

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

Visit [www.walksinspain.org](http://www.walksinspain.org) for more walks descriptions in Spain

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Walk description originally prepared by:-</b>  | Ralph Phipps  |
| <b>Last Updated</b>   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep 2015   |
| <b>Title of Walk</b>  | GR11 – Day 20. La Pineta to Parzan  |
| <b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>   | La Pineta, near Bielsa<br>Start from the refuge   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>   | 21  |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>  | 1090  |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>   | 5.25<br>6.75  |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>  | VS/B  |
| <b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>   | Lat: 42.666014, Long 0.103514   |
| <b>Directions to Start</b>  | From northern Spain, E of both Jaca and Sabinanigo take the A138 north to find Bielsa village. There turn L on a minor road towards La Pineta. The refuge is down a small lane on the LHS about three quarters the way up the road towards the Parador. |
| <b>Short walk description</b>   | A walk up to a moderate summit ridge with panoramic views followed by a straightforward track descent to Parzan.  |
| <b>Full Walk Description</b>  | <b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>   |
| Leave on the track going W from the refuge without crossing the river bed.  |   |
| At a junction 850m after leaving the refuge turn R up to the road. (It may be possible to continue and cross the river depending on the volume of water, for a more scenic route. | 850m, 11min   |
| Continue along the road past a large car park on the LHS to reach an ermita on the RHS with the parador (large state run hotel) beyond it.  | 2.3km, 28min  |
| Just before the ermita turn R following a track steeply uphill.   |   |
| Meet a track and turn R to follow this up in zig-zags. (Can cut the corners if preferred).  | 3.2km, 48min  |
| Reach and pass a sign about glacier retreat and then a shallow col in front of a large plateau.   | 3.9km, 59min  |

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

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <p>Turn R to pass an old farmhouse and up on the RHS of a gully.</p> <p>Look out for a cairn and yellow paint splash indicating a route crossing the gully to the L and continuing to ascend across the flank of the hill.</p> <p>Reach a waterfall on the LHS and here double back to the R still uphill and following R/W markers.</p> <p>Take care here to pick out the R/W which are intermittent and tricky to spot as you double back to the L and then the R again rising through trees.</p> <p>The slope eases as you enter grassland and you cross a fence and walk L into an open corrie.</p> <p>Zig-zag steeply up to crest the col.</p> | 5.7km, 1hr 46min  |
| <p>Walk down the other side and along till you cross a stream where you ease to the L and steadily uphill.</p> <p>Meet and cross a track and work up the bed of a stream for 20m or so before exiting on the R and then climbing up the grassy spur on the L to the col (Colladeta Plana Fonda).</p> <p>Join a descending track at the top to enter a grassy plateau and follow this down to the end where you must exit steeply uphill on the L eventually to a second col (Collada Las Coronetas)</p> <p>Go straight over and descend on a clear path.</p>  | 7km, 2hr 9min     |
| <p>After a steeply descending section cross to the RHS and walk through scattered boulders. Drop down from here to meet a grassy track and turn L and cross a bridge and then up R to join a slatey track where you turn R.</p> <p>Follow this track down dill without interruption for 7km!</p> <p>There is nice scenery to entertain you and a series of semi and ruined buildings down below you to the L to ponder.</p>   | 9.8km, 2hr 57min  |
| <p>Reach a tarmac road at Chisagues.</p> <p>Continue down the tarmac zig-zags to reach a fingerpost with Parzan and a Y/W footpath shown on the R.</p> <p>Follow this down into the village, taking care to spot a further R turn a little way down and pass the church on its LHS to drop down onto the main road with Hostal La Fuen on the RHS and several supermarkets to feed the needs of French visitors on the LHS along with a petrol station.</p>   | 16.8km, 4hr 25min |
| <b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>   | None              |



**Route followed is outlined in Red**

