

## STAGE 14: CONANGLES REFUGE - BARRUERA

CONANGLES REFUGE – SENET – PORT DE GELADA – ERILL LA VALL – BOÍ - BARRUERA

**Time needed:** 8 h

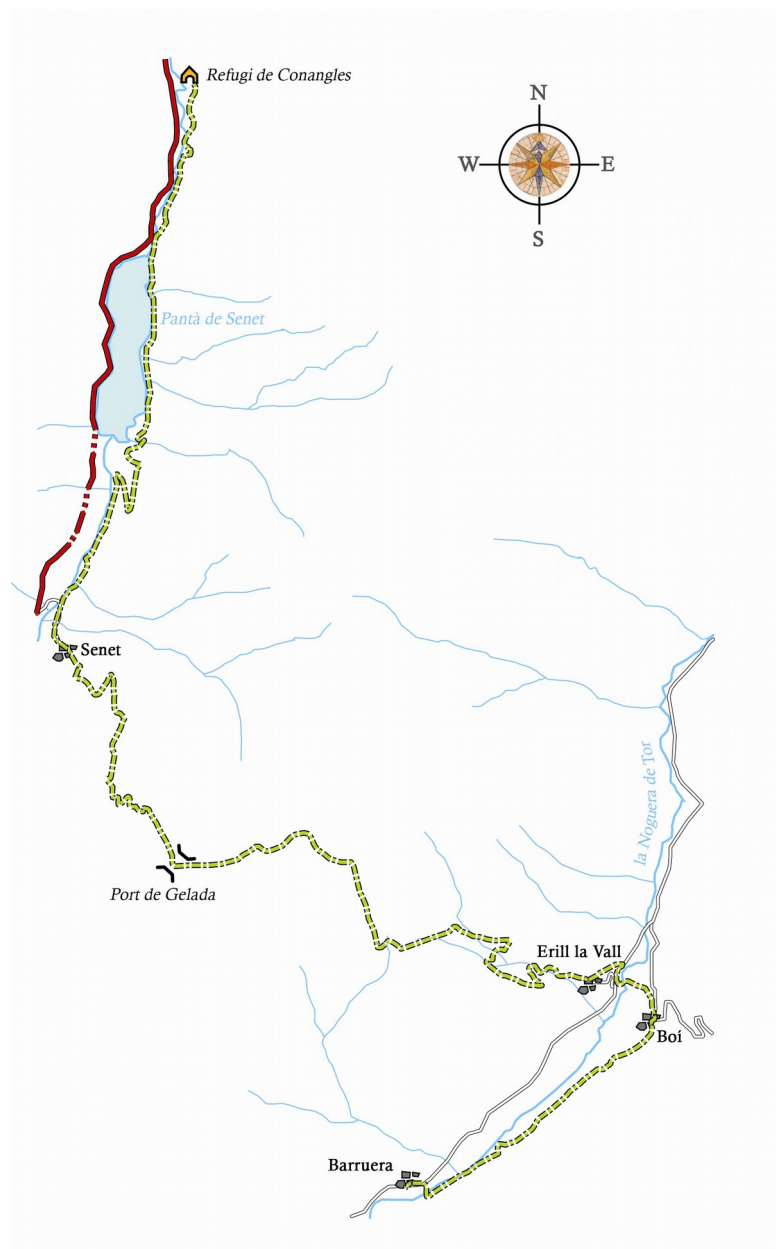
**Ascent/descent approx:** 1,055 m ascent, 1,515 m descent

**Distance approx:** 22.1 km

**Highest point:** 2,075 m

**Lowest point:** 1,100 m

**Map recommended:** *Vall de Barravés – Ribagorça*. Esc. 1:25.000. Editorial Alpina.



- 0 h **Conangles refuge**, 1,555 m. Once we're on the road above the refuge we follow it south as far as a picnic area. A left turn here takes us towards the Besiberri lakes using a woodland track.
- 0.10 h **Fork** in the track. We take the track on the right, which the GR route uses. Shortly after the track becomes harder to distinguish and we turn left to cross a meadow.
- 0.15 h After the meadow we cross a **concrete bridge**, carrying on along the narrow path until it becomes a track a little further on.
- 0.30 h We come out on a wider track. To the right, crossing the river, the path leads to the Anglos lakes and the Ballibierna peak. We carry on along the wide track though, gaining height a little. The Baserca (or Senet) reservoir is on the right.
- 1.05 h **Telecommunications towers**, 1,507 m. After the towers we head downhill along a track with some steep sections included.
- 1.20 h Coming out onto a **road**, we follow it downhill.
- 1.30 h **Road T-junction**. Turning right here would lead to the reservoir. We turn left instead, heading downhill, but as soon as the Moralets power station comes into view we need to pay special attention as next to a long thin concrete building there's a track which we need to take on our left. At first the track climbs slightly and goes under an electricity pylon. After that it becomes flatter. Two or three minutes after taking it we come to a fork, taking the lower track, on the right.
- 1.45 h The track comes out at a **bend** in the road. We turn left, heading up the road and passing a children's play area on the right. Various itineraries are possible from here: towards the Romanesque church of Santa Cecília, the Pilaret de Sant Antoni Abat, the Pilaret de Sant Isidre, etc.
- 1.55 h **Senet**, 1,312 m. (rural accommodation). Not to be missed: Information point for Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici National Park, a stroll around the village, the church. As soon as we get to the village we find the old sawmill on the right, now an interpretation centre for the Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici National Park. A few metres further on, on the left, there's a signpost for the old path which heads up to the Gelada pass. The first section as far as the Artigalonga cabin coincides with a nature route, with different interpretation panels along the way. It's signposted with wooden posts with blue chamois paw print logos on them. We pass the church on the right and then some troughs on the left before heading up through a wood with scots pine, hazel and holly.
- 2.30 h We come out at a **drinking trough**. Now we're in the Planaverd pastures (1,550 m). Rather than following the track we go around to the other side of the trough and take a path heading upwards, which is fairly broken up at first. It gains height between a metal fence on the left and boxwood on the right. There's not much foliage here. The path comes out in a more open space and peters out. Here we have to head up through boxwood and pastures until we get to a track. Once there we turn right and head upwards, very shortly coming to a bend. Leaving the track at this point we continue along a narrow path, also quite broken up here. It follows a long skirting route, with views of Senet from high above.

