

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

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	GR11 – Day 34 - La Cotinada to Encamp
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	La Cotinada Main Square in village
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	13.5
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	1175
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	4.5hr 6hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	VS/B
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 42.576069, Long: 1.518679
<b>Directions to Start</b>	La Cotinada lies to the N of Ordino – a popular tourist town – on the CG3 road.
<b>Short walk description</b>	An early walk in the woods followed by more open terrain with grand views as you descend to Encamp.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
<p style="color: red;"><u>Note – finger-post times are shown as a matter of record to indicate where you are – not to advise on achievable times!!</u></p> <p>Leave the main road opposite Casa Duedra with signs to Quart de la Cortinada and cross the bridge to amble along Cami Vella.</p> <p>Go ahead directly and turn R to reach tarmac where we turn L and L again at a finger-post and pass a golf course on the RHS.</p> <p>Follow this road as it rises very steeply to end at a house where you continue leave on a footpath for a few metres.</p> <p>At a junction fork L and zig-zag steeply uphill.</p> <p>Reach the crest and turn L uphill to soon move out to the R flank and reach a gassy spur with views down to the valley and here swing L.</p> <p>Ignore side turnings and at a finger-post continue ahead.</p>	<p>670m, 14min</p> <p>1.3km, 30min</p>

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<p>At a fork just before a stream go L slightly uphill.</p> <p>And at the next fork go R to cross a stream and climb steeply. Once you've levelled off and started to descend reach a fork doubling back with a R/W cross and other markers. Ignore this and continue ahead.</p> <p>Ignore the next fork R and continue ahead climbing again.</p> <p>Zig-zag up to the crest of the ridge and turn L along it before exiting on the R flank.</p> <p>After a while reach a track and turn R (Col de Ordino – 2 hours 30mins).</p>	4.4km, 1hr 32min
<p>Follow this down past a bench on the LHS and ignore 2 footpaths descending on the LHS to reach another bench at a zig back to the L.</p> <p>At a stream the track zigs back to the R downhill and we follow this to find a footpath on the L with a finger-post.</p> <p>Take this and cross a couple of rickety bridges and turn first R up a small rock rib to re-join the stream and continue up on its L.</p> <p>Reach a track and turn L to cross a stream and go steeply up a footpath with gates on the RHS.</p> <p>Ahead there is a fork to re-cross the track and stream and then yet another bridge back to the L after a few hundred metres.</p> <p>Pass below 2 lovely stone buildings – one converted to a dwelling – and then re-cross the stream and walk up beside it.</p>	5.5km, 1hr 52min
<p>Reach a track with a large pond, picnic benches and BBQs and then R on a track slightly downhill.</p> <p>At a junction turn L at a finger-post crossing a chain and NO ENTRY sign to walk up a steep track.</p> <p>This turns L now with blue and white pole markers.</p> <p>Zig back to the R to reach a junction with finger-post where we turn L steeply up and shortly leave this on a footpath to the L.</p>	6.9km, 2hr 29min
<p>Climb steeply to pass L of a picnic area and font with road on the RHS of it. Continue steeply up.</p> <p>Pass a strangely orientated finger-post and continue directly ahead to reach a track where we turn L still uphill.</p> <p>Follow this to eventually arrive at the road with parking down on the RHS. Cross the road and walk over to the diorama.</p>	8.3km, 3hr 8min
<p>Follow the finger-post direction for the GR11 but at the first vague fork take the steepest to the L soon descending into woodland with occasional R/W markers.</p> <p>Descend a little and ignore a L turn in an open meadow and soon cross a marshy area and start to climb again in woodland.</p>	9.3km, 3hr 37min

