

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

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Ibon Piedrafita Circuit from Faunistico Car Park
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Piedrafita de Jaca
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	10.3km
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	390m
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3hr 31m 4hr 15min total
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	M/B
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 42.69713, Long: -0.33328
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From A136 10km north of Biescas, (km 8.75) turn West onto asphalted narrow road to Piedrafita de Jaca. Pass through village and turn very sharply left to continue climbing to the car park opposite the entrance to the wildlife park "Parque Faunistico Launiacha"
<b>Short walk description</b>	A circular walk on well marked paths passing woodland and Alpine meadows with stunning views of soaring cliffs and panoramas of the "Val de Tena"
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<div> <div><b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b></div> <div> <p>From the car park approach the entrance to the animal park and turn left downhill for 50m until you reach a signpost where you turn right along PR-HU-93.1 towards "Arco Geotecnico de Piedrafita" (5.4km). Follow this broad track to the left of which is a huge storage barn.</p> <p>Ignore track to the left: continue to climb uphill.</p> <p>At Signpost "Arco Geotecnico de Piedrafita" (5.4km)" the broad track narrows and starts to climb through woodland.</p> <p>After a steep climb the path emerges from the woods with stunning views both left and right. Before long we reach a gap in a fence and another signpost "Arco Geotecnico de Piedrafita" (1.7km)". Ignore path to the right and keep heading for the Arco.</p> </div> <div> <p>0 km</p> <p>420m 7.5 min</p> <p>2.6km, 50 min</p> <p>4km, 1hr 15m</p> </div> </div>

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The well defined path crosses a fairly flat area before climbing again to pass another signpost towards the "Arco".	4.7km, 1hr 34m
The path crosses an area littered with boulders and there are stone cairns on top of large rocks to help you steer your way through. After the boulders the path crosses a flat meadow to a "Tee" junction with another path at a signpost. To the left is the path up to the "Arco" which could make an interesting side trip "up and back" if you have time. Our route turns right downhill signposted to "Ibon de Piedrafita".	5.1km 1hr 45m
The path has wonderful views over the Val de Tena. The path is marked with yellow and white flashes and crosses a scree field before ascending to a ridge where below us is a refugio which could provide emergency temporary shelter in bad weather. Continue to a path junction and ignore this path joining from the left.	6.1km, 2hr 10m
The path now drops towards the Ibon (lake). Before reaching the lake take a path to the left to the top of a low ridge where you will get a magnificent view down to the Ibon, flanked by Peña Telera. A perfect place for a picnic lunch.	6.6km, 2hr 18m
After lunch we follow a narrow path around the LH side of the lake. Pass by some large rocky outcrops and cross the mountain stream using a wooden bridge. The path continues to follow the left hand bank of the stream	7.3km, 2hr 30m
The path joins a broad drivable un-asphalted road. To the right is a broad track with a barrier chain (this is a continuation of the path we were following before we deviated around the back of the lake). Turn L on the track away from the barrier and in just a few metres turn right onto a narrow path downhill.	7.5km, 2hr 36m
The broad track descends the hillside by a series of hairpin bends. Our route takes a steeper, more direct route, following the stream and crossing the broad track several times.	
We reach the broad track again and turn right	7.9km, 2hr 44m
After 100m we leave the broad track and turn sharply left and continue to follow the stream on a footpath.	8km, 2hr 47m
The path crosses the stream from left to right-hand bank by rock-hopping.	8.4km, 2hr 55m
We join the broad track again and this time turn Right. After 100m turn left onto a narrow path again.	8.8km, 3hr 2m 8.9km, 3hr 4m
Again we meet the broad track, this time we go straight across it. Again we meet the broad track and go straight across it.	9.1km, 3hr 9m 9.2km, 3hr 11m
For the last time we meet the broad track and go straight across it. At path junction turn right following signpost to Lacuniacha	9.3km, 3hr 13m 9.4km, 3hr 16m
This path rises to a junction with our broad track once again where we turn L  and descend gently to the car park.	9.9km, 3hr 24m  10.3km, 3hr 31m
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<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	There are not many guaranteed fresh water sources on the route.

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**Route followed is outlined in Red**

