

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Montcorbison and Tuc de Letassi circuit from Bassa d'Oles
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Gausac Bassa d'Oles. At the end of a minor road coming out of Gausac.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	11.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	725
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.5hr 5.25hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 42.71521, Long:- 0.77435
Directions to Start	From the middle of Vielha there is a roundabout with the main N-S road – the N230 – and the valley road – the C28 and from here a minor road leads up to Gausac. Follow this through the village and keep following signs to Bassa d'Oles up through zig-zags to arrive at the lake and field parking.
Short walk description	A stiff climb from a picnic spot to a high ridge with fantastic views and return through meadows and forestry.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From in front of the lake walk out to pass the building on its L and find an ascending track with no entry signs which quickly bends R and ascends more steeply.	
Crest a rise and start to descend to pass a finger post and continue ahead leaving the track as it curves R and continue ahead on the grassy slope to find a footpath ascending to the R through trees.	340m, 6min
Reach a finger post on a level grassy meadow and turn L steeply uphill again.	1.2km, 24min
Very quickly meet a path crossing your line and here continue vaguely ahead and diagonally R and rising to find a clearer line climbing steadily up to the R to reach and	

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obvious shoulder with a depression behind it.	1.6km, 35min
Continue ahead on more level ground now to reach a collection of boulders on a shoulder on your L and here turn up to the L very steeply to soon find yourself on a clear more level spur.	2km, 42min
Continue up this slightly on its RHS to find a clear path initially going ahead and then turning R to climb up into the woodland. (gps track slightly amiss for 200m here)	
Follow this as it climbs up to the L with difficult steps to reach a grassy re-entrant and climb up this to find a junction with a clear path going off to the RHS and climbing very steeply.	2.4km, 52min
Reach the summit of Montcorbison.	3km, 1hr 12min
Continue over the top to drop to a Civil War monument and then walk easily along the ridge soon climbing back up to reach the summit of Tuc du Letassi.	3.9km, 1hr 31min
Now drop down on the clear footpath with some sections of scree to reach a col with religious monument (LHS) and small building on the R.	4.6km, 1hr 46min
Turn R along the col in front of the building to find an obvious rocky defile which you thread through and descend on the obvious line past a post (no finger though!).	
Curve around to the R to reach a ruined building.....	5.2km, 1hr 57min
and turn L behind this to drop down a steep ramp with occasional cairn and then pick up the more obvious path line which trends off to the R along the flank of the hill.	
Zig zag down to get below some crags and then across a meadow of scattered boulders and just beyond these keep R and above a marshy area to find the continuing path descending in zig-zags to reach and cross the stream to the L.	6.7km, 2hr 24min
Continue on the path towards a building and when happy drop down to the R to gain a track.	6.9km, 2hr 27min
Turn R along this almost immediately crossing the stream again to pass by a building and then a large picnic area.	
Continue now along this track for some time passing one junction off to the R and then meeting a footpath which drops down steeply from the R and descends off on the LHS.	9.9km, 3hr 9min
Clamber up the bank on the R to find a meandering footpath which rises slightly as you progress through woodland to finally curve slightly R, crest a small rise and reveal the lake in front of you.	
Follow the LH edge of this to find your car.	
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Good navigation and tolerance for steep climbs required.

see map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red

