

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	GR11 – Day 23. Puente de San Chaime to Refugio Renclusa
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benasque Hotel Hospital de Benasque – a grand building in a grand location.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	5.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	450
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2 2.5
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.683886, Long 0.611891
Directions to Start	The N260 runs E-W along the central par of N Spain. From this find the A139 heading N to Benasque. Follow this road past Benasque for several kilometers and 2km before it ends take a concrete road dropping to the R and signed to Hotel Hospital de Benasque. Park in the hotel car park!
Short walk description	A lovely short walk in the heart of the mountains.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p style="color: red;">Note:- At the time of writing (Sep 15) the GR11 route from Benasque to Vielha (Conangles) is challenged by the absence of accommodation. A new refuge -Cap de Llauset – is under construction but until it is finished (Autumn 16?) the leg is too long for ordinary mortals and camping would be necessary.</p> <p style="color: red;">The alternative provided by the route and the next leg is to cross a high and rugged pass from Renclusa via Barranco Escaleia and walk down to Conangles down from Tuc de Molieres to the south side of the Vielha tunnel.</p> <p style="color: red;">The route up from Puente de San Chaime has nothing much to commend it being a long walk along forest tracks and so transport to the Hotel de Hospital de Benasque is assumed as a starting point!</p> <p style="color: red;">The following day's route provides the link back to Conangles to complete the</p>	

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journey onwards.....

Walk N across the car park in front of the hotel to find a signed path which crosses a bridge.

Turn R on the far side and walk across a meadow keeping close to a wall on the RHS.

At a wall junction cross the wall and a bridge to follow the footpath up a small hill (GR 11.5) with signs indicating shared usage with horses!

At the top of the hill the path levels in woodland and then wanders out into open meadow with views across to the R and the road to La Besurta also visible.

Continue ahead around a couple of small lakes and a large open depression. Walk around this to the R to join the road where you turn L.

Keep ahead for a hundred metres and then turn R across meadow just after a spur with camouflaged stone building.

Follow the path across to another small hill which you zig-zag up to emerge on the RHS of it and quickly into the car park of La Besurta.

Now turn R on a track and follow signs to pick up the R/W footpath to Refugio Renclusa.

Zig-zag up on a clear path to eventually see the flag pole and building of the refuge.

This has been modernised and provides comfortable accommodation for the many souls who chose to try and surmount the summit of Aneto from here!

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None. Refuge is in remote mountain location.

Route followed is outlined in Red

