

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Pena Castellon from Villanua
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Villanua Car park opposite the entrance and interpretation centre for the Cuevas De Gruixas.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	6
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	310
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2hr 2.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.68238, Long: -0.53225
Directions to Start	Coming from the S and Jaca continue up the valley past Castiello de Jaca and past the centre of Villnua. Just as you swing round a bend to the R at the N end of the village take the turning R signed to the village. Drop down and cross a bridge over the river Aragon and then a second bridge beyond which the parking is on the RHS.
Short walk description	A delightful short walk partly through woodland and up and over the railway station before reaching the lookout of Pena de Castellon and returning along the Camino de Santiago.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the interpretation centre walk slightly R of this up a paved track.	
350m later reach a fork with a finger post and here turn R more steeply up the hill.	350m
At the next finger post turn L.....	550m, 13mins
..... signed to As Fayas quickly passing information point number 2 and descending slightly.	
Pass a small rocky path going uphill to a cave with grill and info board and then return to	

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the main path.

At info point number 5 there is a finger post pointing uphill towards the Estacion de Villanua and we take this path.

Curl up to the R on a widening path and reach and cross a gravel track to continue through the woods.

1.2km, 27min

Look out for an indistinct fork which you ignore and keep ahead to the L. Soon you will be able to make our a track running parallel and above you. Ignore this and descend (Passing info point 26) steadily towards the station.

Pass the first building and at the near corner of the second take care to leave on an ascending footpath to the R.

1.7km, 36min

Climb steadily to arrive with pastureland on your RHS and then join a track and continue ahead.

This swings to the RHS of an obvious barranco, continues a little and then turns L to ascend a wall (bancal).

2.4km, 53min

Work R and arrive at an abandoned pill box where you turn back L and climb up to the top of the ridge.

Walk out on this to a finger post indicating your height (1168m).....

2.7km, 1hr

..... and then double back to the R and passing a second pill box so that you can pass some crags before descending.

Descend steeply for a while before curling round to the L and walking along the flank more easily and inadvertently crossing the railway which you will see behind you on the RHS when you have done so.

Reach a finger post indicating a return to Villanua via the Camino de Santiago on the R. Take this.

4.1km, 1hr 27min

Drop down to reach the broad camino, turn R and return to the village.

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

See map below.....

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