

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

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| <b>Title of Walk</b>   | Refugi de Rialb via Refugi Borda de Sorteny  |
| <b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>  | El Serrat<br>Vall de Sorteny parking area  |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>  | 8  |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>   | 385  |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>  | 2.66hr<br>4.5hr  |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>   | M/B  |
| <b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>  | Lat: 42.626277, Long: 1.551627   |
| <b>Directions to Start</b>   | From central Andorra take the road up through Ordino and El Serrat to reach an awkward turning (signed) to the R to reach the limited parking. |
| <b>Short walk description</b>  | An easy stroll through some delightful countryside in the Rialb valley.  |
| <b>Full Walk Description</b>   |  |
| <p>Start by walking up to the visitor centre at the top of the car park and passing this on the L to reach a gate and then a track which you follow uphill.</p> <p>Pass a set of large metal sculptures depicting the four winds and immediately an attractive garden of native plants and herbs.</p> <p>Reach the Refugi Borda de Sorteny (open during the summer for drinks and food) and then walk to the L in front of it to find a junction of paths. The one heading to the R with a signpost goes to a summit – ignore this.</p> <p>Instead take the less defined path to the L rising up across the flank of the hill through woodland to soon reach a col with finger post for a break.</p> <p>Now cross directly over the col and descend steeply through woodland towards the valley floor.</p> | <p><b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b></p> <p>1.2km, 20min</p> <p>2.2km, 42min</p> <p>2.8km, 57min</p>                                 |

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Once you are nearly at the bottom you reach a finger post where you continue ahead signed to the Refugi de Rialb.

3.6km, 1hr 16min

Continue rising steadily with the river on your L to pass a set of BBQ's and the Font Freda and reach a finger post beside a bridge on your L. Ignore this and continue ahead to reach the now visible Refuge.

5.5km, 1hr 56min

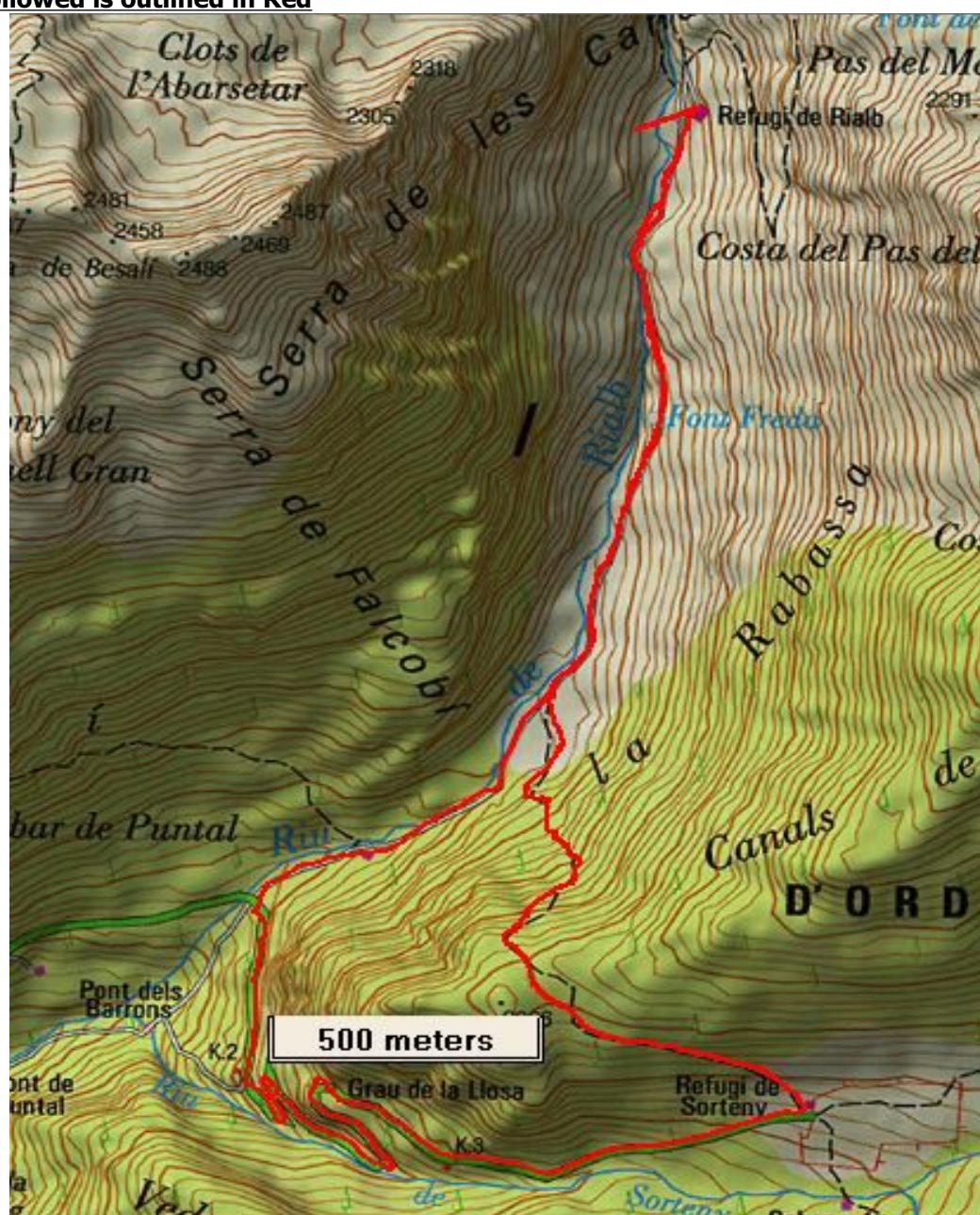
Once lunch has been consumed, return by the same path passing the picnic area and staying close to the river to pass a building on your RHS and down through the trees to your car park.

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**Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

None

**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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