

**RAMAT
DE CAMINS**

STAGE 12: BOSSÒST - VIELHA

BOSSÒST – ERA FARM BUILDINGS – VILAMÒS – BEGÒS – PÒNT D'ARRÒS – ARRÒS – AUBÈRT – BETLAN –
MONTCORBAU – MONT – VILAC - VIELHA

Time needed : 6.30 h

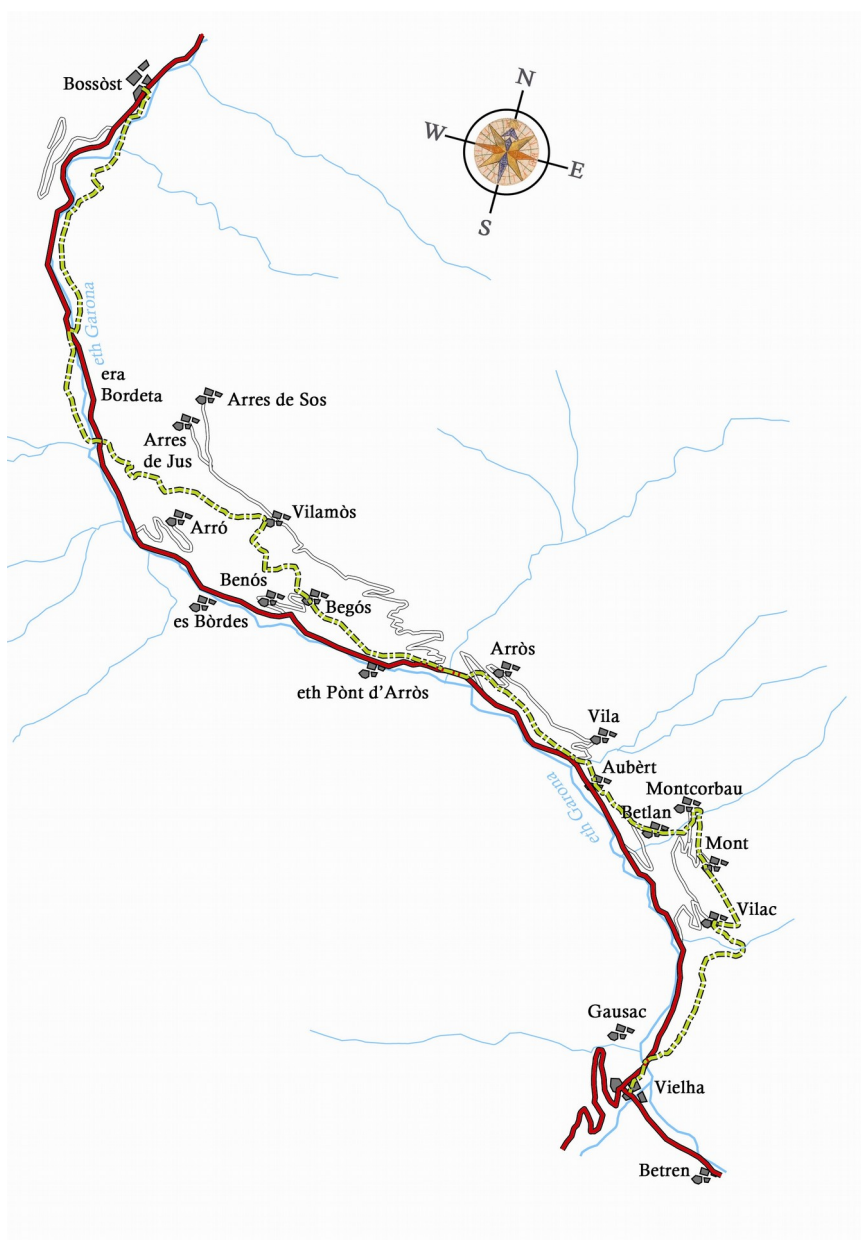
Ascent/descent (approx): 1,110 m ascent, 735 m descent

Distance (approx): 19.5 km

Highest point: 1,255 m

Lowest point: 710 m

Map recommended: *Val d'Aran*. Esc. 1:40.000. Editorial Alpina.



