

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Pena Foratata from Formigal
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Formigal Car park of the Hotel HG Alto Aragon
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	8
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	611
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.66 4.5
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B/Scr
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 42.77915, Long: -0.35916
Directions to Start	The N260 road skirts along the Pyrenean chain in Spain from E to W. At Biescas the A136 road heads N towards France to Formigal the last town before the French border.
Short walk description	An easy walk to a mountain col followed by a trickier ridge walk with short scramble to an airy viewpoint. Fantastic scenery from the tops.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>Facing the main entrance of the hotel from the car park look out for a level concrete footpath going off around the RHS of the hotel. Follow this until you meet a timber rail fence which you easily climb over to meet a track. Turn L up this.</p> <p>There are only one or 2 options to deviate from this and in each case take the obvious line going uphill to reach a gate which you walk through and after this the track narrows to a footpath.</p> <p>Follow this uphill soon reaching a steeper section.....</p> <p>with eroded parts and after this there is a more level section with an indistinct path junction. Keep R and "nearer" to the grand crags off to your RHS and soon reach a final steeper section after which you arrive at the col de foratata.</p>	<p>1.23km 23min</p> <p>3km 1hr 7min</p>

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Now keep ahead to rise up to the spur where you turn R up the spur ignoring a path which continues ahead.

3.1km, 1hr 11min

Follow this up and swing L to weave through some crags before beginning your ascent up on the L flank of the ridge line.

Soon ahead you can see the two main peaks of the Foratata and the obvious path continues climbing towards these.

At the point where your visible option is to descend considerably to pass below the first of the major peaks scramble up to the R to reach a rocky eminence from where the views all around are magnificent.

4.1km, 1hr 33min

Once few, watered and exhausted by the scenery retrace your steps all the way back to the hotel car park.

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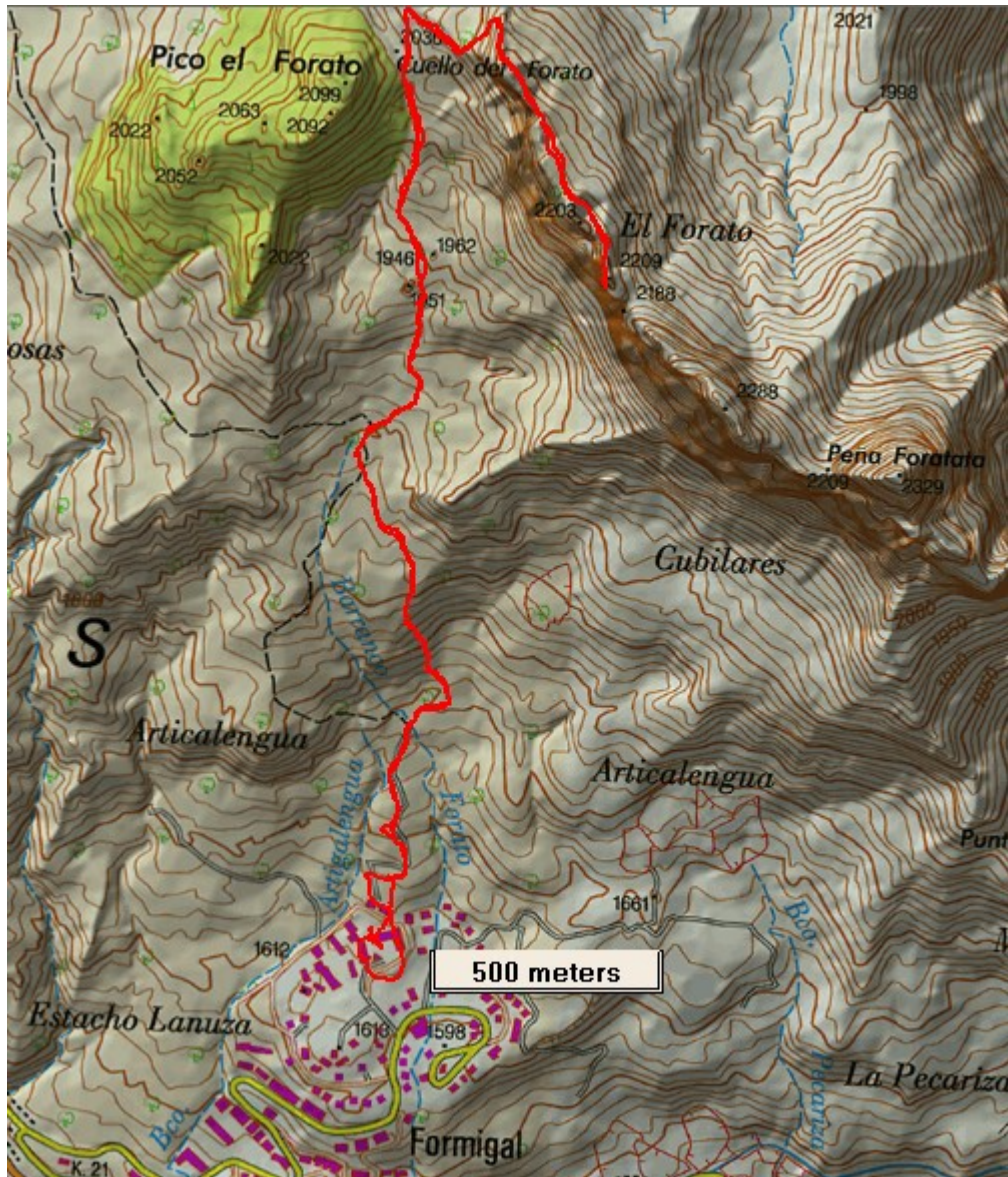
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Minor exposure on the ridge with more considerable exposure on the rocky summit.

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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