

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

Visit www.walksinspain.org for more walks descriptions in Spain

Walk description originally prepared by:-	Ralph Phipps	
Last Updated	1st July 2014	
Title of Walk	GR11 – Day 6. Puerto de Urkiaga to Burguete.	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Puerto de Urkiaga, N of village of Eugi on NA138	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	19.2	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	820	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.75hr 6hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/A	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 43.036167, Long:- -1.470497	
Directions to Start	From the village of Eugi drive 12km N of the village on the NA138 to reach a large rough parking area at the col on the RHS. Start here.	
Short walk description	A mixed walk through tree clad slopes to vast open ridges with wide views eventually descending to join the peregrinos of the Camino de Santiago.	
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far	
<p>From the col walk up the concrete track (E) with a hut on your RHS and soon turn L onto a path steeply rising in the woodland in front of some very large bunkers.</p> <p>Rejoin the track and continue ahead.</p> <p>The concrete disappears and you pass a finger post but continue ahead.</p> <p>After a steeper section ignore a descending fork to the R and continue ahead.</p> <p>At the top of a rise on more level going take a L footpath with a R/W marker.</p> <p>Go through a gate at a col and turn R for a few metres before moving L to find a contouring path at the top of the tree line.</p> <p>Exit the trees and continue across grassland now with extensive views L and R/W markers on the L flank of the ridge to join a track entering and ascending through trees.</p>	<p>570m, 7min</p> <p>2.5km, 38min</p>	

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

<p>Walk across grassland at a col to a finger post and then up R to cross a stile into dense woods. Descend steeply taking care to find the waymarks, soon trending L. Turn T to cross the first of several barrancos and now the steepness eases.</p>	3.7km, 56min
<p>Reach the confluence of 2 streams and cross to the L bank.</p>	4.7km, 1hr 16min
<p>Cross a metal bridge and go through a gate and across grass before re-entering trees now on the R of the stream.</p>	
<p>Lower on a flatter section look out for a crossing back to the L bank, possibly paddling, to join an emerging track across thinning trees and pasture.</p>	6km, 1hr 32min
<p>Pass a finger post, swing R and join the road.</p>	6.9km, 1hr 45min
<p>Walk down this for 1km to reach a Refugio/bar/Restaurant (Closed in June 2014)</p>	7.9km
<p>Just before the building a finger post sends you up L on a track.</p>	
<p>In 50m leave the track L to cross a stile and make your way directly uphill to pass an industrial windmill. (for water pumping??)</p>	
<p>Continue up beside a fence and when this turns L continue ahead up the ridge, zig-zagging with markers before aiming R for a large copse.</p>	
<p>Pass this on the L and continue up.</p>	
<p>The footpath broadens to a track and continues over a small brow with a fence on the RHS (with views) to reach a broader track ahead.</p>	
<p>Join this and continue uphill on twin concrete runnels.</p>	9.3km, 2hr 21min
<p>Follow the track half R and then level to reach a No Entry sign (for vehicles) and then ahead over a small rise to pass a second No Entry sign.</p>	
<p>At the top of the steep hill (Txasperro - 1181m) go R over a stile and then turn L downhill.</p>	
<p>Go through some trees (without clear path) to a col.</p>	11km, 2hr 46min
<p>Now flog up the steep hill with the fence on your L and turn L with the fence at the top continuing more gently uphill to a summit. (1219m)</p>	11.4km, 2hr54min
<p>From the summit continue ahead now descending to reach a col (Collado de los Puentes) with a finger post where we turn R onto a track.</p>	
<p>Reach a col with a very large water trough</p>	12.7km, 3hr 10min
<p>and continue over a rise with a short steep descent to reach a finger post where we turn sharp R aiming for a marker post in the mid distance.</p>	13.2km, 3hr 16min
<p>This soon becomes a clear track steadily and endlessly descending in the trees.</p>	
<p>Cross a stream at a level section with pasture on the L and woods on the R.</p>	
<p>When you eventually reach a gate there is a broken tarmac ahead and views of the village.</p>	

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

Continue directly towards it and at a fork turn R

18.3km, 4hr
20min

to climb up to the main street where we turn L. (Plenty of accommodation here)

The author stayed at Hostal Casa Pedro Arena Tel:948 76 01 64, 948 13 08 89, 619 44 42 07. Meals not always available, but restaurants in village are open. This village is also on the Camino de Santiago so there are plenty of options for accommodation and eating. The room cost was €38 in Jun '14.

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

