

# 11 CIRCULAR ROUTE AROUND CANILLO

HIKING IN ANDORRA



## DON'T MISS...

If you visit Canillo in winter, its giant nativity scene is the perfect attraction for all ages. The most well-known scenes of the Christian tradition are represented using more than 200 life-sized figures. The Star of the East will guide visitors through the village.

## DID YOU KNOW?

until not so long ago, all those who voted in the parish council elections received one peseta in exchange for their vote. Nowadays, voters receive a free breakfast at the Town Hall.

## TOPONYMY

**Canillo:** the name appears to be connected to *canal* or *canaló* (channel), although it may also be related to *Can*, which refers to spring waters



*Myosotis Alpestris*



February daphne  
(*Daphne Mezereum*)



Roc del Quer viewpoint



Incles Valley

This route will afford visitors the chance to get to know one of the highest parishes in Andorra. It's a calm area surrounded by mountains: the perfect place to enjoy nature in all its splendour. In summer and winter alike, there are plenty of activities to do in the valleys of Canillo and the surrounding area.

Due to its circular course around the Parish, visitors can start from wherever they want and end their walk at any point of the route. It's easily accessible for all levels and ages, but walking the entire route requires time, as well as being in good shape. Having a good sense of direction and being used to walking are also important.

The path is signposted with the symbol of a colourful flower, which is Canillo's tourist emblem. The itinerary passes through two distinct

areas: a shaded area and a sunny area. The sunny side has been subject to human use, while the shaded side is entirely woodlands. This route will lead visitors through some of the prettiest and most iconic landscapes (mountains, peaks and valleys) of this area of the parish. Some of the most impressive sights along the route are the peaks of Casamanya, l'Estanyó, l'Alt Juglà and Escobes, along with the glacial valleys of Montaup, La Coma de Ransol and Incles.

As you walk, you'll be surrounded by Scots pines, common brooms, common junipers, birches and alpine roses. In terms of fauna, you might get a chance to see vultures, bearded vultures, wood grouses, Pyrenean chamois and roe deer, among others.

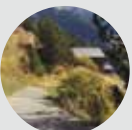
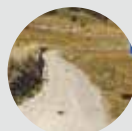
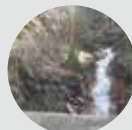
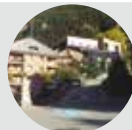
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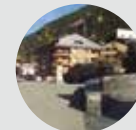
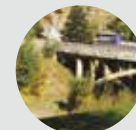
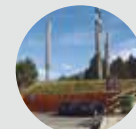
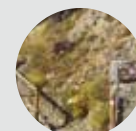
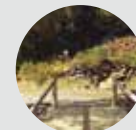
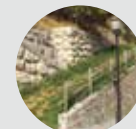
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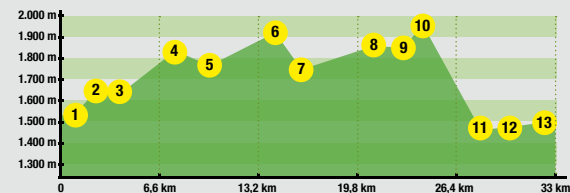
LOCATION	DISTANCE DROP	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
<b>1</b> CANILLO 1.536 m	-- (--)	--	N42 33.957 E1 35.988	The route starts in Canillo. If you're setting off from Andorra la Vella, take the CG-1 road to Canillo. The itinerary begins by the road leading to Prats, behind Canillo's tourist office.
<b>2</b> RIVER SEIG 1.655 m	1.530 m (+160 m -54 m)	40'	N42 34.186 E1 36.712	The path begins by the entrance of the cable-car's car park, where you'll find a large wooden sign indicating the Camí del Gall (Path of the Cock). Walk 150 m up the road until you find a path that branches off to the right. You'll pass over a bridge and under a tunnel, leaving the Ribaescorxada and Aina paths behind. You'll then cross the River Seig.
<b>3</b> RIVER BOR 1.645 m	3.850 m (+40 m -40 m)	1h 15'	N42 34.666 E1 38.093	You'll soon reach the viewpoint of the Vall del Riu waterfall. Follow the Camí del Gall, leaving the Mandurana forest and Ribaescorxada paths behind. A little bit further you'll reach the River Bor.
<b>4</b> SOLDEU LA SOLANA STREET 1.812 m	7.410 m (+230 m -50 m)	2h 30'	N42 34.652 E1 39.972	You'll pass by the Ransol dam and then head upward along a scree. Shortly afterwards you'll walk under a chair lift and cut across a ski slope: the path continues 100 m further up. You'll cross two more ski slopes before reaching a picnic area. The next step is to cross the River Aveta and the Collart channel. The path will now head downward until it reaches the Collart bridge, and further down, the town of Soldeu. From there, it follows Carrer de l'Església street until Carrer de la Solana.
<b>5</b> INCLES VA- LLEY CAMÍ DE L'HOMÉ DRET 1.789 m	11.730 m (+180 m -265 m)	4h	N42 35.321 E1 39.993	Forest (after passing a gate meant for livestock). The path then widens and heads downhill. Shortly afterwards, take the path on the left, which travels through the shaded area towards the Incles Valley and the river of the same name. Head upward until you reach the road, then continue 150 m until you find a paved track and the sign for the Camí de l'Home Dret path.
<b>6</b> BORDA DEL PIROT 1.928 m	15.140 m (+251 m -115 m)	5h 15'	N42 35.025 E1 38.856	Follow the paved track until you reach the last <i>bordes</i> (farm buildings). The path continues to the left, at which point you'll leave behind the path that leads to Lake Querol and the so-called "Pedra de l'Home Dret". From here, the forest track heads down to road CS-262. Follow the road for 400 m. To your left you'll find the Borda del Pirot.



