

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Refugi de Juclar circuit from Vall d'Incles	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Soldeu Vall d'Incles car park at top end of valley (Requires shuttle bus to top end of valley from intersection with main road -CG2 – cost €3 rtn in 2018)	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	8	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	650	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.25hr 5hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/C	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.602210, Long: 1.686357	
Directions to Start	Entering Andorra from the S (in Spain) proceed up along the CG1 to Andorra la Vella and then the CG2 signed towards France. Continue through Encamp and then find a turn on the LHS at the head of a sweeping road bend beyond El Tarter. If arriving before 9am you may be able to drive to the road head, otherwise you must park here and take a small transfer bus up to the head of the valley (€3 rtn in 2018)	
Short walk description	A circuit up a beautiful valley leading to a refuge and then a high level traverse past small lakes and extensive views before dropping down into the Riu del Manegor and back to the bus stop.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Start walking along the tarmac and past a restaurant on the RHS (under repair at time of writing) and continue on the track when the tarmac runs out rising steadily ignoring a junction and keeping to the RHS of the stream.		840m, 16min
At a junction with a couple of benches keep L towards the Estanys de Juclar and Pic de Escorbes and Refugio de Juclar.		

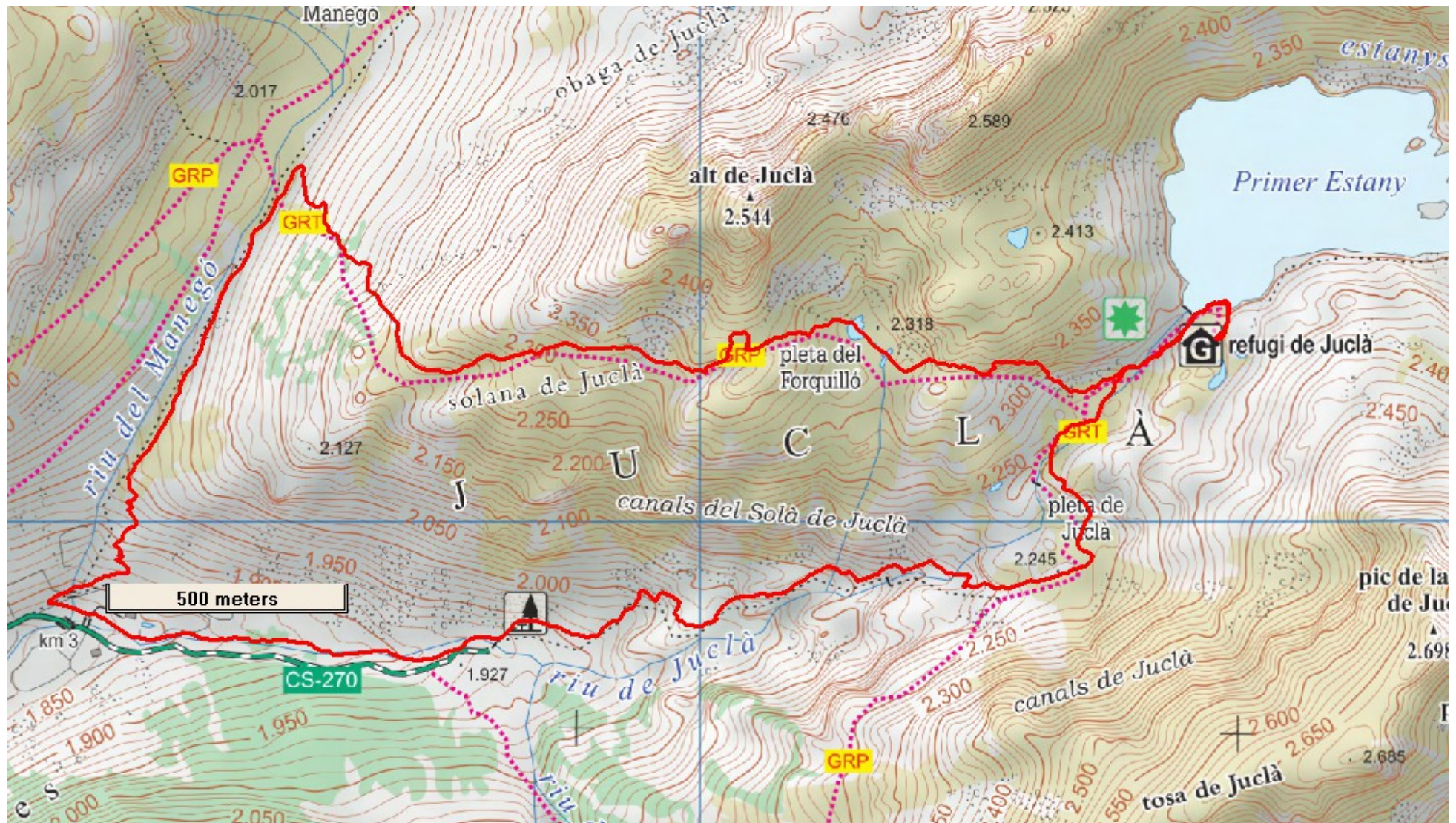
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Cross a bridge to the L at some BBQ and picnic benches and continue up the path which now ascends through rocky terrain.	1km, 20min
Follow this rising steeply on a rocky path until just above a waterfall you cross a bridge to reach the R of the stream.	2km, 53min
The steep climbing soon ends and now following R/W markers you swing L to avoid a marshy area and reach a finger post indicating a Mirador ahead. Ignore this and cross slightly R.	
Cross a second small footbridge and turn R up beside a small stream.	
Reach a tower with solar panels just below a ruin where a junction with a second R/W path is indicated L. We will return to this spot and take this path soon, but first we continue to visit the Refugio.	3.1km, 1hr 23min
Continue ahead to cross a small bridge just in front of a cave from which water issues and continue steeply up to round a small crag and overlook the Estany.	
Continue ahead a short way to a finger post where you turn L to quickly reach the Refugio (manned in summer).	3.4km, 1hr 33min
Now retrace your steps to reach the junction near the tower and turn R.	
Ascend steeply to cross a rocky col and descend to a hanging valley with 2 small lakes.	4.3km, 1hr 56min
Walk up beside the LHS of the higher one and then cross a col above it on the L.	
Drop down now in fits and starts with steep descents followed by level sections moving R. Take care along this section to hunt out the R/W markers.	
As you round the last spur	5.6km, 2hr 28min
and peer down towards the Riu del Manegor the path drops steeply to reach the valley bottom.	
Turn L and continue down beside the Riu to reach a track where you turn R and in a few metres arrive at the bus stop.	
<small>Andorra maps:- Source: Ministeri d'Ordenament Territorial, Govern d'Andorra</small>	
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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