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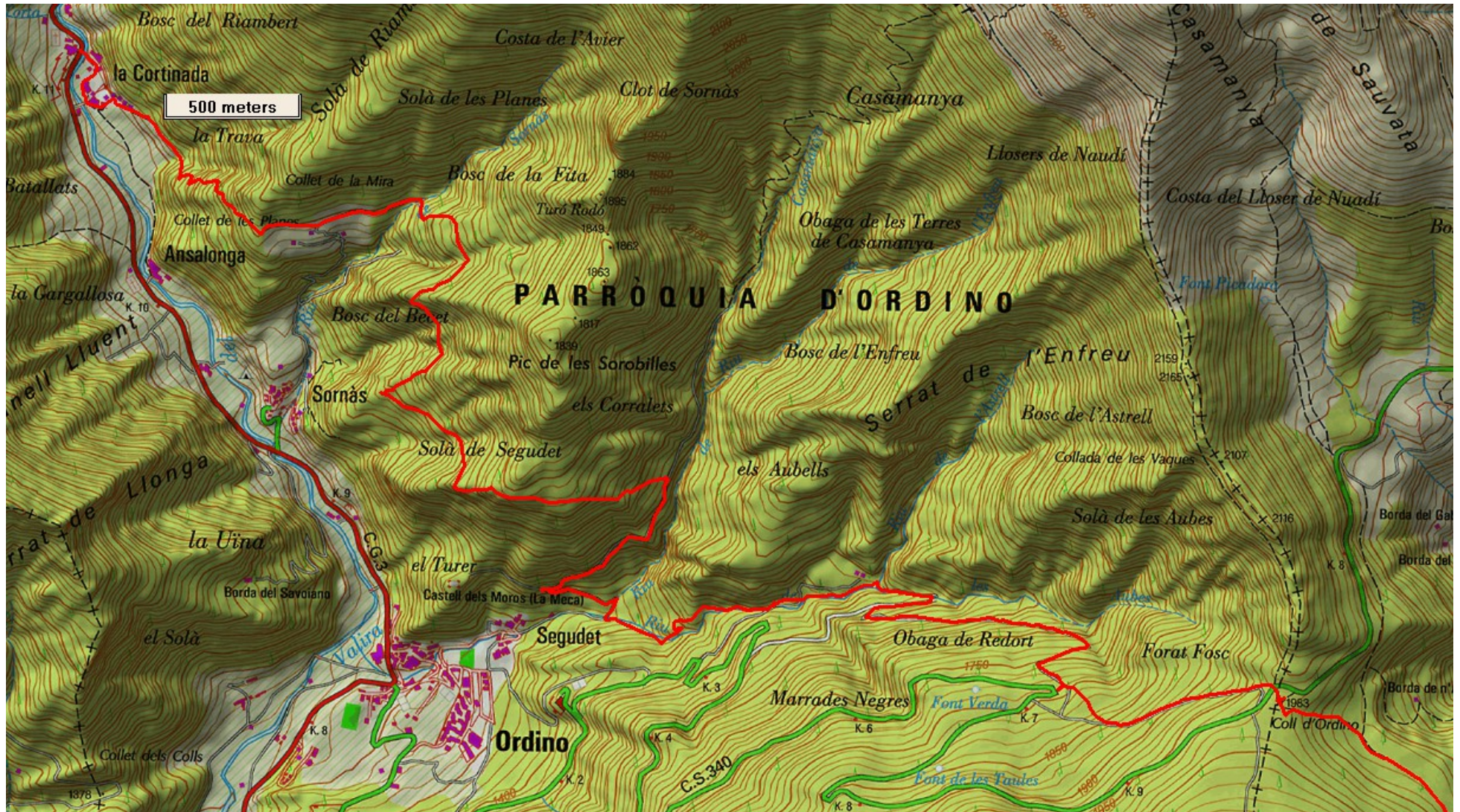
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Finally descend steeply with some opportunities to avoid the worst sections by hunting out side paths in the trees.	10.8km, 4hr
Ignore a side path to Cami de la Correra.	11.2km, 4hr 8min
Reach and cross a stream and some fuentes to have a wall on your L and ignore other side paths into fields.	
At a level section with a partially hidden building in front reach a post with a missing finger and turn R downhill.	11.8km, 4hr 18min
Reach the Torre de los Moros and a few metre further on the Ermita of Sant Roma de les Bons but turn R before the Ermita to continue down on a steeply descending cobbled path.	12.9km, 4hr 41min
At the buildings take the steps down to the L and then turn L at the bottom.	
Quickly turn R into Cal Maset and at a cross roads go L and immediately R still steeply downhill following green dots on the ground and arrive at the river.	
Turn R along a riverside path to pass the Hotel Univers on your RHS. At the next bridge cross the rive to the L and the centre of town.	
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	None

See map below.....

