

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	GR11 – Day 31 - Tavascan to Areu
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Tavascan. Information cabin on main road at N edge of village.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	1300
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.5hr 6.25hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.644211, Long: 1.257379
Directions to Start	From the town of Sort take the C13 road N towards the high Pyrnees and in Llavorsi take the L504 and continue for some time to the village of Tavascan and its hotel laden main street.
Short walk description	An initial wander over lower slopes gives way to a high level crossing of a lonely plateau and descent to the next valley E.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p style="color: red;"><u>Note – finger-post times are shown as a matter of record to indicate where you are – not to advise on achievable times!!</u></p> <p>From the info cabin on the main road (N of Casa Feliu) cross the bridge on the R and go L for a few metres to find a steeply rising footpath with a finger-post.</p> <p>This steepness is maintained until you reach a short level path through the trees before continuing steeply up to reach a finger-post at a ruined cabana where you continue ahead (Boldis Subira – 55 mins)</p> <p>Pass two sections protected by a chain and then a cable.</p> <p>Just after a 3rd section of protection reach a finger-post and keep L uphill (B. S. - 15min)</p>	

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<p>Walk ahead through the village with the church on the LHS and pass a water tank down on the RHS to join a track directly ahead.</p>	5km, 1hr 48min
<p>At a junction keep ahead (Col de Tudela – 1hr 15min)</p>	
<p>Follow this rising track as it swings steadily W before doubling back almost E and ignore any side turnings.</p>	7.7km, 2hr 41min
<p>After rising steadily for some time it doubles back again initially S and then SW before turning S again to crest the ridge.</p>	10.5km, 3hr 34min
<p>Here ignore a R/W which appears to indicate that you should cross the ridge and go downhill and either work directly up the ridge line or follow the track as it rises on the other side of the ridge and doubles back to the NW to quickly intercept the ridge footpath at a finger-post.</p>	11km, 3hr 46min
<p>From this point follow the footpath directly up the ridge and then flanking R steeply up through trees to finally arrive at an open plateau with a metal corral and a 4-way finger-post where we cross the ridge over the plateau to follow the path as it enters forest on the other side of the ridge. (SE)</p>	12.6km, 4hr 32min
<p>After changing direction to the S double back NE and begin a series of zig-zags down through the forest.</p>	
<p>Finally reach a finger-post just above a building where we pass to the RHS descending to meet a track where we turn R.</p>	15km, 5hr 16min
<p>Walk around 2 barrancos and at the second there is a trough and running water and just after this a footpath descending on the L which we take. (finger-post on ground in 2016)</p>	
<p>Intercept the track again and turn L for a few metres and at a RH bend the footpath leaves on the L initially very steeply before continuing more steadily downhill.</p>	
<p>At the next track intersection go L and quickly R again to re-join the footpath.</p>	
<p>And at the next intersection go R and then L.</p>	
<p>Pass a large white cistern and continue down a rocky lane to reach a track where we turn L and immediately R (Areu – 17 mins)</p>	
<p>Just in front of a large circular stone water tank jink L for $\frac{3}{4}$ metres and then R downhill and then at a fork go L downhill.</p>	
<p>Reach a track and pass buildings to soon reach tarmac and walk down to the village.</p>	
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

