

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

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Circuit of Monte Tabazo
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Candanchu Candanchu ski station car park
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	9.3
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	560
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	2.75hr 4.5hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	MS/B/Scr
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 42.787183, Long: -0.536963
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Follow the A23 N of Jaca and take care to avoid continuing ahead into the Somport tunnel. Follow signs to Candanchu and turn off the A23 L and into the ski village where the large car park is off to the L beside the guarded military zone!
<b>Short walk description</b>	A rewarding walk with easy but steep paths in places with outstanding views across the ranges of the Pyrenees.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
From the end of the large car park walk up the obvious track to the RHS of the main building.	
Follow this up until most of the buildings are behind you and you pass a large water deposit on your LHS and here take the L fork in the track.	750m, 10min
This works round in a large arc to reach the bottom station of a chair lift.	1.2km, 16min
Continue on the track a few metres steeply uphill and then turn R now following the main wide track steadily uphill into the heart of the corrie ahead.	
Ignore any minor tracks going off this and follow it up around various curves before turning R along a more level section for a few hundred metres.	

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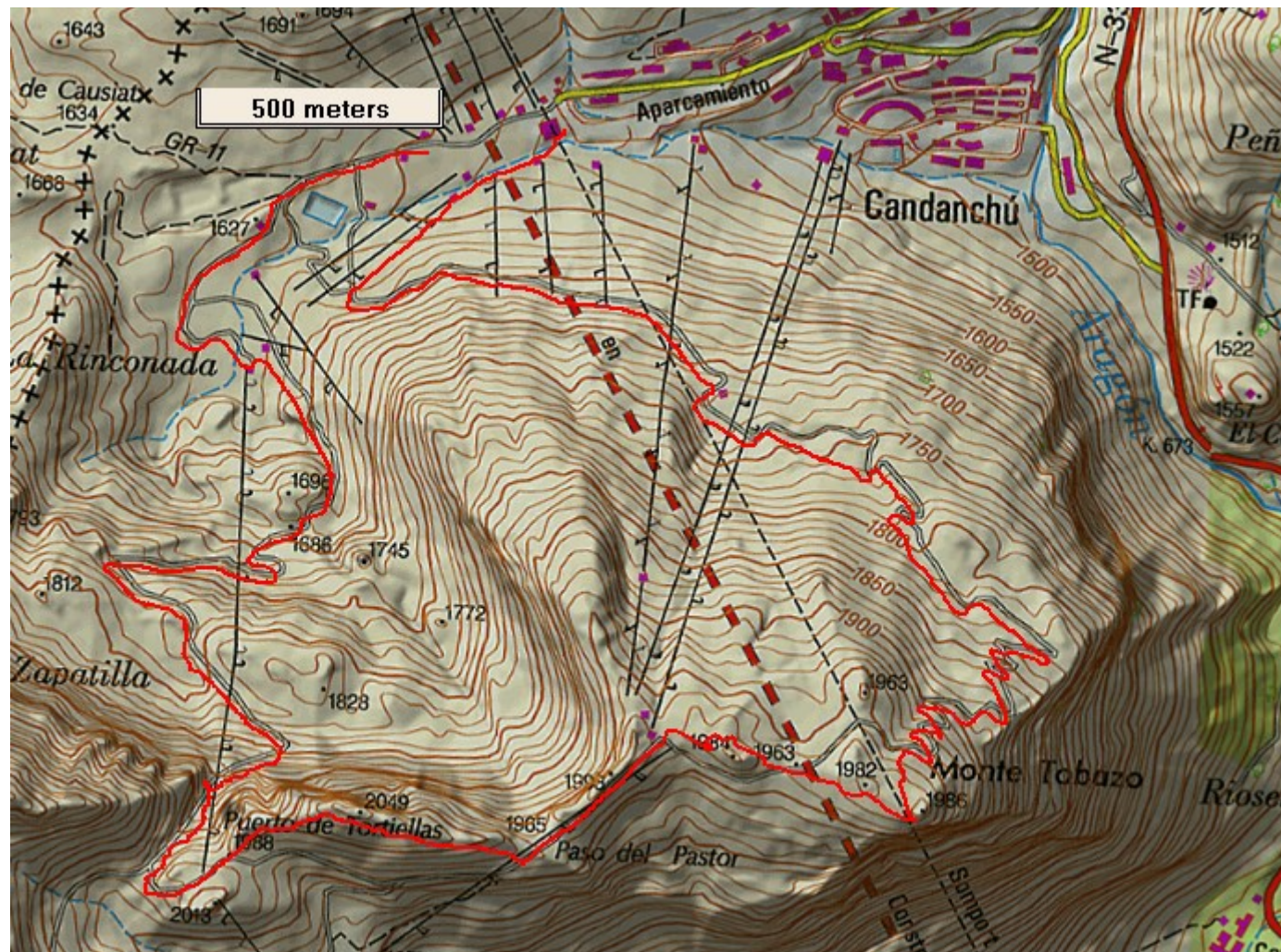
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Soon as you work to the L and uphill across the flank of the mountain you reach a turn to the R beside some protective fences (for skiers) with a now very steep section aiming uphill towards a col.	3km, 53min
Gradually the slope eases off to reach the col with a large parked container.	3.5km, 1hr 9min
Just above this there is a track junction where your options are either R or L. Take the L fork still rising but more gently.	
Pass to the RHS of a chair lift building and descend briefly to a track junction.	
The main track continues to the R descending but we take the L less defined track rising up a grassy slope towards a rocky ridge.	3.8km, 1hr 14min
Soon you are climbing across easy scree and then a thin ridge which requires scrambling in places as it undulates a little before descending to reach your original broad track.	4.5km ,1hr 30min
Follow this now along the flank of the ridge visiting whichever tops take your fancy.	
In particular you should make a point of cutting up to the R and the grassy summit just above the track before it starts to descend steeply. When you reach the first summit with a large pole on it continue ahead a short distance to a small grassy top with a cairn and enjoy the spectacular views down into the Aragon valley,	5.6km, 1hr 49min
From this second summit turn half L and make your way down across easy grassy and scree slopes to join the track and turn R to continue your descent.	
Initially this aims down in zig-zags but soon you turn to the L and can see the Candanchu resort down below you.	6.6km, 2hr 8min
Lower down on this track ignore any minor tracks going off and continue ahead so that you are high above the car park.	
Pass above this and eventually drop down towards the valley bottom where the track turns sharply R to cross the valley floor.	8.7km, 2hr 40min
Just a few metres down this you turn R beside a row of pylons for a chair lift and enjoy grassy slopes back down to the car park and the RHS of the main ski station building.	
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<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	The ridge that starts at 3.8km is exposed and requires the use of hands.

See map below.....

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**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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