- 3 h **Artigalonga cabin**, 1,720 m. Shelter for local shepherds. In the past this pasture area was sown with barley, rye and potatoes. There's a chance to fill water bottles from fresh water troughs here. We leave the nature trail at this point and start to find posts with yellow dots on them. For the moment we need to head upwards as far as the track a little further up from the cabin, paying attention when we get there because there's a trough just there above the track from where the old path leads to the Gelada pass. Initially the path flanks the track, which runs parallel to us below on the right. Shortly we come back out on the track, which has a small cabin on the other side of it. We don't need to use the track at this point because the narrow path carries on down this side of the mountain and is easier to pick out from here on. We reach the pass after a long flanking movement across the mountain.
- 5 h **Erill or Basco pass**, 1,920 m. Cattle fencing. The Faro d'Erill mountain is on our right and the Comaminyana summit on the left. Ahead of us there are lofty views of the Erill, Boí and Taüll farm buildings, and further ahead the Pla de l'Ermita housing estate. Erill is hidden from view. Now we can either follow the yellow posts, which head down to the right of the valley, or head down in the direction of the farm buildings. Taking this second option, which we recommend, it's a question of heading cross country downhill and crossing the ravine on the left before seeking a very old stone hut located at a strategic spot on top of a small hilltop.
- 5.25 h **Stone hut**, 1,700 m. We can see the Erill farm buildings down below from here.
- 5.35 h On our right we pass the Joanamat, Martimpé and Vidal **farm buildings**, collectively known as Erill Amunt, 1,600 m. The old Sant Cristòfol chapel once stood here but only the ruins remain. We go past the buildings and carry on to the right using a path with a little foliage and passing between woods on the left and meadows on the right. There are some posts here which lead down the right-hand side of the valley from the Basco pass. We cross a small ravine before skirting a meadow surrounded by trees. Heading down from the meadow, now on the other side, we come to a stream, a dry stone wall and the path, now easily identified.
- 5.55 h **Start of the path**, 1,575 m. Turning left we start heading downhill along this pretty woodland path.
- 6.30 h Close to the village of Erill we cross a **ravine**, slightly further down from a small dam. The ravine is on our right now.
- 6.35 h **Erill**, 1,250 m (hotel, apartments, rural accommodation, hostel, restaurant). Not to be missed: a stroll around the village, the church, the Romanesque interpretation centre. From a children's play area we head down through the village streets. At the point where we come to a stone spring we turn left in the direction of the old path which leads to Boí.
- 6.45 h The old path leads out past houses and vegetable patches and comes out at the L-500 road which crosses the Vall de Boí. Crossing to the other side we turn right and a few metres further on, at the 15 km mark, we come to a narrower asphalt road which heads downhill to the left to the Boí water treatment plant. We follow this road, passing the plant on the right and crossing a ravine via a pretty wooden and iron bridge. On the other side we start gaining height using a path along which flora and fauna information panels are sited, also offering information on heritage in the surrounding area. We reach the lower part of Boí, arriving below a large hostel and coming out in front of the cemetery.
- 7 h **Boí**, 1,250 m. (hotel, apartments, rural accommodation, restaurant). Not to be missed: the church, the Casa del Parc, a stroll around the village. From here we can head up to Taüll to visit the famous Romanesque churches.

Alternative route

**MARRADA DE TAÜLL (one hour extra round trip up and back down):** At the main road up to Taüll from Boí we find a sign for the old path. It starts by heading east using some stone steps before using a hiking path with dry stone walls on both sides. Ash and hazel trees offer shade here and there are flora and fauna information panels. The path crosses the road twice along the way. The third time it does so there's no need to cross, leaving the road on the left instead at a tight bend. Heading up now using the gully to the right, once we're 25 minutes out of Boí we come to four wooden trunk steps taking us onto the road. Now we just head up the road to reach the village

**Taüll**, 1,480 m (hotel, rural accommodation, restaurant, campsite. Not to be missed: the churches, a stroll around the village.

- 7.05 h Passing the Hotel Pei on the left we head down Carrer del Fornet, passing a children's play area to the left before coming to a sign for Barruera (1.30 h). We take the **Camí de l'Aigua** at the 21 km mark and stay on it until we reach El Pont de Suert. There are information panels along the way and various stone sections. We go past a **viewing point** with an information panel about the landslide in front (Ribampiedro), the Aüt summit, etc.
- 7.30 h We come out on the main path along the **floor of the valley** where there's a large populus, known locally as a *xop*. Turning left, next we go through a pretty section with dry stone walls and hazel trees. The path takes us through the middle of some meadows.
- 7.45 h **Concrete bridge.** We take a track from here.
- 7.50 h We go past a **power plant** on our left.
- 8 h Going under the **road which leads up to Durro**, on the right, we come to a **bridge**. The village of Barruera is beyond the bridge.
- Barruera**, 1,100 m. (hotel, rural accommodation, campsite, apartments, restaurants, chemist's, service station, shops). Not to be missed: the church, a stroll around the village, a walk by the river.

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