

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Ibones de Ordicuso de las Ranas
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Banos de Panticosa Large car park below the Refugio de Casa Piedra
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	5.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	600
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2 3
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 42.762327,Long: -0.233938
Directions to Start	Starting from Jaca in northern Spain, travel E towards Sabinanigo and then N on the N260 and the A136 to turn R onto the A2606 initially to Panticosa and then onwards to Banos de Panticosa. The car park is reached by turning L just after the reservoir end and then R at the far side.
Short walk description	A delightful excursion up to remote lakes below a cirque of mountains.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>Walk back down through the large car park and straight ahead on a lane on the RHS towards the N most tip of the reservoir.</p> <p>Here turn R up a zig-zag footpath that crosses a track to arrive at a white building with a fuente inside – almost a shrine to water!!</p> <p>Just BEFORE the shrine the footpath turns R and starts to climb through a set of zig-zags.</p> <p>Part way up these you will hear the sound of a water course and a little further ahead from a corner you can look out and up L at a wall straddling the water course.</p> <p>At the next zig in a similar position you will see an arched wall spanning the stream.</p> <p>Continue ahead until in open pasture as the woodland ends you come to 2 boulders with</p>	

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painted directions. The first is to Ordicuso and the sceond to Garmon Negro (a 3000m mountain!).

Just BEFORE the first reach a small cairn with a poorly defined footpath going off L. Follow the cairns carefully as it crosses a small watercourse to the L and continues uphill.

Follow this up into the corrie – a beautiful setting – and after a while it swings slightly L and up to finally crest a small ridge overlooking 2 small idyllic lakes. The situation is delightful.

You can explore the lakes and find any number of small paths to take you back to your ascent route and then there is nothing for it but to retrace your steps.

As a small variant once you are just below the “temple” turn L along the track. Follow this to a zig-zag and then turn L downhill and L again along a grassy track to emerge behind the Refugio de Casa Piedra.

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red

