

12 LES PARDINES PATH

DON'T MISS...

the electricity route, where you come and learn first-hand how electricity is produced at a hydroelectric plant. This guided tour will reveal the secrets of the Engolasters dam, while teaching you all its history since it was built in 1930. For more information, visit the museu de l'Electricitat ("Electricity museum").

DID YOU KNOW?

that the Guillem Mill in La Mosquera is an electrically powered flour mill owned by the Guillem family, and still retains all of its 16th- and 17th-century machinery in full working order?

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Pardines:
From the Latin word *partita*, which refers to a place where the ruins of a building are found.

HIKING IN ANDORRA



View of Encamp



Waterfall on the Montueller river



Hikers on Les Pardines path



Botanic garden

This easy hike through the parish of Encamp is an ideal way to pass a summer afternoon. The design of the route includes passing under the water pipe that feeds Engolasters lake, coming all the way from Ransol in the parish of Canillo. This pipe was built by FHA-SA, the old Andorran power company that currently operates under the name FEDA.

The starting point is located at the intersection of the Els Cortals road and Les Pardines farm (a little before the 3 km mark on the CS-220), where you will find a large car park. The completely flat path is littered with resting areas that have water fountains and tables. Throughout

the hike, you will walk along shaded areas with constant and spectacular views of the village of Encamp. At the end of the path you'll come to Engolasters lake, which is really a dam reservoir for generating and providing electricity for part of the Andorran population. At this point, you will see two restaurants where you may stop for a refreshment or try the barbecued meats. You'll take the same route on the way back.

During the hike, there are rest areas with water fountains. There are also panels giving information on local fauna and flora, and let's not forget the shrine to Our Lady of Ecology.



DATA SHEET



1H 05 MIN

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+30 M
 -40 M

3.460 M

NO

APPROXIMATE WALKING TIMES

ROUTE SIGNPOSTING



encamp
el pas de la casa

LOCATION HEIGHT	DISTANCE DROP	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
1 GATE AT STARTING POINT 1.630 m	-- (--)	--	N42 31.813 E1 35.939	Take the CS-220 road in the direction of Els Cortals. After 3 km, you'll turn right following the indications along Engolasters lake. When you come to the car park, you'll continue on foot. The metal gate is the starting point of Les Pardines path.
2 TUNNEL DE LES PARDINES 1.660 m	387 m (+30 m)	10'	N42 31.752 E1 35.696	As you walk along a very wide trail, you can admire the small botanic gardens you'll see on the left-hand side of the path. After passing a viewpoint where you can look out over the village of Encamp, you'll come to a tunnel. Inside the tunnel are information panels about the plant habitats that you will see during the hike.
3 WATERFALL 1.635 m	1.070 m (-25 m)	20'	N42 31.632 E1 35.631	After going through a tunnel, you'll come to a lovely bridge that crosses the Montuella river. Continue walking until reaching a second bridge over the La Molina river, where you'll see a small waterfall.
4 VIEWPOINT 1.635 m	1.880 m (0 m)	1h	N42 31.712 E1 35.147	As you continue along this pleasant path, you'll come to a viewpoint, where you should take a few moments to enjoy looking at the magnificent views of the peaks to the east, Torradella and Pala Alta peaks. You can also see a beautiful image of Our Lady of Ecology.

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5 REST AREA 1.630 m	2.450 m (-5 m)	45'	N42 31.518 E1 34.863	Continuing on, you will be able to enjoy the botanic gardens on the left, which show the vegetation that can be found in the scree and silica rocks here. You'll come to an ideal site to take a little break in the shade, where you can also examine the life-size model of a coal oven.
6 GATE AT END OF PATH 1.625 m	3.310 m (-5 m)	1h	N42 31.345 E1 34.344	Go on until you reach a metal gate signalling the end of the path.
7 ENGOLASTERS LAKE 1.620 m	3.460 m (-5 m)	1h 05'	N42 31.306 E1 34.258	Go through the gate and follow the path down to the right until Engolasters lake. This is the end your route, and now you can enjoy a delicious meal at one of the two restaurants nearby.

ROUTE PROFILE

