

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	GR11 – Day 19. Refugio Goriz to Refugio Pineta
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Refugio Goriz, Bielsa village nearest to finish The refuge is in a remote mountain location that is most easily accessed through the Ordesa national park and from TORLA village. Pineta refuge is on a road head and easily accessed by car. From northern Spain, E of both Jaca and Sabinanigo take the A138 north to find Bielsa village.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	850
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4 6
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B/Scr/X
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.662833, Long 0.015467
Directions to Start	Refugio Goriz is a remote mountain refuge reached only on foot by an arduous walk in. See above
Short walk description	A high level mountain traverse with a punishing descent to reach the final destination.
Full Walk Description	
<p>Walk out of the refuge and head gently up to pass the weather station on your RHS and soon find R/W markers.</p> <p>Wander gently up and to the L to see the headwall of the Collado de Goriz and soon reach this.</p> <p>Now turn L on an initially clear line across the scree with few markers initially but improving steadily as it levels a little and heads R.</p> <p>Take care to watch for the R/W markers which leave the clear line to go up L through some small crags and then continues to gain height steadily.</p>	<p>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</p> <p>2km, 35min</p>

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<p>Cross some impressive barrancos with waterfalls in season (!) and work up a grassy spur to finally reach a section that continues R around a spur and then a little further on a 2nd spur.</p>	<p>5.2km, 1hr 38min</p>
<p>Now make your way through boulder fields undulating at first and then rising to clamber up a short gully protected by chains. The first of these is optional and the second essential to aid your step around a small rock corner.</p>	<p>5.7km, 1hr 48min</p>
<p>A little further as you descend there is a long length of chain to help you descend a highly polished slab (might be OK in the dry)</p>	
<p>Duck past a waterfall across boulders and soon the path gradient begins to ease.</p>	
<p>Turn R slightly as you descend towards the Collado de las Olas below you.</p>	<p>7.1km, 2hr 17min</p>
<p>You have to pass this and climb a little to reach the Collado de Anisclo and a safe point at which you can descend to the L. To do so reach a cairn and sign and continue past this to arrive at a second cairn in a few metres from where the R/W markers drop down to the L in zig-zags.</p>	
<p>The best route is to stick to the easier graded route indicated by the R/W markers although there has been a lot of erosion caused by people short cutting the proper route.</p>	
<p>At first you are zig-zagging down a rough gully but in time the path improves and swings along to the L of the gully and steeply down to some grassy slopes where you reach a small grassy platform which makes a good stopping point.</p>	<p>8.8km, 3hr 3min</p>
<p>Below this the path reaches a junction sign where you turn R and continue into the woods.</p>	
<p>As you descend through the woods there are 4/5 tricky scrambles down small gullies.</p>	
<p>Eventually you reach the bottom just before a meadow where you turn R to cross the river following cairns and yellow markers to reach the refugio.</p>	
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>Tricky navigation in poor weather. Short sections with chain assistance for ascent and descent. Punishing descent at end of day.</p>

Route followed is outlined in Red

