycle and on horseback. Connecting trail: be careful of traffic!

Trail surface: tarmac and earth

Recommended season: throughout the year

Km

Km 0 Casa de Fusta

Km 0,9 Carreter viewpoint

Km 3,9 End of L'Encanyissada cycle track

Km 5,1 Patrau viewpoint

Km 7,8 La Pantena

Km 11,1 Poblenu del Delta

Km 15,5 La Tancada cycle track

Km 17,6 La Tancada viewpont

Km 26,7 L'Embut viewpoint – Bat box

Km 28,7 Casa de Fusta



 L'Embut viewpoint



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Description

The trail starts at the **Casa de Fusta** (km 0) and continues along the cycle track of **L'Encanyissada**. The predominant vegetation in this initial section is the common reed (*Phragmites australis*), a plant that surrounds and lends its name to the lake (encanyissada – reedy place). At the end of the track (km 3.9)— where cattle usually graze—turn left along a dirt track that will lead to the **Patrau** viewpoint after about 1.2 km (km 5.1).

This track ends at the road that runs between **Sant Carles de la Ràpita** and **Poblenou del Delta**. Avoid the road by taking another left turn 150 m before you reach it (km 6.4) and continue along a dirt track that ends just opposite the Sant Pere canal. To cross the canal, you will have to go along the road for 500 m.

From here you can observe **pantera** – funnel-shaped stationary fishing nets. Continue for some 250 m, taking great care, until you reach a dirt track that starts on the left and runs parallel to L'Encanyissada. This track leads to Poblenou (km 11.1) without nearing the road.

Once you reach **Poblenou del Delta** there are two options: going back to the **Casa de Fusta** (at km 2.7) or continuing along the trail. If you decide to continue, leave the village and head towards the beach of El Trabucador-L'Aluet. To avoid the road that runs between Poblenou and **El Trabucador**, take the dirt track parallel to the football field (km 11.6) at the exit of Poblenou, and continue towards the bay of Els Alfacs.

After 400 m, turn left and continue straight on through rice paddies for 1.5 km. You will then need to turn left again. Continue for 500 m beside a large drainage channel until you reach the road bridge (km 14). Cross very carefully and turn left along a tarmac track with the same drainage channel on the left. Go straight on for 700 metres and then turn right and follow a dirt track that 800 m further ahead joins the start of the cycle track of La Tancada (km 15.5).

Continue along the La Tancada cycle track and take time to see the birds on the lake, especially the greater flamingos (*Phoenicopterus roseus*), mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*) and great crested grebes

1 La Casa de Fusta



3 Patrau viewpoint



9 Cyclists at La Tancada viewpoint



2 Casa de Fusta viewpoint

(*Podiceps cristatus*), and the vegetation, amongst which glasswort (*Arthrocnemum fruticosum*), a plant adapted to saline soils, dominates the landscape.

When the track ends (km 19.4), turn left to approach the La Tancada-Albert Rull viewpoint (km 19.9). This is the time to have a rest before heading back to the Casa de Fusta. Retrace your steps, take the La Tancada cycle track and the dirt track again until it meets the road that runs parallel to the large drainage channel (trench) (km 25.2), which is the same route you previously took to get to the La Tancada cycle track.

Turn right at this point and continue for 700 m until you reach the bridge, where you will have to take a left turn to head back to the Casa de Fusta. Before you get there, you will come to the **L'Embut** viewpoint (km 26.7), which affords a magnificent view of El Clot de l'Encanyissada. Observe the coots (*Fulica atra*) and Europe's largest bat box. This point also offers a view of the Casa de Fusta, where you should now head. After completing the last 2 km, you will have covered a total distance of 28.7 km. This trail runs through a zone of the Delta de l'Ebre Natural Park where a spectacular presence of birds is guaranteed at any time of year.

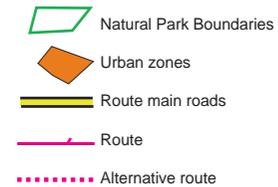
3 The Pantena



5 Poble Nou del Delta



9 Vista aerea de La Tancada



6 Travès bridge

8 Bat nesting box

9 Hut at La Tancada

