

# 1 Ibón de Anayet, 2225m

A peat lake in wonderful mountain surroundings

## Corral de las Mulas – Ibón de Anayet and back

**Location:** Sallent de Gállego, 1305m.  
**Starting point:** Corral de las Mulas, 1600m, on the road to the Col du Portalet. A good 2km beyond the exit to Formigal, the approach to the Anayet lift area is signposted to the left. The road is usually closed off outside the ski season so that you have to park at the buildings near the road.

**Walking times:** Corral de las Mulas – Ibón

de Anayet 2¼ hrs.; return 1¾ hrs.; total time 4 hrs.

**Difference in height:** 625 m.

**Grade:** red and white marked GR path. The short final ascent to the plateau with the lakes is a bit steeper.

**Recommended map:** Valle de Tena, 1:40.000; publ. by Editorial Pirineo 1997.

**Stops and accommodation:** bars and restaurants in Sallent de Gállego.

The ascent through the valley of the Barranco de Culibillas leads through a charming landscape of streams onto a vast high plateau crossed by soft rolling grass-covered hills and holding the Ibón de Anayet. In the west and in the south it is enclosed by a moderately high mountain chain where the steep flanked Pico de Anayet rises in competition with the Pic du Midi d'Ossau towering up in the background on the French side. Both mountains are mainly of volcanic origin.

From the **Corral de las Mulas** walk about 3km on the surfaced track to Anayet lift station. A track continues beyond the lift area which you follow as far as the first left-hand bend with a large cairn. Take the path branching off right here and after a few minutes you come to a signpost for the Ibones de Anayet. Your path goes beside the stream along the sloping banks, then



*Ibón de Anayet and Pic du Midi d'Ossau.*

swings to the west and leads into the broad valley of the Barranco de Culibillas. After a comfortable ascent you come to a small plain and afterwards the valley gets steep again and you change over onto the right-hand bank of the stream. The path here heads for a conspicuous hill with a jagged ridge which you go round to the right. Where the valley levels out again, change over to the other side of the stream once more. The broad ascending hillside is clearly visible ahead and the high plateau with the lakes extends beyond. The path leads you up a gradual incline through large reddish boulders and then, after crossing the stream again, a substantial uphill climb begins round quite long bends up to the wide and hilly plateau bordered by a long wall of rocks with the Pico de Anayet in the north. The path heads towards the Pico and reaches the shallow **Ibón de Anayet**, 2225m, which you can easily walk around close to the water's edge.

If you continue along the GR path on the left of the lake in a northerly direction you will come to the edge of the plateau and there you can zigzag down to the point where the impressive waterfall cascades down at the head of the Canal Royal valley, called La Rinconada. From here you can enjoy a magnificent view down into the valley.

