

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	GR11 – Day 11. From Isaba to Zuriza.	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Isaba	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	17	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	750	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	4.25hr 5hr	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/A	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 42.860485, Long:- -0.923638	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Isaba is c.60km W of Pamplona near the F/Sp border. From the main road – N240 which runs E-W take the NA137 running N to Isaba.	
<b>Short walk description</b>	A track walk up through forest and a river narrows to run along the valley bottom in mixed meadows and forest to reach a col from where the open path runs down to Zuriza.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>		<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
From the main road in Isaba find an area with trees and benches and a sunken area below you on the R if you are walking E and take the slightly descending side road to the R with a water fountain on the LHS.		
Cross a cobbled cross roads and ahead on this street to reach the outskirts of the village with a small bridge over a water channel and a grassy lane working L with the river down below you on the R.		
Pass a small ermita on the LHS, a track joins you from the L and then soon reach a wide gravel track and turn L up the valley.		1.2km, 17min
Reach a finger post at a junction where an alternative to the GR 11 is signed R. (This route involves 1400m of climb and some rugged rocky tops, so if there are reasons to avoid this.....). Keep directly ahead.		2.5km, 33min
As the track swings R, take the footpath going L.		3.9km, 52min

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At the first fork there is a sign to "cascada" - a waterfall and you can take this and follow the path swinging back L to re-join your prior path after viewing the waterfall.

At a fork above this keep R to quickly emerge in pastures, swinging R after a few metres to cross the stream to reach a finger post on the far bank.

Now turn L but uphill diagonally looking for a gap in the trees indicating an indistinct path.

For the first km or so the path alternates between woodland (box) and pasture and it is difficult to pick out the correct and best line in its early stages. Rise gently through the first clearing to re-enter the forest and at the second larger clearing resist the urge to go too high reaching the middle of the forest edge to find markers briefly into the trees again.

Quickly through this the footpath line becomes clearer again. If all else fails on this section the escape would be to work L across the river again to reach the road and follow this up to the col- A.

After passing a large crag on the L of the valley walk down to reach a fence and walk beside this for a few metres and soon after this look out for a fork R and uphill with no immediate R/W markers.

When you reach a stream crossing a little way up there is the first R/W to reassure you!

After the steepest section of footpath it widens to become a forest track.

After a stiff climb a much broader track joins us from the R and we continue ahead.

Reach a col – A – at a tarmac road.

Walk straight ahead and down a grassy ride.

The ride stays above but close to a road below you but when you get site of a finger post below you it is best to drop down to this and continue ahead on the road – E.

**Note – gps track takes a more difficult river crossing to emerge above the campsite.**

Cross a bridge and walk past the bottom of the large camp site and find a T-jnc where you turn L to find the entrance to the camping and cabins or bunkhouse.

(For accommodations here see -

<http://campingzuriza.valledeanso.com/nuestrasinstalaciones/barrestaurante/index.html>)

4.6km, 1hr 2min

8.4km, 1hr 57min

9.6km, 2hr 20min

9.9km, 2hr 24min

**Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

None

**Route followed is outlined in Red**

