

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	A second Engolasters circuit from Encamp
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Encamp Walk starts outside the Ayuntamiento in Encamp – a large building with a huge reflective front just off the main road through the town. There is a large car park here but cheaper alternatives may be available!
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	11
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	510
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3.25hr 4.75hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	MS/B
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 42.536860, Long: 1.583971
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Encamp Follow the main road – CG2 through Andorra from Spain and turn in on either small road leading through Encamp. Approaching from the S the Ayuntamiento is at the far end of the town on the RHS.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A delightful walk up through woodland and around a popular lake with cafes before returning along a belvedere route with wide views over the valley.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
From the Ayuntamiento walk wodnhill to find the Tourist Office on the LHS. <b><u>(Distances and times are from the exit to the car park)</u></b>	
Start in the small road beside the tourist information office - Carrer Major. - and walk directly S along this.	
Turn L beside the church – Esglesia de Sant Miguel.	210m, 3min
Turn R at the top and slightly downhill in the Carrer de l'Arena to reach a roundabout where we go straight across and onto a track.	400m, 6min

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At a junction turn L uphill to arrive at some steps that lead up to a roundabout (the main CG2 road) which we cross at the lower level to mount some steps with a finger post. to Lac d'Engolasters (1hr 50min)	720m, 11.5min
Cross a footpath cross roads and at the next junction with a sign go L steeply uphill.	970m, 16.5min
Pass a finger-post to Cami del Fener de L'Olla and ignore this and keep uphill in zig-zags.	
Finally reach 2 restaurants at the end of the lake – La Dama del Lac on the RHS gets the morning sun.	2.6km, 58min
Once at the Restaurant de Dama de Llac walk across the terrace to a finger post and keep to the RHS of the lake on the higher track.	
At the end of the water keep right slightly uphill for a few meters before descending to a finger post and turning left walking below the dam.	3.6km, 1hr 13min
Keep right towards a building with a large redundant water valve and the right again towards a large gate in a fence where you swing left still uphill to reach a track junction.	3.9km, 1hr 18min
Turn right and now walk level soon on tarmac passing several building on the LHS the last of which is adorned with graffiti on its end wall.	
Keep ahead at a junction to soon reach a bigger road that sweeps around from right to left above a car park.	
Cross this immediately and step up onto a thin footpath.....	4.5km, 1hr 28min
that soon broadens and gently climbs above pastures on the RHS towards a col.	
Here there is a finger post.....	5.5km, 1hr 45min
..... and we keep ahead soon descending steeply to reach a charcoal burning exhibit (carboners ) and the broad track below.	6km, 1hr 56min
Here turn right and continue to reach a tarmac road and turning circle.	8.2km, 1hr 26min
Immediately turn left descending on a track which becomes very steep before easing off and passing a ford and then reaching tarmac.	8.9km, 2hr 39min
Follow this road down to reach a more major road which you cross and then drop down a footpath (with sign) directly across from you.	9.7km, 2hr 50min
This stone flagged path descends with steps and then paving to turn left beside a stream and then gives out to an earth path which soon reaches a road.	
Turn right and in 10m left following the road down to a roundabout. Cross this on the RHS and then walk back to cross in front of the entrance to the cable car and then turn right down another set of stone flagged steps.	

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At the bottom of these turn right onto tarmac rising briefly and when this road turns abruptly right keep ahead onto a footpath which turns down left beside the river to reach tarmac.

Turn left here, reach the main road and cross it to descend ahead on a stone flagged path to the car park.

Andorra maps:- Source: Ministeri d'Ordenament Territorial, Govern d'Andorra

### **Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

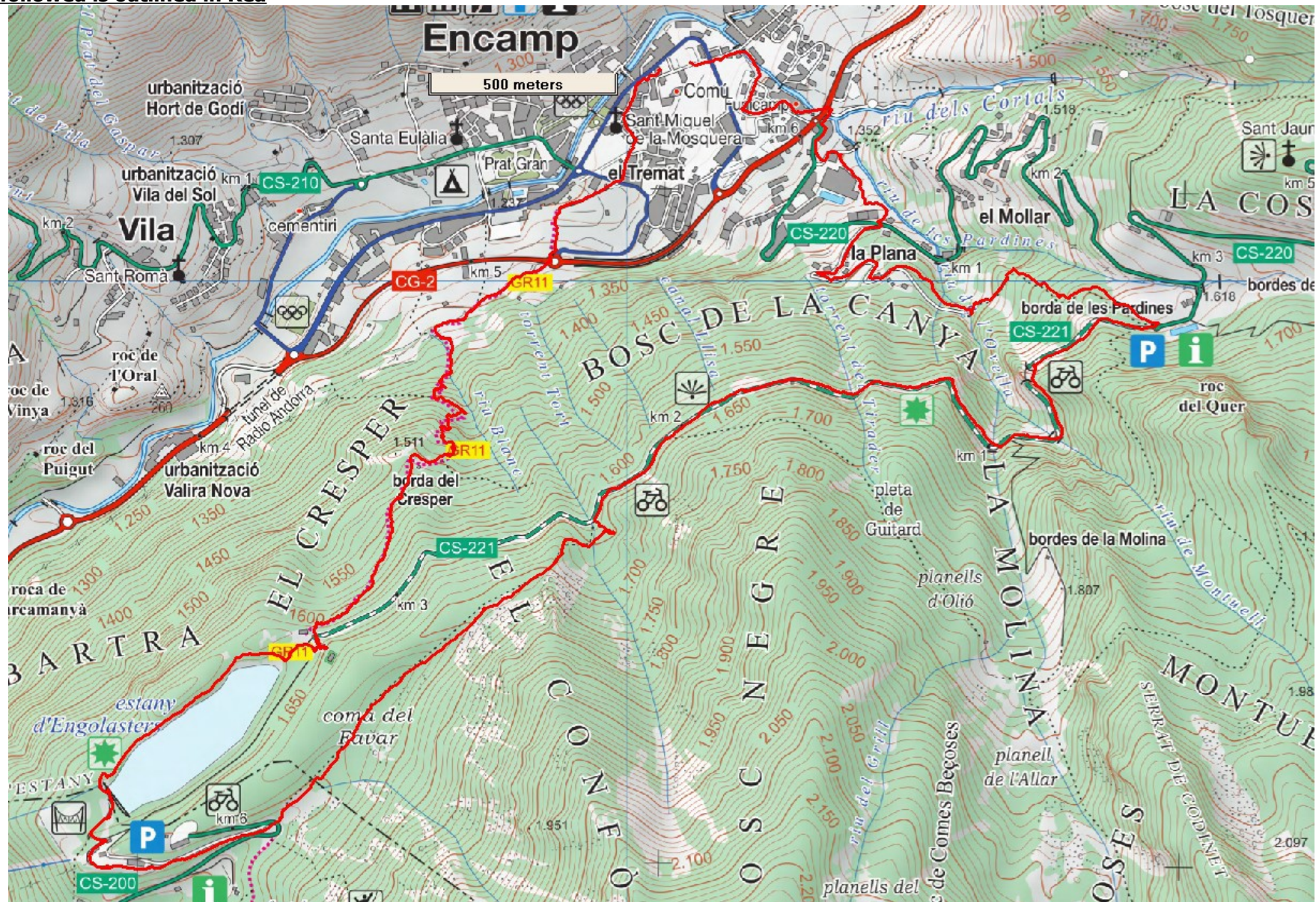
Car park beside town hall but five euros per day!

see map below.....

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**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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