



## Difficult Hiking route

### Aneto Peak

Aneto, the highest peak in the Pyrenees at 3.404 meters, is situated in the Natural Park of Posets-Maladeta. It is the source of many legends and a great challenge to climbers and trekkers.

A worthy challenge but also dangerous. Although it isn't an excessively difficult climb, it is a "three thousander" and there is a glacier to cross and other minor difficulties which people tend to forget and in fact many climb the mountain who are not really well prepared to do so.



### **ROUTE**

The ideal starting point for the ascent of Aneto is the refuge of the Renclusa. From here there is a path going SE.

It's difficult to lose your way due to the piles of marker stones and the amount of climbers on the path.

The zig zagging path rises fairly gently through increasingly sparse vegetation. In 1 hour and 40 minutes the Aneto glacier can be seen from the Lower Portillon at 2.818 meters. From here you go down to the glacier via a well worn path.

After about three and a half hours the path reaches the Coronas Pass and only the final stretch of glacier, with its enormous cracks, remains. Here you will find the dangerous Mahoma's Crossing where you will have to climb using the previously installed hooks you will find there.

From here you have only to continue along the sharp ridge to reach the highest point in the Pyrenees.

### **DETAILS**

- Location: Posets - Maladeta Natural Park
- Ascent time: 6 hours
- Descent time: 5 hours
- Recommended dates: summer
- Difficulty: The scree slopes are dangerous as is the stretch over the glacier, on the windy, narrow paths of the crest and a piolet, rope and crampons should be used
- Level: for experienced and well equipped mountaineers.
- Starting point: Renclusa Refuge (2.140 metros)
- Max. altitude: Aneto Peak (3.404 metres)
- Maps: PRAMES: Map Aneto - Maladetas, Park Posets- Maladeta; Alpine: Maladeta-Aneto; I.G.N. and Military Geographical Service: Map N148-180

### **Further information:**

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