

22 Estany del Diable, 2320m, and Pic de Campirme, 2633m

Panoramic mountain with an intermediary stop at the 'devil's lake'

Refugi de la Pleta del Prat – Estany del Diable – Pic de Campirme and back

Location: Tavascan, 1120m.

Starting point: Refugi de la Pleta del Prat, 1720m. From Tavascan along the road to the Estació d'esquí / Pleta del Prat.

Walking times: Refugi de la Pleta del Prat – Estany del Diable 2 hrs.; Estany del Diable – Pic de Campirme 1 hr.; return 2¼ hrs.; total time 5¼ hrs.

Height difference: 913m.

Grade: a technically easy walk; red way-markings in places and cairns.

Refreshments: Refugi de la Pleta del Prat; Tavascan.

Tip: even without the ascent up to Pic de Campirme this is a very worthwhile walk as regards the scenery.

In summer as in winter the Estany del Diable and Pic de Campirme are a favourite and delightful destination for a walk. While the small 'devil's lake' is protected by pretty mountain ranges of moderate height, Pic de Campirme is open on all sides and offers an excellent panoramic view.

An old roadway starts at the **Refugi** with signposts to your destinations. Follow this roadway for a few minutes until you come to a large wooden signpost where you take the hiking path that branches off to the right. It immediately climbs up across densely overgrown hillsides keeping on the right of the Torrent de Mascarida. At times the path is rather overgrown with thick undergrowth but it soon becomes obvious again. It gets closer to the



Estany del Diable.

stream, runs beside it for a while, turns off southwestwards and ascends a slope covered in alpine roses. The stream appears again afterwards and your path keeps on the right of it and up a gentle incline reaches a flat area of the valley where you walk past some ruins of huts and a still intact shepherd's hut. Continue along beside the stream which drops down over lovely ledges of moss-covered stones. The path begins to ascend once more and winds up round sharp bends over the head of the valley and in the last seconds brings you unexpectedly to the **Estany del Diable**, 2320m.

At the lake cross over the out-flowing stream. The small grassy col which you are now heading for can clearly be seen in the south east. Take the path which leads across the sloping meadows, but which soon disappears and follow the red paint waymarkings on the rocks. You soon meet some tracks again and after that a conspicuous zigzag path that runs up the broken hillside to the col. Continue to the right along the ridge in a south-southwesterly direction (you could also stay on the edge of the steep slopes dropping down to the lake) and head towards the top of the long-drawn-out ridge. When you reach the top turn southwards with the 'summit' clearly identified by a geodetic sign and arrive directly at the summit of **Pic de Campirme**, 2633m, which is surrounded by derelict defensive walls and little huts.