

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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| <b>Title of Walk</b>  | Tuc de Letassi from Bassa d'Oles  |
| <b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>   | Gaussac, nr Vielha<br>Bassa d'Oles car park   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>   | 12.5  |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>  | 750   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>   | 3.75hr<br>5.5hr   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>  | S/B   |
| <b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>   | Lat: 42.714860, Long: 0.774210  |
| <b>Directions to Start</b>  | From the middle of Vielha there is a roundabout with the main N-S road – the N230 – and the valley road – the C28 and from here a minor road leads up to Gaussac. Follow this through the village and keep following signs to Bassa d'Oles up through zig-zags to arrive at the lake and field parking. |
| <b>Short walk description</b>   | Initially up through easy woodland the route leads out into pasture with wide views and lesser peaks of the Pyrenean chain before reaching a col with access to a grand summit – Tuc de Letassi. (It might be possible to extend the walk along the ridge from here)                                    |
| <b>Full Walk Description</b>  |   |
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| Walk ahead on the left bank of the lake somewhat awkwardly with tree roots and marsh until you reach the far end where instead of continuing to circle the lake you turn left steeply up a grassy bank. | 325m, 6min  |
| At the top of this turn left now on a broader track and soon avoid a fork to the right and continue ahead above a cabana (cabin) below you.   |   |
| The track steepens again up grass with a small lagoon behind and on your left.  | 930m, 17min   |
| At the top pass another cabana on your left where you emerge on to a broader gravel track and continue ahead.   |   |

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| Now pass a series of metal water troughs and a further cabana on your RHS and continue ahead.  |                   |
| Follow this track without demur as it passes through woodland for some time more or less level until you reach a section where you descend steeply to reach a broader track where you turn left.   | 2.5km, 40min      |
| Continue along this until you exit the woodland and a little way ahead you emerge into pasture with 2 cabanas ahead of you and multiple picnic tables and a BBQ area. Good place for a stop.   | 4.4km, 1hr 5min   |
| Now continue ahead on the grassy track and over the stream and where it splits take the left rising fork for 50m to reach a ruined wall. Follow this uphill through a nettle patch and turn left again on a barely visible track which rises gently to cross the stream.   | 4.7km, 1hr 10min  |
| At the other side of this the path rears up much more steeply and initially vaguely but after 40m it becomes clearer again and soon doubles back to the right less steeply.  |                   |
| Keep on the left hand side of the stream and walk up through grassland to reach a bilberry clad rocky spur jutting out on the LHS up which rises your path in zig zags.  |                   |
| Continue steeply up this path until at the top of a grassy re-entrant there is a poorly defined path going off to the left less steeply. Take this and soon double back to the right still rising and working up a small bilberry covered bank. At the top of this work slightly left onto grass and follow this up hill to crest a brow from where you can see the ruins of an old cabana.                                    | 5.9km, 1hr 40min  |
| Continue above this on a thin path which rises ahead to meet an eroded path line coming down from the left. Turn left up this and soon reach a grassy col on which there is a further cabana (unlocked shelter) and a religious shrine.  | 6.4km, 1hr 52min  |
| From the cabana turn left up the ridge line soon following a clear path. After a couple of false summits reach the top with its solitary pole and soak up the 360 degree views.  | 7.4km, 2hr 8min   |
| Now return the way you came to reach the ruined cabana.  | 8.3km, 2hr 32min  |
| From here continue ahead above the cabana rising very slightly to pass several water sources and crest a small ridge with a cairn. Soon ahead you turn right around the nose of the mountain and into a bowl where the path line is more poorly defined. Generally keep high and where there is braiding take care to pick out the highest line as in the near distance you will need to pass over some crags on a steep spur. |                   |
| As the path continues to trend right you pass above a knoll on your LHS with a grassy bowl in front of you into which you drop.  | 10.3km, 3hr 6min  |
| Follow the grassy line through the middle of this and at the far end rise up the bank to find a steep track initially descending between earth banks. (ignore gps route until finger post)   |                   |
| Follow this down to the grassy valley below and turn right soon reaching a finger post.  | 11km, 3hr 15min   |
| Now continue ahead taking the left fork and soon dropping steeply in woodland. As this levels out you trend right just above a grassy valley on your LHS and emerge from this at a plateau with a large barn (?) to reach a finger post.   | 11.9km, 3hr 29min |

