

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Rio Estos and Ibonet de Batisielles	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benasque Car park on the LHS a short way up the road to Estos from the A139.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	20 km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	900	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	7.5 hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.62983, Long: 0.54055	
Directions to Start	<p>From Benasque head North Towards Hospital de Benasque on A139. After 2km there is a roundabout with a junction to the right to Cerler. Continue towards Hospital de Benasque.</p> <p>Just before km 64 the road crosses the river Esera then there is a sharp left junction to the Estos Valley. The slip road to the junction is to the right before crossing the carriageway. Take this junction and continue for about 500 m to the car park at the start of the walk</p>	
Short walk description	A spectacular walk up the Estos Valley along GR11 before a steep climb to the small lakes -Ibonet Batisielles. The walk then undulates along the flanks of the Estos valley (GR 11.2) before dropping down to the Refugio d'Éstos and then returning back to the start via GR11.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Take GR11 uphill. This is a broad track that runs parallel to the Estos river on the right-hand side to begin with. Navigation is simple. Stay on GR11 which is well marked until you pass the Fuente de las Coronas (good drinking water) then reach the junction to the left to the Ibonet Batisielles (PR-HU31).		4.2 km 1h 10m

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<p>Turn left and this narrow path then climbs steeply zig-zag fashion through dense woodland. You will cross the baranco Agueta on a small bridge and then arrive at a beautiful clearing with a small lake and a hut. The perfect place to have a well earned rest!</p>	<p>6km 2h</p>
<p>At the hut you will have joined path GR11.2. We shall follow this path to the Refugio D'Estos but first we can follow this track in the other direction up the valley for as much as you like before returning to this spot. At least go 600m before turning back as the lakes, streams and mountains make for stunning scenery.</p>	
<p>Once back at the hut take GR11.2 in the direction of the Refugio d'Estos.</p>	<p>7.2km 2hr 20m</p>
<p>GR11.2 is a well marked narrow path that undulates along the flanks of the Estos valley providing spectacular views. There are no significant junctions and you will see the Refugio come into view to your right at the bottom of the valley. The path turns sharply right and drops steeply to cross the River Estos on a small bridge before climbing back up the other side to rejoin broad track GR11.</p>	<p>11.2km 3h 50 m</p>
<p>You can go up to the refugio for refreshments or simply turn downhill and follow GR11 all the way back to the car park.</p>	
<p>You will pass the junction where on the way out we turned off GR11. From here on you are retracing your outward track.</p>	<p>16km 5hr</p>
<p>Car park</p>	<p>20km 6h</p>
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Excellent paths throughout and some water from springs. Refreshments can be had at the Refugio if it is open.

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Route followed is outline in Red

