

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	GR11 – Day 17. Banos de Panticosa to Refugio Bujaruelo
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Banos de Panticosa Car Park below the refugio Casa de Piedra
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	22
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	1150 (descent 1450!)
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	6 8
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	VS/C
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 42.762327,Long: -0.233938
<b>Directions to Start</b>	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.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A walk across high ridges of the Pyrenees before a long descent down a beautiful valley followed by arrival at a mediaeval bridge!
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
From the refuge walk down through the car park and turn L onto a block paved walkway parallel to an overhead hotel bridge.	
Go up some steps directly in front of you to the corner of a ruined building and turn L past some other old buildings on a track soon rising.	300m, 4min
Zig-zag up ignoring a grassy track on the RHS and soon you are aiming for a pipeline which you can see above you on the LHS.	
Reach a junction where both directions are for the GR11 and then turn R towards Brazato.	900m, 12min
Leave the trees and walk through a boulder area and after making a long traverse L,	

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take care to find the doubling back path to the R. At a grassy spur turn L up it and soon re-join zigzags continuing ahead.	2.5km, 40min 2.8km, 48min
After a while turn R again through a boulder field and soon step over a cast-iron pips. From here there are views ahead into the cirque of mountains.	3.6km, 1hr 3min
Now turn NE through more boulders on your LHS in zigzags that require care to locate and later turn T across the grassy slope to soon reach a point looking down on the Emblase de Brazato dam wall.	4.7km, 1hr 27min
Turn L and make your way around on a good path on the N shore of the lake, but before reaching the end again turn up L in zig-zags through boulders.	5.5km, 1hr 36min
Claw your way up a short gully and at the top on level ground turn L and follow the more obvious R/W path.	
This soon reaches a col at Collado de Brazato.	5.6km, 1hr 45min
From here look across to the NE and follow a path through scree (take care to find each marker for the best route as you thread through the scree) to arrive at a slightly higher col – Puerto Viejo de Brazato (2566m).	6.1km, 1hr 59min
Once at the col go straight over and down on a clear path with views of Vignemale directly in front in the middle distance towering over you.	
Thread along the LHS of the lake	6.7km, 2hr 11min
and then move slightly L away from the second lake following intermittent cairns and R/W markers through a difficult boulder field.	
Eventually emerge onto grassy pastures on the RHS of the stream still with occasional boulder fields.	
Continue down a small gully from a grassy belvedere (good stopping point!) just above the confluence of the barranco de Buianas (which you have followed down and river Ara.	8.9km, 2hr 57min
Cross the river and continue down this idyllic valley for some considerable time.	
There are one or two undulations and you pass a red-roofed hut (Refugio Labaza) and then climb slightly L through some limestone outcrops before re-commencing your descent.	12km, 3hr 44min
Pass a short engineered section with a fence on the RHS and a sign telling you that you have to give way to cattle!!	
Soon after this you reach an indistinct fork at a point where you can see a bridge below you on the RHS. Take the L fork and soon arrive at a hut/barn where a track starts.	15.9km, 4hr 44min
Follow this track down for some time steadily downhill with opening views of the fields in the valley below you until after swinging around to the R you reach a junction where you must turn L on a footpath.	19.1km, 5hr 22min
This threads down through idyllic meadows close to the river to cross a log bridge and then immediately a metal one and then very soon the mediaeval bridge comes into view on the RHS. Cross this to arrive at the Refugio de Bujaruelo.	
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	Linear walk, but road heads at both ends. Strenuous

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and demanding day out! Fantastic scenery.









