

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Circuit from Aubert to Vielha and return
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Aubert Layby on LHS of main road
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	12
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	411
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.25hr 4.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 42.73148, Long:- 0.77619
Directions to Start	From Vileha head N (towards France) on the N230 until you reach the village of Aubert. Just through the village on the LHS is a layby that would accommodate about 10 cars.
Short walk description	A circuit from Aubert to Vielha and back above the valley of the Garonne
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the parking cross the road towards the village and turn up beside the large block of apartments on its LHS.	
Follow this up past a car park and to the RHS of the church and beside this turn L.	250m, 5 min
Walk up to the town hall where you turn R and walk ahead until it bends to the L and now keep directly ahead soon arriving at a rising grassy track.	
Reach tarmac	935m, 20min
and turn L and then walk around a zig to the R.	
At the outskirts of a village pass the parking area and then turn L and uphill on a partially cobbled road.	1.2km, 25min

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When this curves L keep ahead on a partially concreted road which curves around to the R.	
Follow this ahead keeping L of some buildings to reach a grassy track going uphill on the L and follow this.	1.5km, 25min
Reach a complex junction with a lane going ahead but with a taracm road just off to your RHS. Take this following the uphill section to the L.	1.9km, 38min
Curve L and then at a junction turn R up a narrow lane with tarmac.	2.1km, 43min
Pass some bins on the outskirts of the village and keep L up the hill to find a church with green area and small walls for seating inside the gate which makes a good rest spot for a break.	2.9km, 55min
Emerge from the churchyard and turn L to emerge at a village cross roads where you walk ahead and down on cobbles to reach a junction where you turn L.	
Quickly keep R steeply downhill to soon reach a finger post where you double back to the R now on a muddy track which soon doubles back to the L again.	3.3km, 1hr 4min
After a while double back to the R and walk into the village curving L and reach a T junction where you turn L.	4.2km, 1hr 20min
Follow the road as it curves R and again at a T-jnc. Turn L.	
Keep ahead and descending to cross a stream and double back to the R rising briefly.	
Just as the tarmac ends keep R on a grassy track descending.	5.2km, 1hr 35min
When this footpath splits take either option as they join lower down.	
Walk over a sluice and under a pipe.	
Ahead drop down to the R on the footpath passing the Hotel Hipic and following the descending path to emerge on the main road.	6.6km, 1hr 58min
Turn L along this to the roundabout and then turn L walking up beside the river before crossing the first bridge to the R.	
Curve around to the R to reach a large open plaza where you turn L and across the plaza to take the first road on the RHS.	
Walk up this road with its intermitted iron railings and turn L when you can to climb up the steps at the end and walk ahead to the roundabout.	
Cross this directly and take the first turn on the RHS signed Gaussac.	7.5km, 2hr 11min
Keep ahead on this until you reach a large 1m high sign "Gaussac" and just before this turn R descending on a tarmac track	8.1km, 2hr 18min
Follow this steadfastly to reach a junction with a road crossing over a bridge on the RHS which we ignore and keep ahead slightly L on a rising surfaced footpath.	9.6km, 2hr 41min
Ignore the footpath soon leaving this on the LHS and keep ahead.	

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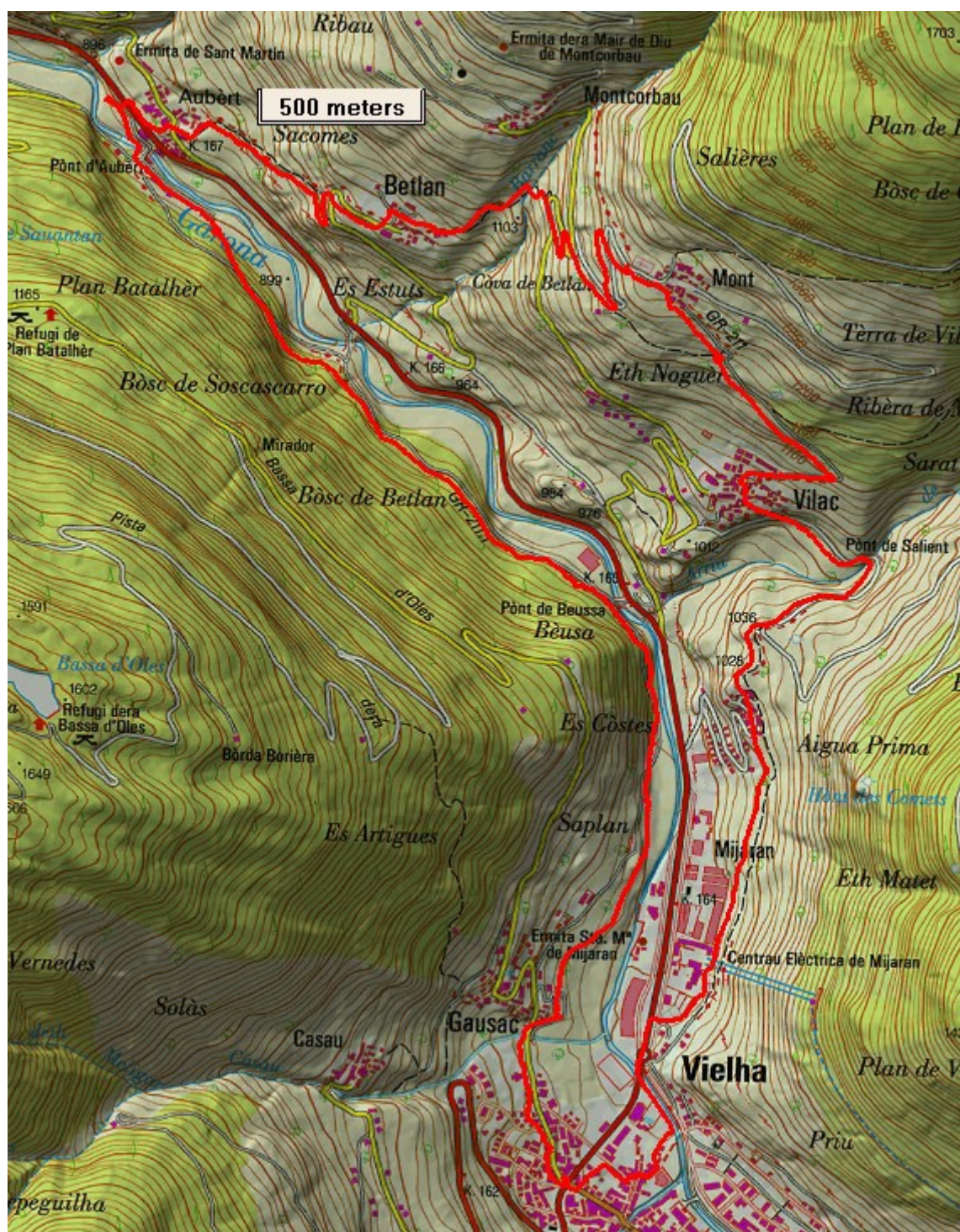
Eventually descend a zig-zag and walk into building before crossing the bridge over the river on your RHS and turning L to climb up to the main road just in front of your parking area.

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red



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