

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Ibon de Vallibierna Bajo from Refugio de Corones
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benasque Parking at Refugio de Corones in Vallibierna
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	7
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	488
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hr 4.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.610604, Long: 0.620714
Directions to Start	From Benasque follow the A139 N to pass a large reservoir on the RHS and just at the end of this at the far side of a tunnel (signed beforehand) take a road on the RHS towards Vallibierna. This descends to cross a ford and then swings right on a gravel track. At a junction a little way up take the LH track and now descend for some 9km to reach the white refugio building in front of you with limited parking.
Short walk description	A walk up a spectacular valley quickly clear of the trees but in any event with wide views of the mountain range all around. A cool head is needed for the drive up the track.
Full Walk Description	<div> <div> Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far </div> <div> <p>On the far side of the bridge from the parking area and before the refuge is a finger post and we follow the clear track indicated off slightly L of the refuge and rising steadily.</p> <p>Continue on this until you reach a finger post after some 10 minutes where you turn R and quickly begin to climb more steeply.</p> <p>Continue on this line with R/W markers for the GR11 until you reach a second finger post just at a level area where you turn R to cross a bridge and continue soon steeply ahead again.</p> </div> <div> <p>480m, 9min</p> <p>2.1km, 50min</p> </div> </div>

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Take care a little way up here to trace the correct line as it meanders briefly from side to side of a stream soon settling on the LHS and continuing ahead to an obvious break in the ridge line.

As you approach this it reveals itself to be the outlet from the lake (Ibon).....

3.2km, 1h3
31min

and there is a short section of rough boulder hopping to reach a more open ridge overlooking the lake.

This is the terminus of our route. When rested return the same way.

3.4km, 1hr 36min

(There is an option here to continue ahead to the upper lake only some 500m further on and from this you can take a thin path leading up and over a col to then descend to a further lake (Ibona de Llosas) and then return to the footbridge and close your circuit.

Equally you could continue ahead to cross a col and descend to the Refugio de Llauset, but this is still 2 hours further on!)

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

The drive up the track may not be for everybody. It takes 30 minutes but is worth it for the access that follows. If you are squeamish about drops or worried about your paintwork this may not be for you!.

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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