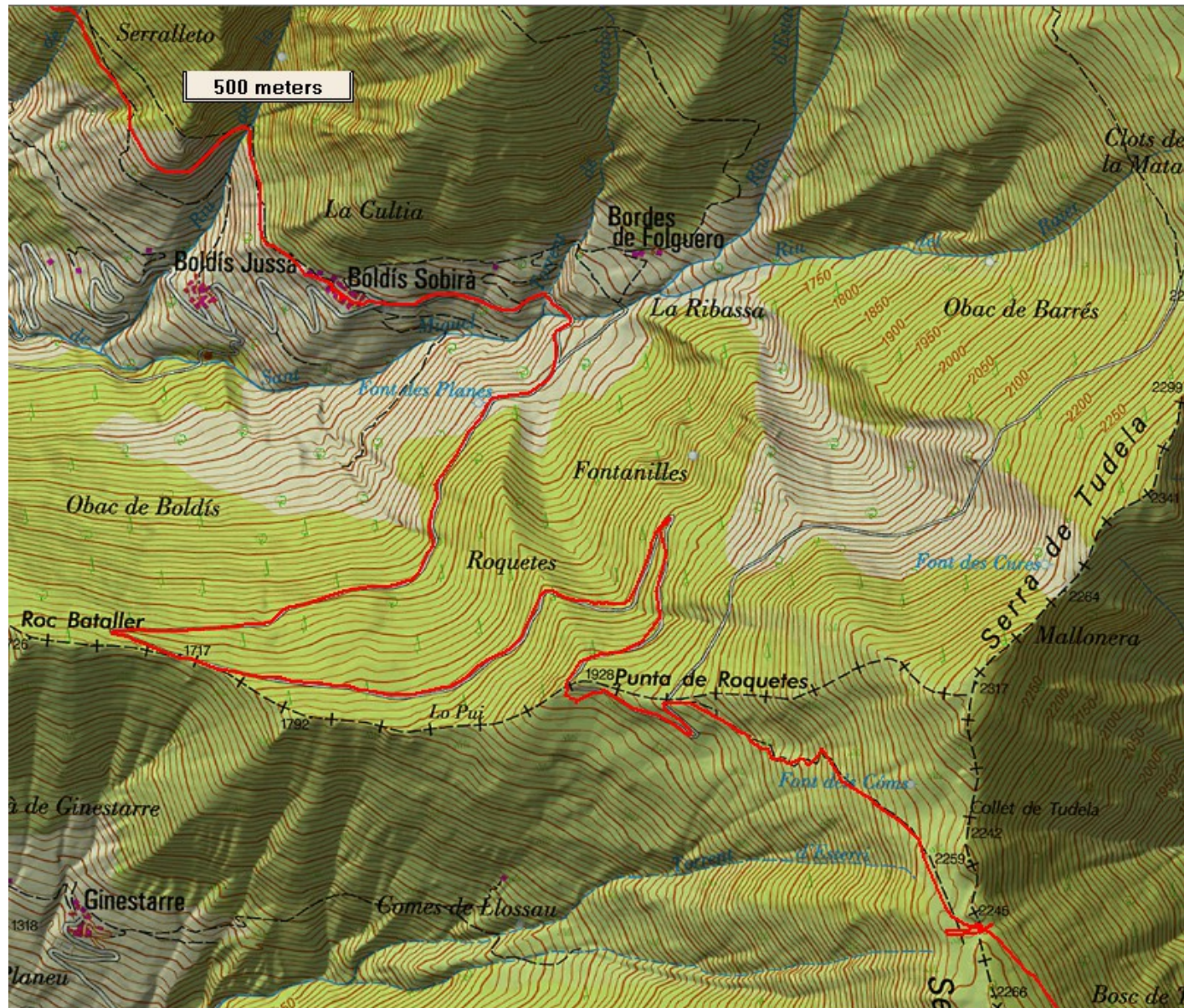
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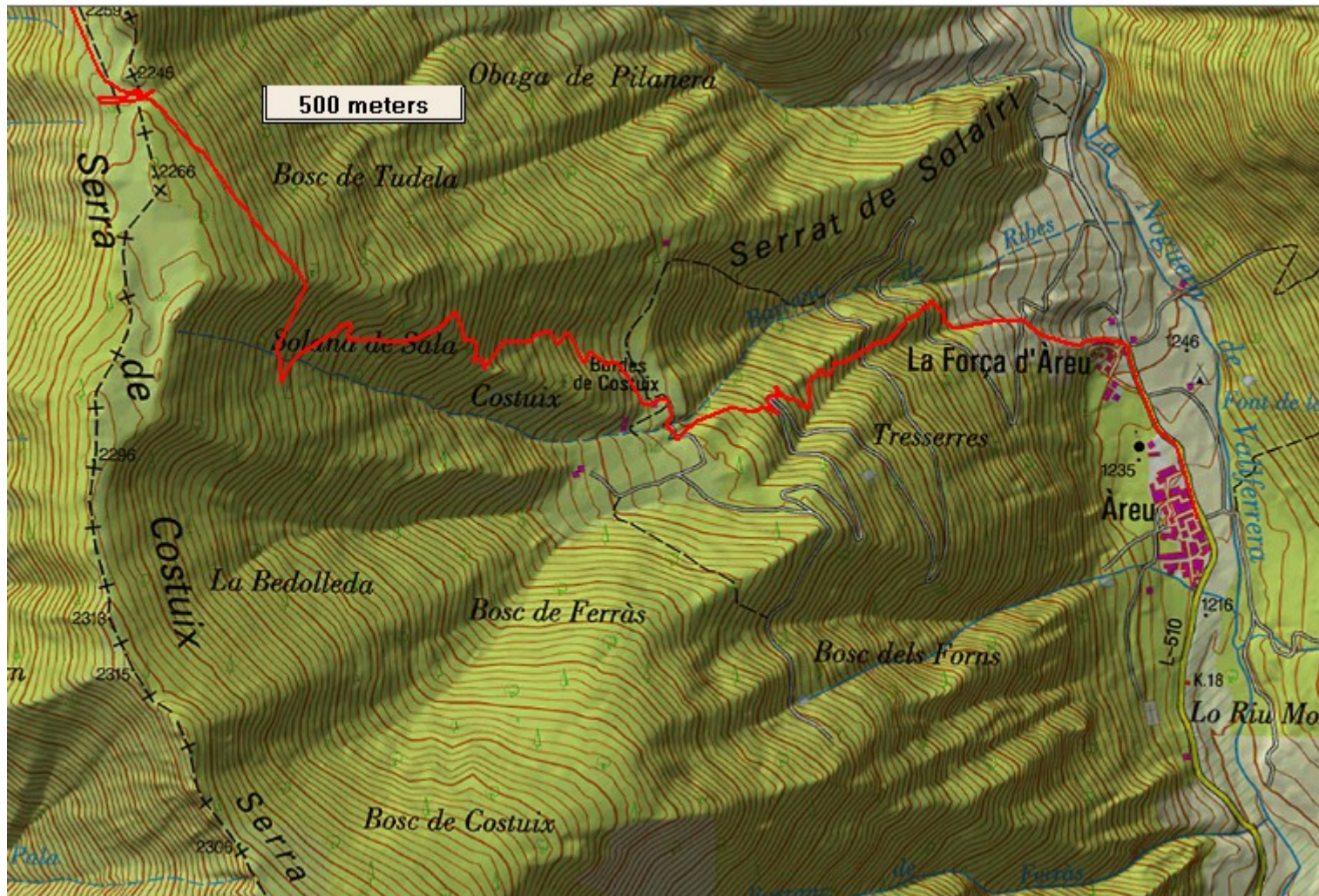
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