- 0 h **Bossòst**, 710 m. From Bossòst we re-trace the part of the path from the previous day as far as the Bordeta farm buildings.
- 1.15 h **Bordeta farm buildings**, 778 m (campsite, restaurant, hostel, service station). We follow the road towards Vielha until we come to a signpost on our left for Arròs, Arres and Vilamòs. Here we start walking on a track between some allotments. The track soon ends up on private property and we carry on along a narrow path which heads upwards, leaving the village houses and campsite below.
- 1.20 h We go past a farm building on the right of the path and make our way up through woodlands with birch, hazel and ash trees. There's bracken, ivy and moss on the ground through this section, with stone under foot in places and dry stone walls.
- 1.30 h Shaded spot with a **ravine**. The path carries on upwards, making a few minor detours.
- 1.40 h **Crossroads**, 930 m. The village of Arròs lies half a kilometre to the right, but we turn left towards Arres de Jos and Vilamòs.
- 2 h **Crossroads** between four paths, 980 m. A left turn here would take us to Arres de Sus i de Jos and then onto Vilamòs. Carrying straight on along the lower path would take us to Begós and Es Bòrdes. By going straight on via the upper path we go towards Vilamòs and Estanh Long. Straight away we come to a track T-junction and head upwards. When we come to a fork we take the option on the left, which carries on upwards.
- 2.35 h **Crossroads** between paths as we reach Vilamòs, 1,243 m. A right turn would take us down to Begós. We head upwards into the village of Vilamòs.
- 2.35 h **Vilamòs**, 1,255 m (rural accommodation, restaurant). Not to be missed: communal washing area, Ecomusèu Çò de Joanchiquet, the church, a stroll around the village.
Back at the start of the village we begin by heading down towards Begós, passing some new buildings on our left.
- 2.40 **Fork**. No signpost. Taking the path on the left we find it soon becomes narrower.
- 3.05 h **Begós**, 1,022 m. Not to be missed: the church, a stroll around the village. We get here by going past some communal washing facilities and troughs, in the direction of the church. There are some great views from in front of the church and we can see Pònt d'Arròs and Es Bòrdes. We head down through holm-oak woodlands.
- 3.40 h We go past a **house** on the left. A track starts here. We're very close to the road and the river. When we come to a secondary road we turn right and use it to head downwards, passing the buildings of Pònt d'Arròs on the right.
- 3.45 h **Pònt d'Arròs**, 865 m (campsite, hotel, restaurant). We get off the road to the right and cross the Varradòs river, ignoring the access to the road towards Vilamòs and the hotel restaurant Peña. When we get to the roundabout we leave the bus stop below us to our right and head up a green ridge until we come out on the road that goes up to Arròs. On the other side of the road we get onto the old path, then passing a chalet on the right. Five minutes further on we cross the road and continue on the other side.
- 3.55 h **Arròs**, 896 m (restaurant). Not to be missed: Archiu Istoric dera Val d'Aran (Historical Archive of the Val d'Aran), the church, a stroll around the village. We go through the centre of the village, passing the church on our right. Behind the church there's a small path which gently leads down towards Aubèrt, which can be seen further down. On the other side of the road and the river we can also see Camin Reiau.
- 4.20 h The path comes out right by the **road** again, without us having to get onto the road surface itself. On the left we take a path with wooden handrails, which leads towards the village of Aubèrt.

- 4.25 h **Aubèrt**, 928 m (hotel, restaurant). Not to be missed: the church, a stroll around the village. We get here after crossing a ravine and going past the cemetery. The church and the town council are in the village square. We head up Carrer Sant Martín, passing a school on our left. At the end of the street we turn left and start winding our way upwards on the old path.
- 4.40 h **Fork**. We can see the houses of Aubèrt behind us now. We take the upper path, to the left, coming out on the road straight away below the village of Betlan. Turning left, we head upwards.
- 4.45 h **Betlan**, 1,040 m (hotel). Not to be missed: the church, a stroll around the village. This is a small hamlet. We pass the church on the left and head to the top of the village, where the old path starts.
- 4.55 h We go past some **water tanks** on the left which supply the village.
- 5 h We get to a **track** leading off from a bend in the road, which is on our right. Crossing the track we carry on along a narrow path between trees, heading up towards the village of Montcorbau, which we can see up to our left.
- 5.10 h We come out on the **road** and turn left, heading up the road to Montcorbau.
- 5.15 h **Moncorbau**, 1,188 m (rural accommodation). Not to be missed: the church, a stroll around the village. We head to the top of the village. From here it's 1.3 km to Mont.
- 5.20 h Next we go over the Montcorbau **ravine** and carry on along a narrow path towards Mont. We can see the bell tower of the church.
- 5.25 h **Road**. We head upwards along the road, into the next village.
- 5.27 h **Mont**, 1,213 m. Not to be missed: the church, a stroll around the village. There are views of Vielha here. We go past the church on our left. The main square is a point where different paths cross. Heading left would take us to the sections of Coret de Mont and Coret de Varradòs, but instead we head downwards in the direction of Vilac, which we can see 1.2 km below. Just after passing a large circular water tank on our left the path becomes a track.
- 5.40 h **Vilac**, 1,062 m (rented apartments, rural accommodation). Not to be missed: the church, a stroll around the village. We head into the centre of Vilac on the Camin dera Creu path and go down through the village till we reach the lower part, using Carrer Sant Blas. We come out on a road here and follow it straight on.
- 5.55 h Passing a **chapel** on the left we cross the bridge over the Saliena ravine and come to a crossroads. The Salient farm buildings are to the left, but we carry on along the road towards Vielha, which is 2.2 km away.
- 6.05 h We get off the road to take a **track** on our right, which takes us through woodlands and then through some fields, before entering the woods again.
- 6.20 h **Water channels**. We pass the Vielha industrial estate, lower down to our right.
- 6.25 h We end up at a **hotel** which resembles a zoo, 968 m. Once we reach the road we turn left and go towards the centre of Vielha, a five-minute walk away.
- 6.30 h **Vielha**, 1,000 m (rural accommodation, rental apartments, restaurant, shops, chemist's, service station). Not to be missed: the church, Era Fabrica dera Lana (wool museum), Musèu dera Val d'Aran, Archiu Istoric Generau d'Aran.

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