

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Coriscao summit from Collado de Llesba
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Collado de Llesba A short way (2km) up a side road off the N621 at the Puerto de San Glorio
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	9
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	602
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hr 4.33hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 43.076454, Long: -4.749634
Directions to Start	Follow the N621 S and rising steadily from Potes for 27km to reach the Puerto de San Glorio and here turn R up a minor road to its end at the Collado de Llesba. Park here. Room for about 10 cars.
Short walk description	A magnificent ridge walk with views both into the heart of the Picos de Europa and both E and W across the outstretched Cordillera Cantabrica.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>From your car walk up the obvious footpath to the E.</p> <p>Push up through some broom bushes and emerge on a clearer hillside with a grassy path continuing to rise.</p> <p>Follow this across an awkward area of shale to reach a col in front of a very rocky peak and here move off to the L still following the clear line of the path.</p> <p>This then moves around a second peak and up to a col directly in front of the "bald" summit of Coriscau. A limestone cap on top of a shaley bottom!</p> <p>The path steepens and climbs in zig-zags to reach the summit.</p> <p>Soak up the views and return the way you came when ready.</p>	1.5km, 32min

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On your return you may care to take in on of the subsidiary summits that you bypassed on the way up. The first of these you come to is a straightforward walk up and tricky descent, but you would have to retreat from the second from your ascent col as the way ahead and back to your car is guarded by crags.

(There is another more demanding way to reach this summit – outlined in a web page run by our like minded friends at Hiking Iberia. See:-
<http://www.hikingiberia.com/en/routes/picos-europa-coriscao/> for details.)

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

The high altitude may make you feel that you are walking slower than normally. Take your time – it;s the altitude. If a headache arrives and worsens, retreat.

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red

