

## COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Pic de Peyreget	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Formigal in Spain Route is N of here and wholly within France	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	11.2	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	780	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3.75hr 5hr	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/B	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 42.814987, Long: -0.418043	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From Zaragoza and Huesca south of the Pyrenees take the N260a N towards Biescas. Pass this and continue towards the French border on the A136. Cross the border at El Portallet and drive down about 1km to park in bays on the RHS directly opposite a clear track running initially SW.	
<b>Short walk description</b>	A grand traverse around Pic de Peyreget with views of the face of Pic du Midi d'Ossau – a great rock lump that imposes from many directions.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>		<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Start by crossing the road and following the track to the SW as it wanders into the valley.		
Cross a bridge on the RHS and then leave the track at a finger post and then cross 2 more foot bridges and start to ascend on a footpath up the slope.		380m, 5.5mins
Keep ahead until you intersect a track where you turn R – level at first – and then rising around a small hill to arrive at a cabin - du Senescau - where you turn R uphill on a footpath.		1.2km, 20min
Follow this up to rejoin a broader footpath ascending in zig-zags. Avoid using the short-cuts that have been fenced off to prevent erosion.		

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<p>Eventually you crest the ridge line at a large cairn and ahead in the distance you can make out the roof of the Refuge de Pompeie.</p>	<p>2.8km, 1hr 3min</p>
<p>Follow the path ahead as it descends steadily towards the refuge.</p>	
<p>When you reach this</p>	<p>4km, 1hr 23min</p>
<p>turn L on a footpath W and on the S side of the lake. This continues around the lake and then starts to ascend steadily - at times through boulders - toward the Col de Peyreget. As you ascend there are fantastic views of the rock face of the Pic du Midi d'Ossau on your R and you pass a few small lakes before arriving at the col.</p>	<p>5.2km, 1hr 48min</p>
<p>There is the opportunity here to ascend the Pic de Peyreget on the LHS or – if you are a very experienced scrambler and climber – the Pic du midi itself on the RHS.</p>	
<p>Once satisfied descend ahead (W) from the col down a clear but steep footpath which lower down passes through a large rock and boulder field to arrive beside a small lake and then a little lower a larger lake with a straight edge to the far bank.</p>	
<p>The footpath trends L staying above this lake and crossing a small stream to join the ascending path from the lake. Hereabouts is a good spot for lunch.</p>	<p>7km, 2hr 35min</p>
<p>Ascend the path you join to the L (broadly S) to crest the grassy col de l'lou and continue ahead on the footpath.</p>	<p>7.5km, 2hr 48min</p>
<p>A little way along this you will be able to see your parking spot on the road and you then have 2 choices. By continuing ahead on the footpath you will eventually re-join your outbound track and by turning R – downhill – you can return to the car park.</p>	
<p>Alternatively, once you have a clear fix on your car you can walk down the grassy pastures on the RHS and find a more interesting and rewarding route back to the track at the valley bottom and thence to your cars. There is only one deep gully to cross and this can be done by following the gps track for this route or by dropping lower to join the main valley floor before turning back towards the car park. Either route is delightful.</p>	
<p><b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b></p>	<p>None</p>

Map is on next page

**Route followed is outlined in Red**

**Special notes – El Portalet at S of map is on border between France and Spain.  
All of this route is within France**

