

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Puigmal from Nuria	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Queralbs Santuario de Nuria rack railway station	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	980	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 6hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B	
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 challenging walk to the summit of the highest mountain in this area and one of Catalunya's highest peaks with spectacular views both during the ascent and from the summit.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>Assuming that you start from the railway station then make you way out and down towards and walk directly across the grass between the lake and the buildings.</p> <p>At the far side walk up the track away from the lake to pass the main building on your RHS. At the end of the stables (on the LHS) and the animal area on the RHS turn L up a steep track at a fork.</p> <p>Follow this as it zig-zags up to a small knoll and then continue directly ahead to reach a fence.</p> <p>Pass through the stile and walk steeply up through the trees.</p> <p>At a path junction continue directly ahead.</p>		230m, 6min

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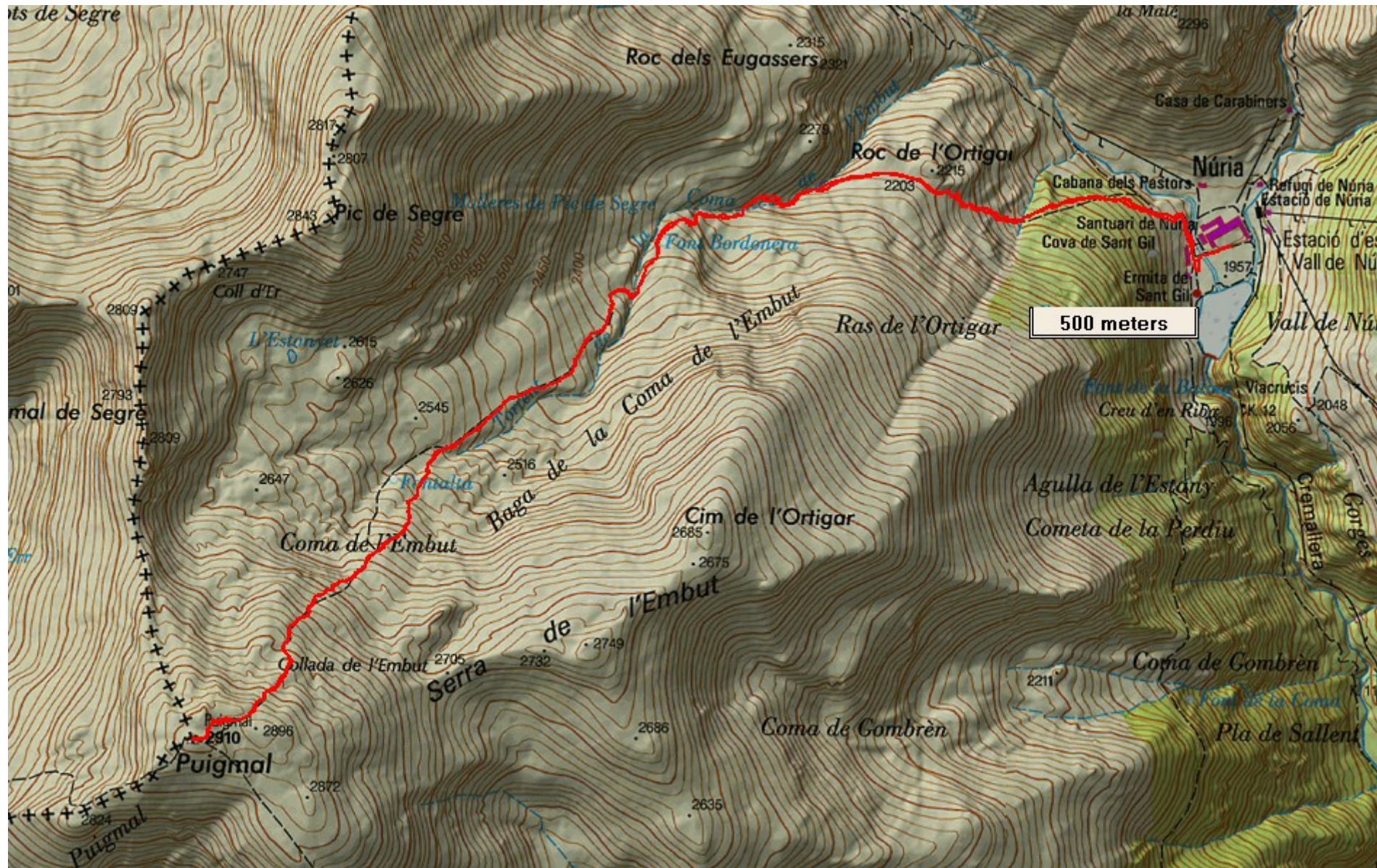
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<p>Climb steadily up through broken woodland which gradually diminishes and soon reach a wide grassy col.</p>	<p>1km, 28min</p>
<p>Continue directly ahead over this with little evidence of a path but if you retain your altitude and curve very slightly to the L you will soon encounter the clear path continuing ahead.</p>	
<p>Follow this path up on the LHS of a dry (??) stream bed and after ignoring the first less distinct path which crosses this to the R continue on the L bank to soon reach a crossing where you climb out on the far side to the R for a few metres before doubling back to the L.</p>	<p>1.5km, 39min</p>
<p>Cross the stream bed again to the L (still dry here) and just above this observe the stream disappearing into a hole.</p>	
<p>Now continue on the L bank for a while before curving L and looking for a suitable place to cross the stream and continue uphill on the other side.</p>	<p>2.3km, 1hr</p>
<p>As you climb now and continue to curve to the L the summit of Puigmal and its slopes of loose rock come into view. Continue ahead to cross the stream for the final time now on the LH side and start to climb the shaley rock in unending zig-zags.</p>	<p>3.2km, 1hr 24min</p>
<p>Finally the slope eases off as you reach the summit ridge and now you cross slightly to the R to reach the large cross and trig point on the summit.</p>	<p>4.8km, 2hr 12min</p>
<p>Once you have soaked in the views in all directions and contemplated the other ridges that you might explore there is nothing more to do than to retrace your steps.</p>	
<p>Take particular care on the shale slopes that lead back down from the summit for some time.</p>	
<p>Spanish maps included within these descriptions are provided courtesy of the Spanish IGN and remain © Instituto Geográfico Nacional</p>	
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>Initial descent from summit demands care for several kilometres. Challenging mountain walk.</p>

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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