

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Nuria to Queralbs via Cami Vel
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Querlabs Santuario de Nuria rack railway
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	9
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	100 (900m of descent)
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.66hr 4hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 42.397541, Long: 2.154548
Directions to Start	The start can only be reached by using the rack railway that starts in Ribes de Freser and stops at Queralbs where there is a large car park at the station. Cost in 2019 was €19.50 return.
Short walk description	A wonderful walk down the Nuria gorge using the Cami Vel – the ancient path used to access the Santuario.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>Assuming that you start from the railway station then make your way out and down towards the lake and pass along the shore of this to reach a small Ermita. (San Gil)</p> <p>Here turn L at a finger post rising slightly away from the lake and ascending to a col beside a rocky mirador (viewpoint) on your LHS.</p> <p>Climb up this for spectacular views and on your return now turn L following the signs for the Cami Vel and Queralbs. (signed 3hr 15min)</p> <p>There are spectacular views into the gorge on your LHS and after a while you cross to the LHS of the gorge directly under a railway bridge.</p> <p>Pass a rocky overhang marked as a Refugi (!) and then round a rocky corner L with fantastic views across the gorge and a little way past this start to zig-zag down spectacularly.</p>	1.8km, 40min

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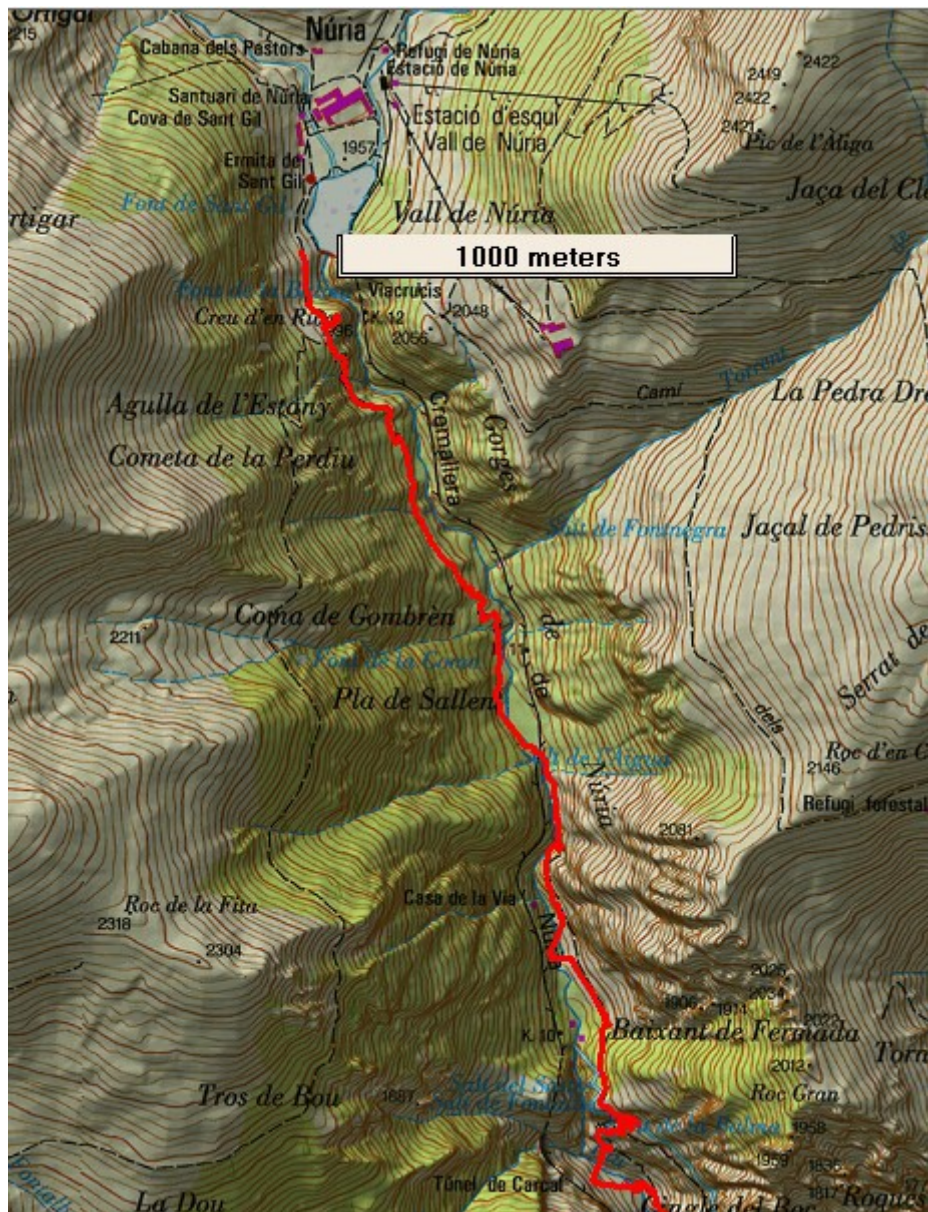
<p>Reach a finger post where both routes point to Queralbs and take the LH path avoiding the obvious track awaiting you if you take the RH path. (Both routes take the same amount of time!)</p> <p>Reach and cross the Pont de Cremal and continue on this shorter route towards Queralbs. (The LH path before the bridge takes about 30 mins longer and involves more climb).</p> <p>Climb a little to pass another rocky overhang (Refugi de Santa Pau) and just beyond this there is a finger post where you continue ahead and downhill.</p> <p>Cross above the railway line which emerges from a tunnel below you and take care to find the correct line across rockfall and back into woodland and soon reach a further finger post where you keep L and downhill.</p>	<p>4.3km, 1hr 27min</p>
<p>Reach a tarmac road with a large "P" sign and continue uphill along this for 20/30m to find a footpath dropping back off to the LHS. Take this.</p> <p>Reach houses at the outskirts of Queralbs village (You pass a small group of other buildings before these) and walk down the surfaced track to reach a larger road at a junction where you turn R.</p> <p>Swing round a bend and then descend to the L at a fork. At the next junction with a wooden bench on your LHS swing L and descend again to a road which you cross almost directly to follow a set of wooden steps down to again reach a road.</p> <p>Turn L along this to reach the rack railway station.</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">Spanish maps included within these descriptions are provided courtesy of the Spanish IGN and remain © Instituto Geográfico Nacional</p>	<p>6.9km, 2hr 18min</p>
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>Can obviously also be done as an ascent. There is a "race" circuit for the climb and many people use this as a training run. It is generally a very busy route!</p>

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Route followed is outlined in Red

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