

66 - Punta Acuta

The Valley of Ordesa, a valley formed by a glacier that is a nature reserve and that is on the World Heritage list, is one of the most visited areas of the Pyrenees. Our hike here departs from the Pradera de Ordesa and runs through the fine trail "Senda de los Cazadores" and the "Grau de Tartaruala" to the Punta Acuta. On this peak the Valley of the Ordesa lies at our feet and we have a gorgeous view on the majestic cliff faces that surround this valley.

- From the parking lot on the Pradera de Ordesa (1) walk a stretch further straight on until we reach a small bridge (2). Cross this bridge and then turn right leaving this wide trail, onto the narrow trail signposted as "Senda de los Cazadores" (3). There is a sign that indicates it is a very dangerous path, but this above all refers to the trail in wintery conditions.
- This trail heavily ascends, zigzagging through the forest. Just below 1,900 metres we reach a junction (4) where to the left lies the Refugio de Calcilarruego (and where the Refugio de Góriz - which lies much further on - is signposted), but we turn right here. Just behind the bend we see to the right a post with "Punta Acuta".
- From here the trail becomes slightly more complicated, especially during the descent on the way back, as on a number of stretches the trail is narrow, steep and full of loose and decomposed stones. It can easily be seen though and is well marked with milestones.
- Eventually at about 2,150 metres we reach the Collado de Diazas (5), where we turn left towards the Punta Acuta. Here do not take the clearly visible trail that runs on the left on the lower part, but instead keep right, over the crest. Initially this trail is not very well visible, but further on it does become so.
- Through this crest we eventually reach the Punta Acuta (6).
- The way back is via the same route.

Fact Sheet

Duration: 5:00 hrs.
 Distance: 10.3 km.
 Route type: Round trip
 Path type: Mountain trails
 Marking: Milestones
 Total difference in altitude: 984 m.
 Highest point: 2,242 m.
 Difficulty: Medium (5/15)



How to get there?

The Valley of Ordesa can be reached from Torla. To get to Torla follow the N-260 until about km. 481 and then take the clearly indicated junction to Torla. Next drive through Torla, through the small tunnel. Further on we get at a junction where on the right is the entrance of the national park. In the off-season you are allowed to enter here; in that case follow this road through the park until the parking lot at the Pradera de Ordesa. In the high season (from the end of June until mid October and during the Semana Santa) the park can only be reached by park and is it closed for cars. In that case park the car in Torla still before the tunnel and take the special bus service to the park. Next to the bus station and information centre of the park lies a huge parking lot that cannot be missed.



GPS Coordinates:
 Latitude: N 42 38.972
 Longitude: W 0 03.602

