

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Ordessa gorge via Faja de Pelay	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Torla Ordessa national park car park	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	20km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	850m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	5.75hr 7hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/A	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 42.649202, Long -0.057949	
Directions to Start	In summer it is necessary to park at the Visitor Centre in Torla and take the transfer bus (keep your ticket for the return). In winter you can drive into into the main car park (as per grid ref above). There is also a visitor centre here.	
Short walk description	The most talked about walk in Spain – justifiably so. It is a fantastic walk along a high crag with views into the park and across the valley followed by a return journey with valley views and spectacular crags above. The park staff "sell" this walk as having 600m of steep ascent at the beginning and then level and downhill. This is untrue – there are considerable undulations along the way!	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk out of the car park at the SE corner on a trimmed gravel path with signpost to Senda de los Cazadores and soon cross the river.		275m, 3min
Shortly after this look for the finger post pointing ahead to the Senda de los Cazadores and (perhaps) Faja de Pelay and Cola de Caballo and leave the trimmed gravel path.		
Very quickly this starts to rise in the woods and continues unremittingly for 600m. Pass a fingerpost and follow the direction to the Refugio de Goriz until you scramble up a short crag on the L to arrive at a viewing platform perched on the edge of a high crag.		3.1km, 1hr 16min

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Once satiated with the views continue past the small emergency refuge still climbing a little before starting your promenade along the high route to the Cola de Caballo (horse's tail – a waterfall)

Initially views are across the valley and up to the distant summits but as you progress up the valley the views soon include the waterfall and the Cirque de Soasa – a lovely grassy valley protected by a rock wall at its end.

Our path descends gradually to reach the waterfall – Cola de Caballo – and crosses a bridge before returning on a clear path at valley level. **Note – gps track does not use the bridge!!**

10.6km, 3hr
25min

This path has paved sections leading steadily down the valley with some fantastic viewpoints over waterfalls and then enlarges slowly to become a track.

On the way down this there are a few track splits with signs pointing both ways to La Pradera – the car park where you started. It is of no consequence which option you take as you will simply walk down one side of the river or the other eventually staggering in tired by elated to the car park.

There is a bar half way down the car park on the RHS as you exit!!

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red