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<b>7</b> RANSOL DELS PLANS ROAD 1.735 m	16.960 m (-183 m)	5h 45'	N42 34.864 E1 38.202	The narrow path will lead you to the town of Ransol. Follow the Carretera dels Plans road for 500 m until you find a path that forks off to the right, next to a building. Not far from here you'll reach the town of Plans.
<b>8</b> VALL DEL RIU RIVER 1.872 m	20.870 m (+200 m -60 m)	6h 55'	N42 35.064 E1 36.642	Just a few metres from Plans, follow the road down to the path heading towards Solanda de l'Aldosa. Continue along a flat path until you reach Coll de la Cauba. From here, head down to the river in the Vall del Riu valley.
<b>9</b> PATH OF THE CASAMANYA PEAK 1.840 m	22.790 m (+60 m -95 m)	7h 30'	N42 34.373 E1 35.512	Cross the Vall del Riu river and follow the path to the left, which will lead you to the Armiana <i>bordes</i> (cottages) forest track. Follow this track until you reach the Coll d'Ordino road. Walk 1 km up the road until you find the Casamanya path.
<b>10</b> ROC DEL QUER 1.958 m	24.780 m (+110 m)	8h	N42 34.138 E1 35.239	Continue to the right. Just a few metres from here you'll find the Janramon and Roig <i>bordes</i> . Cross the Montaup river and rejoin the Coll d'Ordino road. Follow it until you reach the Cap del Quer car park.
<b>11</b> MERITXELL PATH 1.480 m	27.530 m (-478 m)	8h 10'	N42 33.574 E1 35.321	The path continues leftward and soon after leads into the forest. Follow it downward until you reach a clearing with a wooden bench. The path continues to the right and quickly reaches the Mareig <i>bordes</i> . From here, it continues downward until road CG-1. Next to the river you will find the Camí de Meritxell path.
<b>12</b> MERITXELL 1.480 m	29.960 m (+180 m -180 m)	8h 40'	N42 33.245 E1 35.425	The path passes under the road, and just a few metres from here you'll find a wooden bridge. Follow the wide path until you reach the town of Meritxell.
<b>13</b> CANILLO 1.535 m	32.700 m (+70 m -70 m)	9h 10'	N42 33.957 E1 35.988	Follow the path for a few more metres, then take the path to the left, which skirts part of the temple of Our Lady of Meritxell. Not far from here you'll reach the town of Prats, where the road heading towards Canillo is to be followed.



### ROUTE PROFILE



### DATA SHEET

- 9h 10'
- +1.481 M
- 1.560 M
- 32.700 M
- YES

APPROXIMATE WALKING TIMES

### ROUTE SIGNPOSTING

