

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Pena Oroel
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Jaca, Parador Oroel
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	12km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	740m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hr 15 min 5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.52746, Long: -0.53200
Directions to Start	Take the A-1205 at the roundabout where we find a petrol station and McDonalds. Head towards Bernues/ San Juan de la Peña. Follow this road for approx. 6km kilometres until you find the turning to the left to the Parador de Oroel. After 2km on a single track good road you will find the Parador (closed) where there is a parking area where you can leave the vehicle.
Short walk description	A tough zig zag path to the ridge that paybacks the effort with fantastic views of the Pyrenees and a lovely ridge walk along the top.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
We start this route from the Parador car park. Cross the road and take the obvious and marked path that ascends following the sign to 'Cruz'.	
This section of the route gains altitude gently through the forest, leading us to the left, right up to the start of the zig zags, which we will not leave until we reach the summit ridge.	16 mins, 800m
Some corners of the zig zag path are numbered so you get an idea of what is to come. The total is about 34 but you will need to count yourself.	
Through these multiple zigzags we arrive at curve 13 where we find an alternative path to the left, we must continue to the right following the sign to Cruz.	45mins 1.9km
After several more switchbacks along a beautiful path and having already gained considerable altitude, we reach the end of the zigzags and arrive into to the open	

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<p>above the trees and onto the ridge by a sign post. There is a view of our objective, the summit and the large cross. At this point we also find a small hill on our left with a short steep path by the sign post where we will later have to return, so take note.</p> <p>Now we continue along the upper path that runs along the upper part of the ridge. Initially the path is in low scrub and trees but it soon emerges to give excellent views.</p> <p>Follow the panoramic path on to the large cross on the summit, we will soon reach the summit of Peña Oroel (1771m). A large cross and post mark this summit with a stupendous panoramic view of the Pyrenees, which if the day is fine you will be able to identify many of the most characteristic peaks in this part of the Pyrenees.</p> <p>After the obligatory stop we walk a few more metres to the westernmost point of the range, where we get another view of the Tozal de Cuculo area.</p> <p>We now return again along the ridge passing next to an orientation table and now take a path that runs along a lower part of the ridge and arriving once again at the pass with the signpost.</p> <p>Once here we take the direction to Bacials at the signpost, where we climb the mound on a short rocky path and reach a milestone, MP266 107.</p> <p>From here we will soon pass by two neveras (ice holes) that are below and to our left. Continue to follow the obvious path along the ridge which undulates past a high point of Punta de Sora (1.707m). Eventually you reach a low area with a cairn with bones and a grassy hill in front of you. The cairn marks the way down.</p> <p>Prior to returning it is well worth the short climb to the eastern point of the ridge. Follow the path that is heading across the meadow land until you reach the highest point. The views that greet you back along the ridge up to the cross are spectacular.</p> <p>It is now worth walking to the Northern edge of the ridge through some bushes and emerge on the edge to be greeted by more views of the Pyrenees and over the Jaca area.</p> <p>Once you have soaked in the views return back down the grassy slope to the cairn with the bones.</p> <p>We now take the path that descends from the cairn on Senda de los Lobos. After an initial short steep section the path descends into a path that diagonal is leading us through the trees towards the car park. After a long downward walk you reach a large tree which you can either go under or go round to your right. Shortly after that the path splits and you need to continue in a downward direction to the right. Eventually the path reaches a road.</p> <p>Turn left on the road and follow the road slightly uphill to the car park at the Parador.</p>	<p>1 hr, 2.6km</p> <p>1hr 20 min, 3.8km</p> <p>1hr 24 min, 4km</p> <p>1 hr 44min, 5.5 km</p> <p>2hr 16min, 7.5km</p> <p>2hr 22min, 7.9km</p> <p>2hr 25min, 8.1km</p> <p>2hr 31min, 8.4km</p> <p>3hr, 11km</p> <p>3hr 15min, 12km</p>
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

