## **Difficult Hiking route**



## **Posets Peak**

Posets Peak or Llardana Point, is the second highest peak in the Pyrenees at 3.375 metres and is situated in the Posets-Maladeta Natural Park.

Given its relatively isolated location, far from the Maladeta Massif and the Bachimala and Cotiella mountains, Posets has not attracted as many mountaineers as other peaks. Its isolation also means that its ascent requires long hikes that should be done in stages, sleeping in refuges such as Ángel Orús



in the Eriste Valley, the Biadós\_in Gistaín, or in Estós in the valley of the same name. Recommended below is one of the shorter routes going from the Angel Orus refuge.

## **ROUTE**

From the Ángel Orús or Forcau refuge, take a track leading up through grazing land and granite crags in a NW direction.

After an hour the track crosses the Llardana torrent. Half an hour later, still climbing up, you will reach the mouth of the Fonda Canal, which must be crossed. The path going up through rocks and snow fields is clearly visible.

This stretch of the route is also known as the Royal route. After three hours walking you will reach the end of it and see the fantastic Llardana Tooth, a needle like rock formation.

Continue in a NE direction, to your right, along a path going through fallen rocks that take you to the crest of Posets and then to the top. The view from here is considered to be the most extraordinary in the Aragonese Pyrenees given the altitude and the absence of other mountains in the vicinity.

## **DETAILS**

- Location: Posets Maladeta Natural Park
- · Ascent time: 3 hours 30 minutes
- Descent time: you can return to the Ángel Orús or the Viadós and Estós refuges.
- · Recommended dates: Summer
- Difficulty: be careful with the snow fields and brusque weather changes. Level: for experienced and well equipped mountaineers.
- Starting point: Ángel Orús refuge (2.290 metres)
- Max. altitude: Posets Peak or Llardana point (3.375 metres)Maps: PRAMES: Map of Posets -Maladeta, PR (shorter routes) Benasque; Alpine: Posets-Perdiguero; I.G.N. and Military Geographical Service: Map N179-180

**Further information:** Oficina de Información Excursionista de Benasque. Avenida de Francia s/n (opposite El Pilar Hotel, Benasque). Open in summer only.

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