

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Estany de Baix de Baciver figure of eight
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Baquiera Remote roadside car park
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	9.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	480
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hr 5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 42.70566, Long:- 0.93548
Directions to Start	From Vielha follow the C28 eastwards and up the valley as far as Baquiera where you turn L on the C1428 zig-zagging up the road to find a layby on the LHS just above the Hotel Melia.
Short walk description	A valley walk to a lake cradled in a corrie in the mountains with slightly different (and easier) return route.
Full Walk Description	
Start by walking up to the top of the layby and crossing the road to find an ascending track on the RHS. Follow this up past a building on the RHS and then continue ahead on a thin footpath which keeps high above the valley floor. (ignore lines that drop down to join a track below you on the RHS) This rises steadily and steeply at times to cross a stream and follow then line uphill to emerge at a ski station car park. Walk across the RHS of this and then drop slightly onto the track as it descends to the R. Near the bottom abandon the obvious track and keep up to the L across a grassy slope to soon find a more obvious footpath again continuing up on the LHS of the valley floor.	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far 360m, 7min 1.8km, 36min

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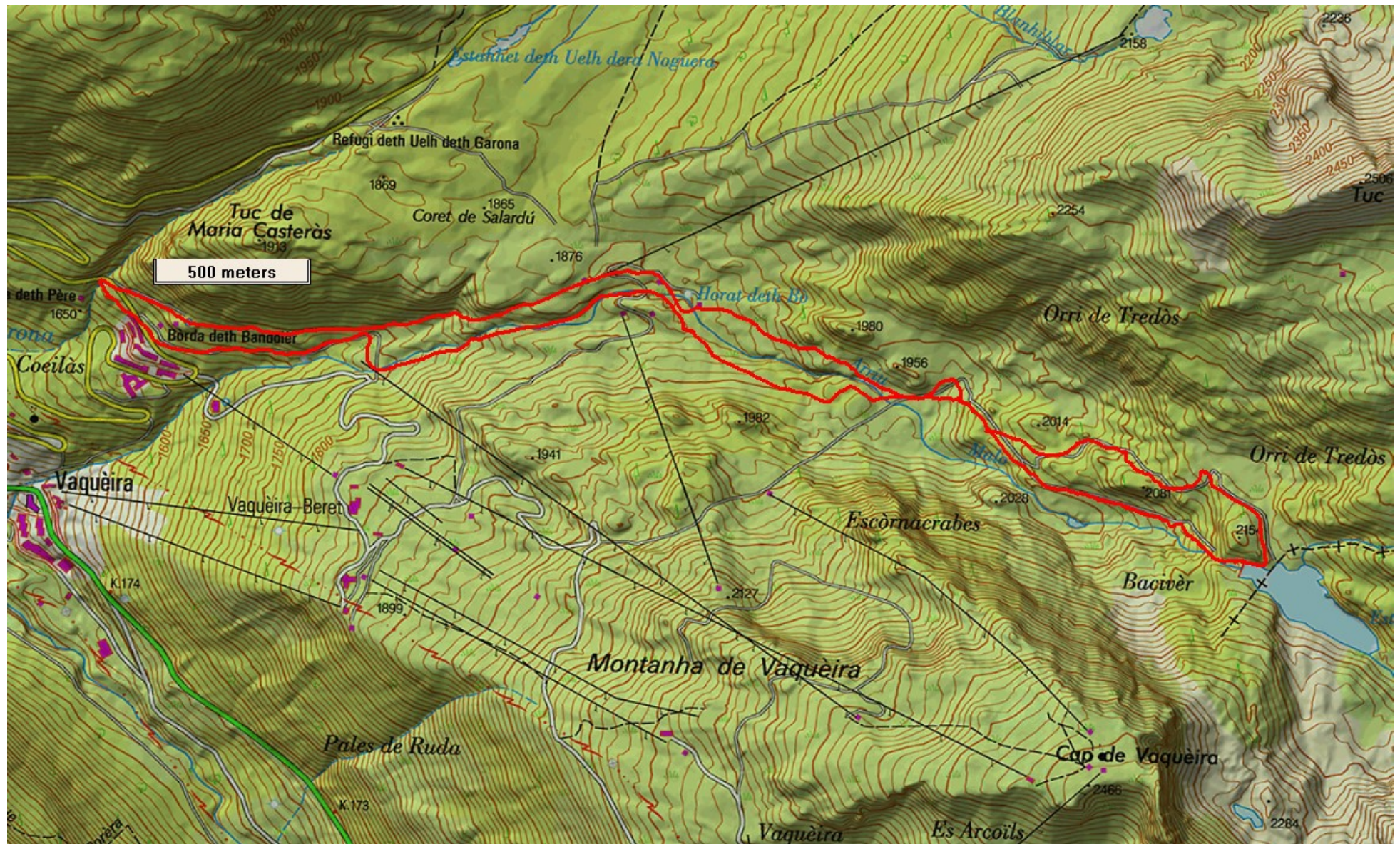
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Follow this uphill ignoring some obvious piste lines that cross your path and take a rest as the slope occasionally lessens. Higher up you cross a boulder field and then more scattered rocks to finally emerge facing a dam wall which you reach to the L.	4.5km, 1hr 35min
Rest here before continuing a short distance ahead on the L edge of the lake to find a level plateau on your LHS where a path doubles back.	
Take this and after the level section has ended continue ahead on the obvious line of a footpath until you reach a stream crossing which you cross and find an obvious footpath ahead and a less obvious but cairned path going directly L. Take this and descend reasonably easily to join a rapidly descending ski piste.	4.8km, 1hr 40min
Eventually you rejoin your outgoing line just before a wooden bridge.	6.4km, 2hr 10min
Cross the bridge and turn R still following a piste line.	
Descend on this until you reach the ski area and here turn R for a few metres towards the lifts before crossing the stream and turning L on a track which descends past the ski chair lift buildings.	7.2km, 2hr 21min
Keep ahead and soon steeply down to reach another junction where you turn R	8.3km, 2hr 39min
and follow this new track as it curves L and descends now with the buildings of the village plainly in sight.	
Reach the road and turn R for a few metres to find your cars.	
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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