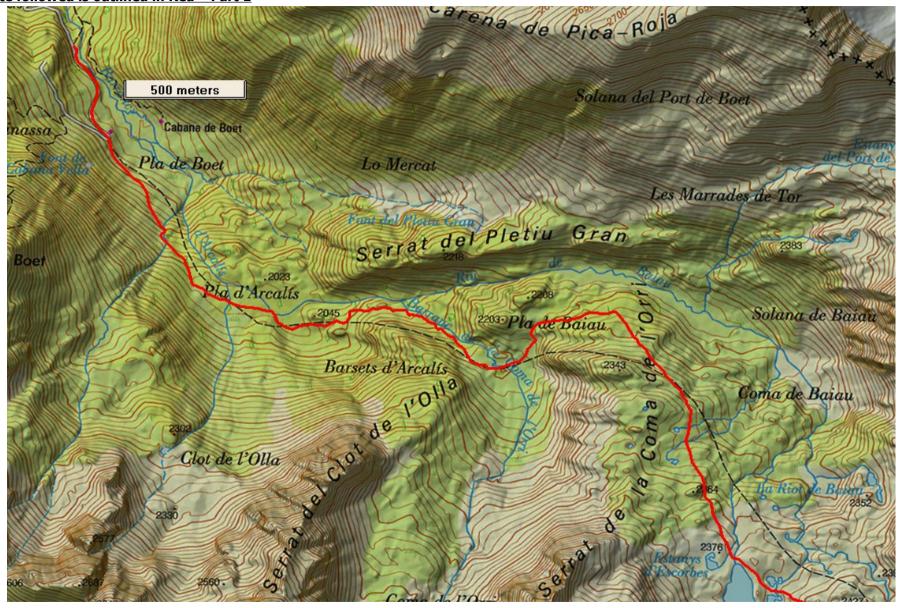
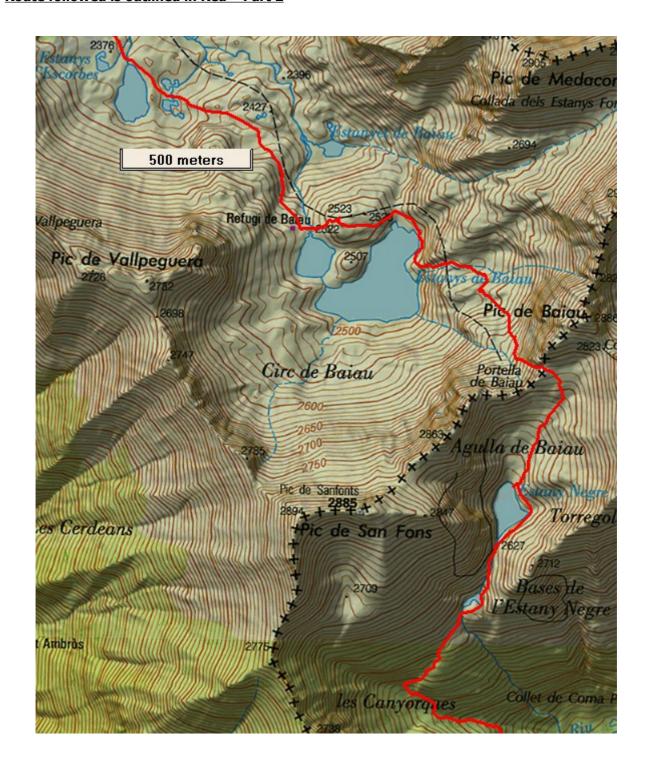
COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION			
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Walk description originally prepared by:-	Ralph Phipps		
Last Updated	2 nd November 2016		
Title of Walk	GR11 – Day 32 - Pla de Bouet to Refugio Comapedrosa		
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Pla de Bouet. Either walk up the long track to Pla de Bouet or take a taxi (about €8 per person in 2016)		
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	11		
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	990		
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 4.5hr		
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B		
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.623106, Long: 1.385506		
Directions to Start	From the town of Sort take the C13 road N towards the high Pyrnees and in Llavorsi take the L504 and then at Labana take the L510 continue for some time to the village of Areu – almost at the end of the tarmac! From Areu it is either a long walk up a track towards the Refugio de Valldeferrera or it is possible to get a 4 wheel drive taxi from either Alins or Areu. There is nothing much to commend the walking option as mush of it is in forest.		
Short walk description	A walk up a delightful valley followed by a tough ascent across scree to crest the 2770m high Portella de Baiau where we cross into Andorra and a charming descent to the Refugio Comapedrosa.		
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far	
Note – finger-post times are shown as a matter of record to indicate where you are – not to advise on achievable times!! From the parking area on the track near the turn off to the Refugio Vallderrera continue uphill on the track and ignore the first finger-post. When you reach a zig back to the R continue ahead on a footpath at a finger-post and			

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with R/W markers. Rise through a boulder field and reach a grassy plate walks and cross a bridge.	eau with marshy areas and board	470m, 8min	
Soon reach a large bridge crossing on the L at a fing the RHS of the stream through boulders.	er-post. Ignore this and work up on		
When this opens to grassland cross slightly L to follo spur.	w a path rising up the RHS of a	1.7km, 37min	
A little way up this move L to continue up with a dee LHS.	ep gorge down below you on the		
Reach a magnificent corrie and walk around this swi rock ridge on front of you.	nging L to gain the lower levels of a	2.8km, 1hr 3min	
Once over its crest and on the far side, swing slightly	y R and climb upwards.		
Reach a large open plateau and in the distance see to rocky promontory and above it the Portella de Baiau		5km, 1hr 54min	
At the lake below the refuge cross the outlet from a leading up to the refuge.	lake and find a bouldery path	5.7km, 2hr 12min	
Leave this by walking down a grassy rake behind the then look out for a R/W taking you L up over rocky s face below you.			
Once above and around this drop down to the lake a improbably crossing a boulder field and ignoring other		6.2km, 2hr 20min	
Once past the boulder field follow the line up L which before reaching a channel which crosses your line are continuation of the ascent.			
Soon you must take to the scree and use all available your ascent to the Portella.	e holds and strength to continue	7km, 2hr 40min	
Cross this and descend easily to a finger-post and then to a lake which you pass on the LHS.		7.7km, 2hr 53min	
Drop to the dry stony outlet from this and work down to a very small lake (20m?) and then R onto a small bluff with a metal post.			
Soon you start to swing L		8.7km, 3hr 9min	
and down the valley with magnificent views with the on a rocky spur. You are now following copious yellows			
Follow the yellow dots as they take you uphill on the ignoring the L fork lower down which would take you bottom.			
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Stamina for the breathless ascent to necessary.	the Portella is	

Route followed is outlined in Red - Part 1



Route followed is outlined in Red - Part 2



Route followed is outlined in Red - Part 3

