As part of European Mobility Week, the Formentera Office of Mobility has taken advantage of World Car-Free Day today, 22 September, to release data on the number of visitors who visisted Es Cap on foot or by bicycle during the busiest day of August this year.

On 14 August, 1,090 people and 54 cyclists accessed Es Cap, making it, at 1,144 visits, the busiest day in 2021. In 2019, the busiest day came on the 10th day of the same month, when 676 walkers and 31 cyclists accessed the lighthouse, for a total of 707 visits in one day. Comparing the data over the previous two years, pedestrian and bicycle visits are up 62%. In particular, foot traffic increased by 61% and bicycle traffic by 74%.

Councillor of Mobility Rafael González highlighted the fact that the regulation of motor vehicle access to Es Cap, which began in 2017, “made it possible to have more visitors and still avoid problems of saturation, crowding or violence in the natural area”. González said the data “speak to the success of measures to promote sustainable mobility and give a sense of the path to follow in the future".

Access constraints in force from 1 June to 15 October are designed to preserve the unspoilt stretch of land located on the public estate of Sa Tanca d'Allà Dins. For the last five years, motor vehicle access has been restricted by a barrier located at km 6.5 of the Es Cap de Barbaria road. The measure is intended to guarantee a positive experience, and easy access, for residents and visitors on their way to the Es Cap lighthouse or the Es Garroveret watchtower.

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