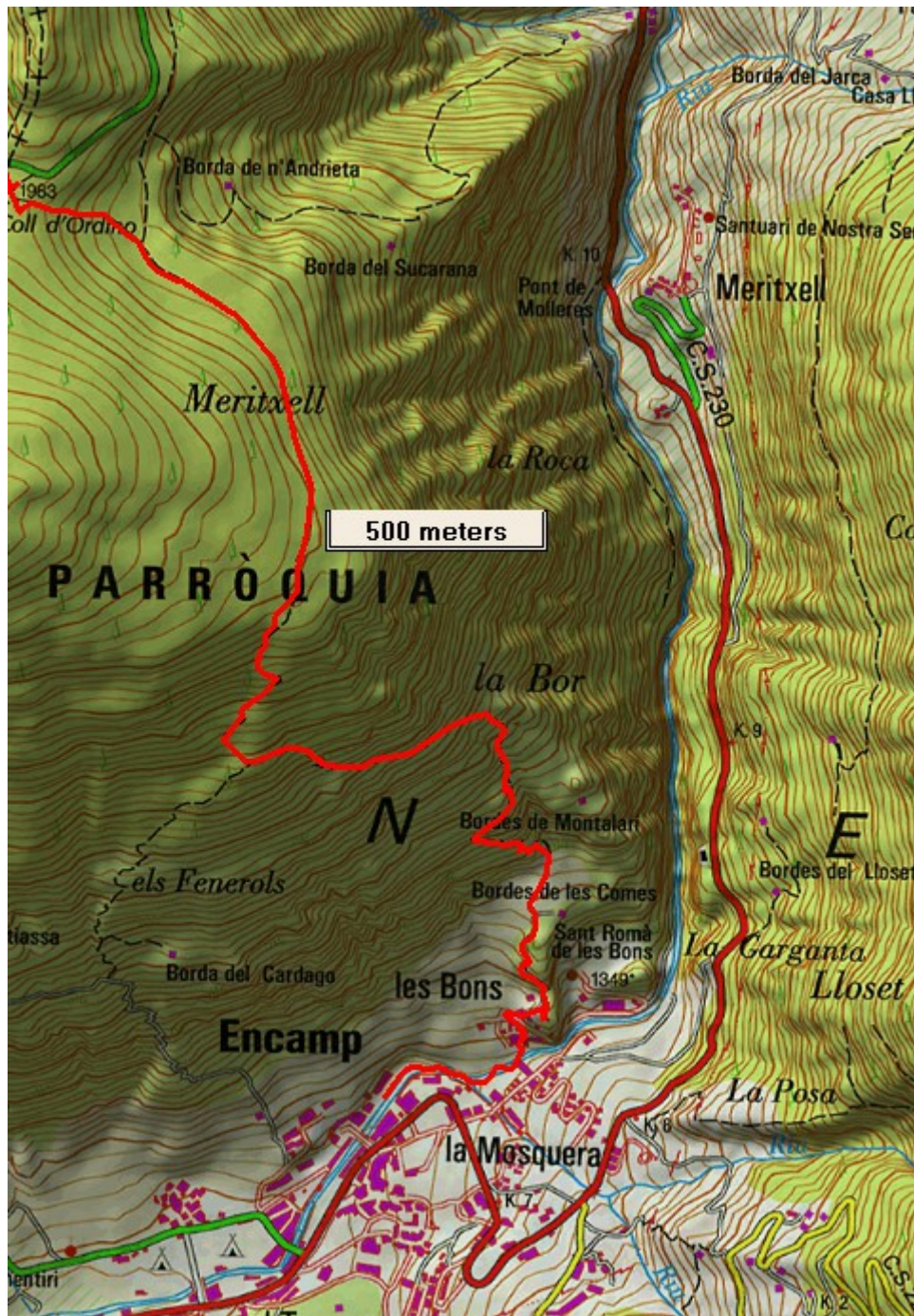
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