

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Punta de Cuchecho	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Biescas town hall	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	14.5	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	485	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.5hr 4hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/A	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 42.628623, Long: -0.321485	
Directions to Start	From Zaragoza and Huesca to the S drive up the N260a to reach the outskirts of the village. Park where you can and find your way to the Ayuntamiento in the centre.	
Short walk description	A "warm up" walk along forest tracks and footpaths near the river with occasional great views across the valley.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>From the Ayuntamiento (town hall) walk E and up towards the river bridge.</p> <p>Just before you start to cross this turn R on a track that narrows with the river on the L and buildings on the R that soon narrows to a footpath with a water course also on the RHS.</p> <p>At the end of this in a little park area emerge R to join the road and walk uphill to meet the main road.</p> <p>Cross this and join a grassy/gravelly path meandering across an open area which wanders through public space with a small park below you and soon re-joins the main road.</p> <p>Turn L along this for a few metres and then L onto a track with a finger post for the GR15. Almost immediately continue directly uphill to eventually level off after a couple of hundred metres.</p>		<p>300m, 4.5min</p> <p>750m, 10min</p>

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Join a broad track and continue ahead, ignoring a short steep track on the R until you quickly reach a junction where you turn R steeply uphill.	1.5km, 22min
Continue up around a bend to the L and then to the R and now ignore a track down to your R to arrive at a complex junction where the main track doubles back to the L, a second track continues ahead and a third less clear and grassy track goes ahead and uphill. Take this.	2.3km, 36min
Follow this up until just before you arrive at a white water pumping station and here look out for a footpath leaving the track up a bank to the L and doubling back on your route.	2.5km, 38min
Follow this in steady zig-zags passing under and then over a water collection tank until you emerge on a level terrace just after some steeper gravelly zig-zags where the route is no longer clear. Turn R and if you are in the right place you should push past a bush to reveal a large building with glass picture windows (ruined) and join a track.	2.9km, 51min
Turn L along the track and soon reach a further track where you turn R uphill.	
Follow this for some time until you reach a junction below a large crag face and to aim for the summit turn R here going steeply uphill.	4.2km, 1hr 11min
You reach a finger post with a sign to a PR signed to Gavin (at the 1300m contour) Here you would turn R to reach the small summit of Punta de Cuchecho.	5.1km, 1hr 26min
<u>It is a case of retracing your steps from there and note that neither the gpx track or the cumulative times or distances on going include the summit!</u>	
Retrace your steps back to the junction and here turn R.	6km, 1hr 38min
After some time pass through a gate and when you reach a junction turn L	9.4km, 2hr 20min
and soon L again running parallel to a stream.	
Before crossing the stream take a clear (but minor) track to the L and follow this downhill in zig-zags.	9.6km, 2hr 23min
Pass an extremely spartan refuge and open picnic area and then come to a cairn on the RHS indicating a footpath which we descend to join another at a mounted metal cross.	10.8, 2hr 39min
Turn L here and continue ahead.	
Join a track where you turn R downhill for a few metres and then L again on the footpath.	
Soon you are walking below a walled water channel and this eventually broadens into a grassy track	
Join a concreted track which you descend and this re-joins your outbound route.	13.2km, 3hr 14min
When you reach the main road, continue directly ahead to reach the church and as you pass to its L turn L steeply down some steps and then R down further steps. At the bottom continue ahead to quickly reach the main road through the village.	
Turn R again and in a few metres you reach the Ayuntamiento.	
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

Route followed is outlined in Red

