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WALKING IN ANDORRA



DON'T MISS...

Incles Valley, one of the most sublime natural landscapes in Andorra.

DID YOU KNOW...

the water is so clear in Anrodat lake that the lakeside looks like a beach from the films.

BEHIND THE NAME

Anrodat: postverbal adjective of enrodat, archaic. It may be a derivative of enrodolar, 'to surround'.

Etymology: probably from the Latin rotare, 'go around a centre'



Isla lake



Acanthus-leaved thistle
(*Carlina acanthifolia*)



Anrodat peak



Fontargent lake

The route starts in Incles Valley, one of the prettiest valleys in Andorra, reminiscent of Alpine landscapes, with small stone houses nestled among the pastures and surrounded by mountain peaks.

This day hike offers a beautiful panoramic view of the surroundings, and allows you to spend some time walking at high altitude along the border ridge.

The views you'll be rewarded with on this route are gentle and rounded on the Andorran side and more abrupt and rocky on the French side, with views of the northern slope of the Ariège, where you can see a drop of almost 700 metres above the great depths of the Coma de Varilles river. To the west are the highest peaks in the Principality.

One of the stunning views to be admired is that of Anrodat lake, as well as the smaller Isla lake, which has two unique features: it is almost perfectly round and there's a round island in the very middle. These two features add up to give it the appearance of a doughnut.

The Anrodat summit is flat, fairly wide and rounded, and is crowned by a large milestone. It affords views of the peaks of Andorra, such as the Serrera and the Estanyó, and the peak of Coma de Varilles. In the distance, you can even see Pica d'Estats.

The flora and fauna that accompany you along the way are meadows and sub-alpine habitats, including flowers such as the English iris (*Iris latifolia*) or the Alpine pasqueflower (*Pulsatilla alpina*), depending on the time of year. As for fauna, it's not unusual to spot a palmate newt (*Lissotriton helveticus*) or a common frog (*Rana temporaria*).



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

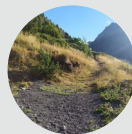
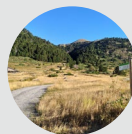
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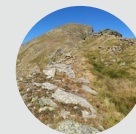
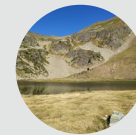
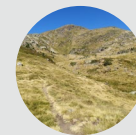
ROUTE SIGNAGE



PLACE ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
1 INCLES VALLEY KM 2,2 1.828 m	-	-	N42 35.945 E1 40.844	The start of the hike is at kilometre 2.2 of the narrow Incles Valley CS 270 main road. You don't need to go to the end of the road. At kilometre 2.2, on the right-hand side, you'll find a signpost with information on Anrodat and Isla lakes and Anrodat peak.
2 END OF THE FOREST TRAIL 1.897 m	550 m (+69 m)	15'	N42 36.129 E1 40.861	Take the wide, cobbled path marked north along a demanding slope, coming to Camí de Fontargent, where you find the last <i>borda</i> .
3 CROSSROADS GRP 2.032 m	2.040 m (+128 m -10 m)	45'	N42 36.661 E1 41.498	Continue parallel to Vall d'Incles along Camí de Fontargent until you enter the forest, where you lose altitude until the GRP junction (yellow and red marks).



PLACE ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
4 CROSSROADS ANRODAT LAKE 2.215 m	2.650 m (+183 m)	1h 15'	N42 36.823 E1 41.314	Continue along the path marked with yellow dots in a north-westerly direction. Do not follow the GRP (yellow and red marks). The path will be marked by a steep slope from this point until you reach a small plateau, where you'll find the detour to go to Anrodat lake.
5 ANRODAT LAKE 2.282 m	3.170 m (+67 m)	1h 30'	N42 36.880 E1 41.025	Continuing west, along a little-travelled path, the trail glides along until you reach Anrodat lake in the heart of a bucolic setting. You can also head directly to Isla lake following the most-marked path to the north.
6 ISLA LAKE 2.370 m	4.140 m (+119 m -33 m)	1h 55'	N42 37.158 E1 41.113	Skirt the lake, where, continuing in a north-easterly direction, you lose altitude until you once again take the path you left metres below. The blocked road takes a northerly direction, gaining height to reach Isla lake.
7 COLL D'ANRODAT 2.555 m	4.990 m (+185 m)	2h 40'	N42 37.423 E1 41.351	Head north-east and criss-cross the steep slope until you reach Coll d'Anrodat, which borders France. The views of both Incles Valley and the valleys in Ariège are spectacular.
8 ANRODAT PEAK 2.730 m	5.800 m (+175 m)	3h 15'	N42 37.493 E1 40.957	Advance along the ridge in a westerly direction. The first section is alpine terrain and you'll have to cross some aerial sections. More favourable terrain then takes you to Anrodat peak.



ROUTE PROFILE

