

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Chistain to Serveto
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Plan Nominal start point from Chistain on the outskirts before you reach the narrow village streets.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	7
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	200
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2hr 3hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	E/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.590420, Long 0.337590
Directions to Start	<p>From northern Spain, E of both Jaca and Sabinanigo take the A138 north towards Bielsa village and the French border. When you arrive at the village of Salinas de Bielsa look for the A2609 towards Plan.</p> <p>Perhaps the best approach to having transport at the end of the walk is to drop a car at the end on the way up this valley – Rio Cinqueta.</p> <p>Look out for a L turn just before the “good” road ends and take this slightly fantastic road as it mounts in zig-zags past the village of Sin and on to Serveto. At the outskirts of the village there is an info board on the RHS and space for several cars.</p> <p>Now retrace your steps to the valley bottom and turn R up the valley. Continue past Plan, past San Juan de Plan and on up to the outskirts of the village of Chistain. Park anywhere on the RHS before you reach the narrow village streets.</p> <p style="color: red;">If travelling from Bielsa allow 1hr for car shuffling!</p>
Short walk description	A delightful stroll along the flanks of the mountain through idyllic woodland (particularly in the autumn) with views across the valley to the higher tops.

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Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>Walk into the village keeping ahead as the roads narrow.</p> <p>There are R/W markers that you must hunt out as you rise above and to the R of an arched building (a carpenters) and above and to the RHS of a church.</p> <p>Finally leave the village on a concrete track which soon becomes broad rocky footpath rising to pass around the end of a spur.</p> <p>Reach a track where you turn L on a broad track and pass a viewpoint on the LHS</p> <p>and soon reach a junction (after 150m)where you turn L downhill on a footpath with R/W markers.</p> <p>Drop to cross a barranco and stay almost level as you reach a spur with a junction where you keep R initially level and soon rising.</p> <p>Pass a small ruin – a look out point for the Republicans during the civil war? - and turn slightly R.</p> <p>Reach a finger-post indicating Plan to the L on the PR HU137 and the GR19 which we take straight ahead.</p> <p>Cross a stream and walk up a path which sometimes runs with water (but you can escape into the field on the RHS) and at the top of this it widens into a track and then reaches a junction where you turn L with a finger-post pointing L towards Serveto.</p> <p>Very soon continue L at a track junction cross a ford and then ignore a track on the L and continue ahead level.</p> <p>Where a footpath leaves the track and goes down to the L, ignore this and continue ahead on the track passing a R/W cross.</p> <p>A larger vehicle track joins you from the R and you continue ahead.</p> <p>Continue on this as it zig-zags down towards Serveto and the info board where you left a car.</p>	<p>910m, 20min</p> <p>1.5km, 29min</p> <p>3.6km, 1hr 8min</p> <p>4.7km, 1hr 23min</p>
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

Route followed is outlined in Red

