

## Trail 3

### Along the Noguera Ribagorçana River

**Route:** Conangles Shelter - Baserca Reservoir - Senet

**Access:** From the La Contesa car park, 1.3 km before the southern entrance of the tunnel

**Trail length:** 2 hrs 30 mins (one way)

**Difficulty:** Easy, a good path with few slopes, but a fairly long walk

**Elevation gain:** 191 m (1,500-1,309 m)

**Recommended season:** From May to November

**Observations:** The path follows the left bank of the Noguera Ribagorçana River and coincides with the trail around the Park and partially with the GR 11 long hike trail. If you prefer to do just a part of the walk, the prettiest and most interesting stretch is the point where the path crosses the beech grove and the Besiberri ravine, near the Conangles shelter.

## Trail 4

### The Fenerui Valley

**Route:** L'Hospitalet de Senet - Fenerui Hut - Font de l'Orri

**Access:** From the car park located beside L'Hospitalet de Senet (N-230)

**Trail length:** 3 hrs (one way)

**Difficulty:** Moderate to difficult, due to the steep slopes along the way **Elevation gain:** 800 m (1,450-2,250 m)

**Recommended season:** From June to October

**Observations:** The trail begins at the beginning of the Baserca reservoir. After going round the reservoir, the route climbs up the old Fenerui path that joined the Barravés valley with the Boí valley. The deciduous forests, which are extremely beautiful in autumn, changes into conifer woods and alpine meadows; where the walker can enjoy a wide variety of high mountain flowers and a landscape of exceptional geological beauty.

## Trail 5

### The Besiberri Valley

**Route:** Conangles Shelter – Besiberri Lake

**Access:** From the La Contesa car park, 1.3 km before the southern entrance of the Vielha tunnel (N-230)

**Trail length:** 2 hrs (one way)

**Difficulty:** Moderate, as there are sections of the path that are very steep

**Elevation gain:** 492 m (1,500-1,992 m)

**Recommended season:** From May to November

**Observations:** On this trail walkers can appreciate the magnificent beech groves of the area. It is also a good walk on which to see the terraced profile of the valley and the waterfalls, the result of erosion by ancient glaciers. Having passed Estany Gran, the path continues to L'Estanyet, the location of the bivouac shelter of Besiberri, with 16 places and which is a good base for longer hikes and climbing.

## Trail 6

### The Rius lakes

**Route:** Espitau de Vielha/Conangles Shelter - Estans de Rius

**Access:** From the La Contesa car park, 1.3 km before the southern entrance of the Vielha tunnel (N-230)

**Trail length:** 2 hrs 30 mins (one way)

**Difficulty:** Moderate, some sections of the path are very steep

**Elevation gain:** 810 m (1,525-2,335 m)

**Recommended season:** From June to October

**Observations:** This trail follows the GR footpath 11 and presents no particular difficulty with the exception of the continual slope. On reaching El Pòrt de Rius, the trail enters a valley containing several lakes. In the spring and autumn, looking carefully with the help of binoculars, you can sometimes see herds of chamois.

## Trail 7

### Southern Portal of the Tunnel - Vielha Pass

**Route:** Espitau de Vielha / Conangles Shelter - Vielha Pass

**Access:** From the La Contesa car park, 1.3 km before the southern entrance of the Vielha tunnel (N-230)

**Length of the route:** 3 hrs (one way)

**Difficulty:** Moderate as far as the top of the pass

**Elevation gain:** 915 m (1,525-2,440 m)

**Recommended season:** From June to October

**Observations:** This trail, which used to be the only access path into the Val d'Aran valley, begins its meandering route at the southern entrance of the Vielha tunnel. From the top of the Vielha or Barravés pass, located at the very heart of the Pyrenees, walkers are rewarded with exceptional views. From here, if you wish to walk further, you can take the path to Vielha, following the Nere river valley. Watch out for sudden changes in the weather. This trail is part of the GR 211-5 and the "Camins vius" footpaths.

"Camins vius" is an initiative to recover the old footpaths that existed between the different valleys in the area. The result is a trail that avoids the most crowded spots inside this protected natural area, passing through many of the villages in the area immediately surrounding the Park.



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- For further information about trails and the National Park, we recommend you first to visit the Park Houses.
- If you use the guide-nature interpreter service, you will enjoy your stay at the National Park much more.
- Please respect the regulations to protect the National Park, in this way you will be collaborating with its preservation.
- Please be sensible. Please remember that your safety is our concern, but your responsibility.
- Please, remember that spring waters have not been treated.



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The geographical limits of this valley are perfectly drawn by a river, the Noguera Ribagorçana. The valley runs from the top of the Molières and Conangles streams to the confluence with the Noguera de Tor River, above El Pont de Suert. The name Barravés was first recorded in the 11th Century and may have meant “the mouth or throat of the valley”, in reference the narrowness of the sides from the village of Forcat upwards.

In administrative terms, the territory of the valley is divided between Aragonese Ribagorça, L'Alta Ribagorça and La Val d' Aran. Vilaller is the most important village in the territory. It is in the south of the valley and it has all of the valley's services. Higher up, the Information Centre of the Aigüestortes and Estany de Sant Maurici National Park is in the village of Senet. This is a good starting point for information on the activities you can pursue in the valley.

Granite mountains over three thousand metres high, beech forests and nearly 40 lakes distributed throughout the different valleys, together with the traditional torchlight processions held on the night of St. John's day and the livestock fair held on All Saint's Day all combine in an example of natural and cultural heritage that is well worth discovering. The Barravés Valley, a valley full of surprises!

## Trail 1

### El Salto Waterfall

**Route:** Senet - L'Esbornada - El Salto

**Access:** From the village of Senet, in front of the Park Information Centre

**Trail length:** 1 hr (one way)

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Elevation gain:** -130 m (1,309-1,179 m)

**Recommended season:** Throughout the year

**Observations:** On leaving the Information Centre, follow the Port Street to the village square, known as Plaça de Baix. From there, a path takes walkers to the Pilaret de Sant Sebastià and then continues down of a large rockfall known as L'Esbornada. Past this, the old Vilaller path, the traditional cattle track, continues to El Salto, a long, narrow waterfall also known as the Salvassa waterfall.

This trail is part of the path around the park known as “Camins vius” (Living Paths).

## Trail 2

### Senet - Port de Gelada

**Route:** Senet - Artigalonga Hut - Port de Gelada

**Access:** From the village of Senet, in front of the Park Information Centre

**Trail length:** 3 hrs (one way)

**Difficulty:** Moderate due to the initial slope

**Elevation gain:** 766 m (1,309-2,075 m)

**Recommended season:** From May to November

**Observations:** The first part of the trail is the same as the Senet fauna trail, which is well signposted and includes educational panels with information on the main natural features of the mountain. On arrival in Port de Gelada, we can extend our walk down into the Boí valley in either of two ways: to the south by the path leading to the village of Barruera and passing alongside the chapel of Sant Salvador and to the east by the path leading to the Basco hill as far as Erill la Vall.

This trail is part of the “Camins vius” footpath.

