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Carrandi-Puerto del Sueve

CARRANDI-EL PRAU GRANDE-BUSFRÍU-PICU SOL DE MIGUEL-PRAU RÍU-CARRANDI

This route starts at the town of Carrandi and goes across a large part of the northern side of the Sueve range. It is a circular itinerary, which allows us to cover a wide extension of the range's sea side.



Route

The journey starts at the church square; on its left we will find a sharp descent on a track that leads us to the estat known as El Prau Grande, next to the Espasa River. There, a few metres from the trail, we can see a restored water mill on the left and, on the right, a lime kiln or calero (a pit where limestone used to be burned). The path starts ascending next to the Brañalagata estate, and continues into the woods, which will soon turn into a meadow. Leaving behind us the cottage and the gate of Cuetu el Toyu, we continue through the pastures and pass next to the fountain of La Retuerta and another lime kiln. It doesn't take long to reach the top, in the grassland of Busfríu, where we can find a fountain with cold water. The Cordobana peak rises behind us and, in front of us, the El Sol de Miguel peak. In one final push we reach this last peak, where the panoramic view of the coastal plain and the sea is pretty amazing.

The descent starts sharply, leaving another lime kiln on our left, until the stream of la Riega el Fornu, and continues to the fountain of Caspiulabarra. Then, crossing holly copses we get to the cottage of La Cueva, we cross the gate and, while we descend, we can see the mountain lodge of Mata de Leño on our left. We can find La Braña estate 200 metres further down, with its fountain and water trough. The path keeps going down,

surrounded by old chestnut trees, blackened over time and storms. Always downwards, we get to the Espasa River, which can be crossed through a bridge made out of a trunk in the idyllic site of **Prau del Ríu**.

The beginning of the climb starts now. The trail is wedged in the mountain like a canyon, surrounded by oaks, chestnuts and eucalyptuses, until its last stretch, already paved. We will soon see our path intersecting with the path we took at the beginning of the route, and reach Carrandi again.















