

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	On the slopes of Puntal de los Petros
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Panticosa
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	540
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hr 3.75hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 42.721931, Long -0.281099
Directions to Start	Reach Panticosa by travelling up the N260a from the south if coming N from Huesca and continuing up the A136. Past the reservoir take the turning R towards the village and at the roundabout turn R. Start at the first ski-station car park at the southern end of the village and at the bottom of the hill.
Short walk description	A lower level exploration with 360 degree views from pastures easily reached. An initially challenging return route gives way to braid forest tracks and then gentle footpaths through forest.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Cross the first bridge to the S and then work L around the large ski-station building and briefly up a track that clearly ends a little way ahead. Take the clearly signposted footpath climbing steeply to the L.	190m 3.5 min
The initial erosion soon vanishes and this becomes a cobbled path rising steadily.	
At the first fork with a ruined fingerpost (in 2014) keep R and just after a visible waterfall on the RHS there is a second fork where we again keep R to descend slightly and reach a bridge.	1.8km, 36min
Cross the bridge and turn L uphill soon returning R and climbing steadily.	
Soon there are patchy pieces of open pasture and when you have to climb a steep bank	

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err L and look for the Y/W marker to continue.

The going continues to open out and there are fantastic views both forward and backwards with vast mountain scenery.

Pass a building off to your L and quickly reach an area with an open corral where the path continues downhill to the L to cross a stream bed.

2.9km, 1hr

Ignore this and instead just before the corral work R and gently uphill to cross a feint watercourse and walk onto open pasture.

The line of the track here is not clear and the best that you can do is follow the line of the gps track. By working gently uphill for 50m or so you reach a gently sloping ramp down to the R and if you follow this around to the L without either ascending or descending abruptly you will come to a clearer track line with occasional cairns.

This is your route and the track continues to improve as it enters the forestry. From here on there is the risk of plenty of mud with some compulsory smaller paths deviating above and below the main a track to avoid the worst patches.

Descend on the main track zig-zags ignoring more minor tracks leaving it on both sides and pass through a patchwork gate and cross a stream with open views on the RHS to the Pico de Garmo Negra.

4.3km, 1hr 23min

Meet a broad track serving the ski run and turn L uphill to rise steadily and reach a dog-leg to the L at the end of a broad bend.

6.2km, 1hr 56min

Here there is a lesser descending track going off to the R and we take this across grassy pastures. (But no markers!!)

Pass an enormously long water trough and when you reach a casa forestal

6.9km, 2hr 8min

(on your RHS) err slightly downhill along a grassy ramp into thin woodland (soon with Y/W) to find a steep bank with clear footpath at the bottom of it

Follow this down and through a gate and then on zig-zags down through the woods.

Reach a junction with a finger post where you turn R downhill across a slate bed and then at a further junction go R again heading E.

7.7km, 2hr 23min

Cross a stream and follow it down for 50m or so before trending R and away from it and then descending steadily to join the large ski track where you turn L cross the bridge and return to the car park.

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Some parts of the high level track can be very muddy and wet because of cattle use.

Route followed is outlined in Red

