

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	GR11 – Day 14. From Candanchu to Sallent de Gallego.	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Candanchu. From the village centre walk initially down the Calle Unica crossing the river and turning S.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	26	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	1050	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	7hr 8.5hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/A	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 42.788270, Long:- -0.527041	
Directions to Start	From Jaca on the E7 continue N on the N330 for 29km to reach the village of Candanchu	
Short walk description	The initial stages are designed solely to connect you to the Canal Roya – a very attractive valley that gets more and more interesting as you ascend. From here the walk over the high pass and into the next valley is fantastic, but you end with a 7km road walk!	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>Assuming that you start at the Refugio Pepe Garces as your overnight accommodation, walk downhill to reach the main road (closed shops here!) and turn R downhill to avoid entering France!</p> <p>After 1.3km you reach the junction with the N330a (the main road) and turn L uphill for a few metres.</p> <p>Turn R onto a small tarmac road to reach an antenna and then continue ahead on a rough track.</p> <p>Fork L onto a footpath over a bridge and pass a finger post where we keep ahead (do not turn L)</p> <p>Cross an embankment directly ahead and drop down steeply ahead before joining a</p>		1.3km, 17min

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<p>broader grassy track. Swing around to the L, pass some old mine workings and then descend down some white buildings</p>	2.9km, 43min
<p>to meet a broad grassy track where we turn uphill, now starting our journey into the Canal Roya.</p> <p>At a track junction turn L uphill just behind the chimney of Casa de Anglase.</p> <p>Keep ahead on the track to meet an intersection with a footpath (L) where we keep ahead R on the track.</p> <p>At a track fork keep L.</p>	
<p>Pass the fuente de cerezo and soon after this take the footpath fork on the R leaving the track.</p>	4.8km, 1hr 12min
<p>Drop down to cross the bridge and then work up in zig-zags for a while before turning L again to continue up the valley.</p> <p>Drop down briefly towards the river again and ignore a turning R towards a refugio.</p>	
<p>At a Refugio Forestal de Huesca with a very vegetated roof continue ahead up the valley.</p> <p>Soon after this there is a stream crossing followed by a steeper section of climbing.</p>	6.5km, 1hr 41min
<p>As you reach the upper parts of the valley you curve steadily around to the R and the valley floor levels with a meandering river revealing hanging bowls above you on the RHS. However we continue aiming almost directly towards the headwall of the valley where the R/W waymarks are somewhat thin for a while to arrive at a steeper section of climbing again with better waymarking.</p>	10.7km, 3hr 2min
<p>The path zig-zags up through rocks and small crags crossing a stream which comes from a waterfall above you. The path is quite easy to follow although snow covering the line may require care to pass.</p>	
<p>Eventually you turn L away from the headwall above you to rise up to an easy col with several lakes spread before you (Ibones de Anayet – not all will be visible!). The Pico de Anayet is above to your L and looks challenging.</p>	12.5km, 3hr 47min
<p>Continue initially S of E towards the lake, turning R to pass its W and then S shores.</p> <p>Once past the lake the path starts to descend much more rapidly.</p>	
<p>During the descent cross and re-cross the river 3 times and then finally cross a side stream entering the main river valley. During the descent the key is always to take the path that keeps you closest to the river where there is a choice.</p>	
<p>On approaching the ski complex (not in view!) the correct route is the L fork (again nearest the water) which drops you down to the large road/car park area.</p>	16.5km, 5hr 5min
<p>Now follow this road down for several kilometres to reach the main road.</p>	19.1km, 5hr 40min
<p>Turn R and follow this down to reach a roundabout</p> <p>on the outskirts of Formigal where you turn R, pass a petrol station/bar/restaurant and</p>	21.5km, 6hr 9min

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reach a large green sign marking the boundary of the town where you turn L on a rough track.

Reach a cross roads and keep directly ahead.

Meet and run very close to the road on the L, but keep directly ahead, cross the road at right angles occasionally, but keep to this track until you reach the outskirts of the village.

Cross one piece of tarmac and at the second (Calle de Francia) turn L following around into the village to reach the plazas in the centre.

The author stayed at Hotel Maximina, Calle La Iglesia, 1. Tel:- 943611600 at a cost of €45 Room only. There is a menu for dinner. B'fast is available but if you need to catch the 0730 bus to Jaca you may not be able to get it!!

22.1km, 6hr
16min

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red