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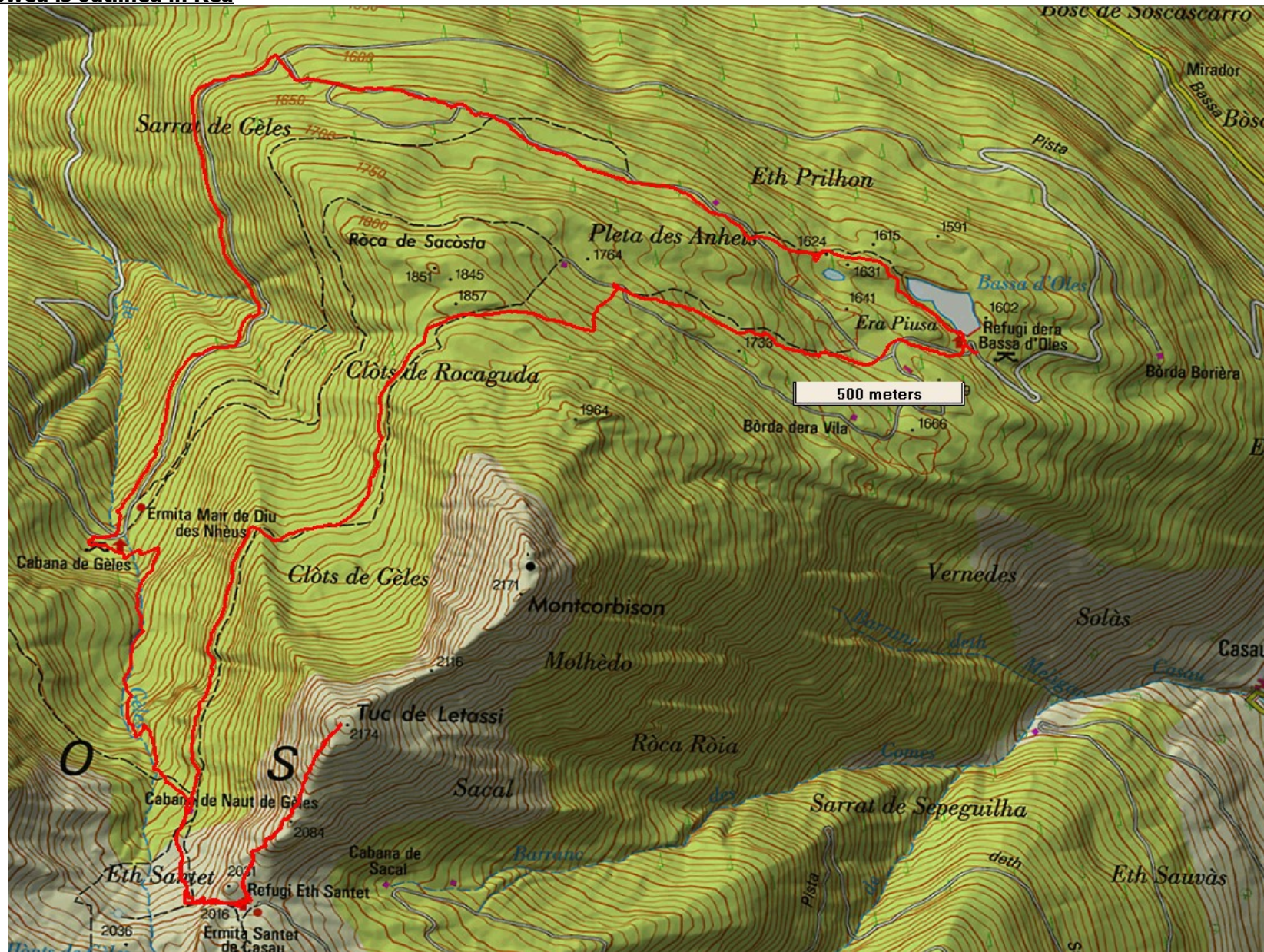
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| Keep ahead on a track which rises for a few meters and then drops steeply to return you to the lake and the parking area.<br><br><small>Spanish maps included within these descriptions are provided courtesy of the Spanish IGN and remain © Instituto Geográfico Nacional</small> |      |
| <b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>   | None |

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**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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