

# 12 trail of

## La Biescona

CASA JULIA - LA TOYA - LA BIESCONA - MAJADA DEL BUSTACU

This route will allow us to enjoy a magical walk through the slopes of the Sueve mountain range. We will be crossing through the La Toya gorge, which is covered in mosses and ferns, and walking amongst the wonderful beech trees we will reach the meadow of El Bustacu.

### Route

The route starts on the AS-260 road, which leads us from Colunga to Arriendas, by the Fitu lookout. We will specifically be leaving from the old bar “**Casa Julia**”, where we can park our car.

A wide track starts there and it will take us to a gate that stops the cattle from coming out. When we cross the entrance we may see some cows, horses, goats or even pigs. The well-defined path continues to a trough surrounded by brambles, which are full of wonderful blackberries at the end of the summer.

Continuing on the path, we will find a fork. Once there, we will leave the better defined track, which leads up to a white and blue cabin used for water channelling. We will pick the trail on the right and follow it until we reach the ruins of the **old Toya mines**.

We have been gradually getting into a vegetation dominated landscape. After overcoming some slopes on the right side of the mountain, and seeing La Riega de La Toya in the background, we will be amazed by a spectacular **gorge** with big rocks fully covered by moss, ferns and some yews.

We will get into the beech **forest** after walking through that canyon, which doesn't have a water flow, but its surface is quite slippery. We then will start ascending little by little, and we will be able to observe that the beech trees are getting

bigger. When the forest starts opening up, we will find a surprisingly big beech tree, known amongst the locals as “La Fayona”.

From this spot we will continue through an area with holly bushes, leaving La Campera de Perfeches on our right. We will start ascending afterwards on La Ladera del Cantu La Teya, a slope that will lead us to the Pienzu Trail, which comes from the Fitu viewpoint. At this point, the only thing left for us is reaching the **Bustacu meadow**, an open field with shepherds' huts in it.

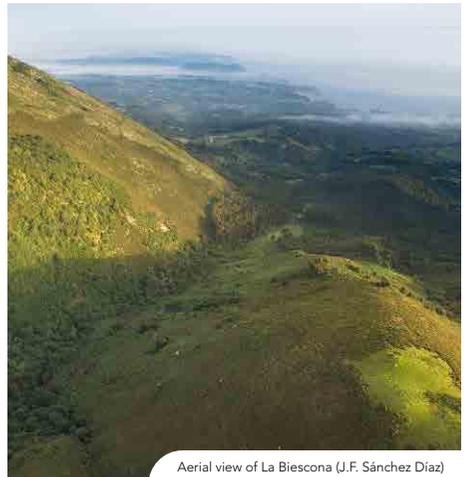


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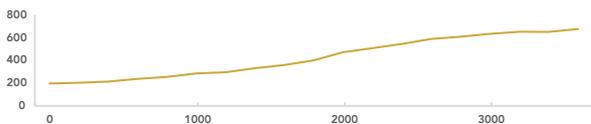
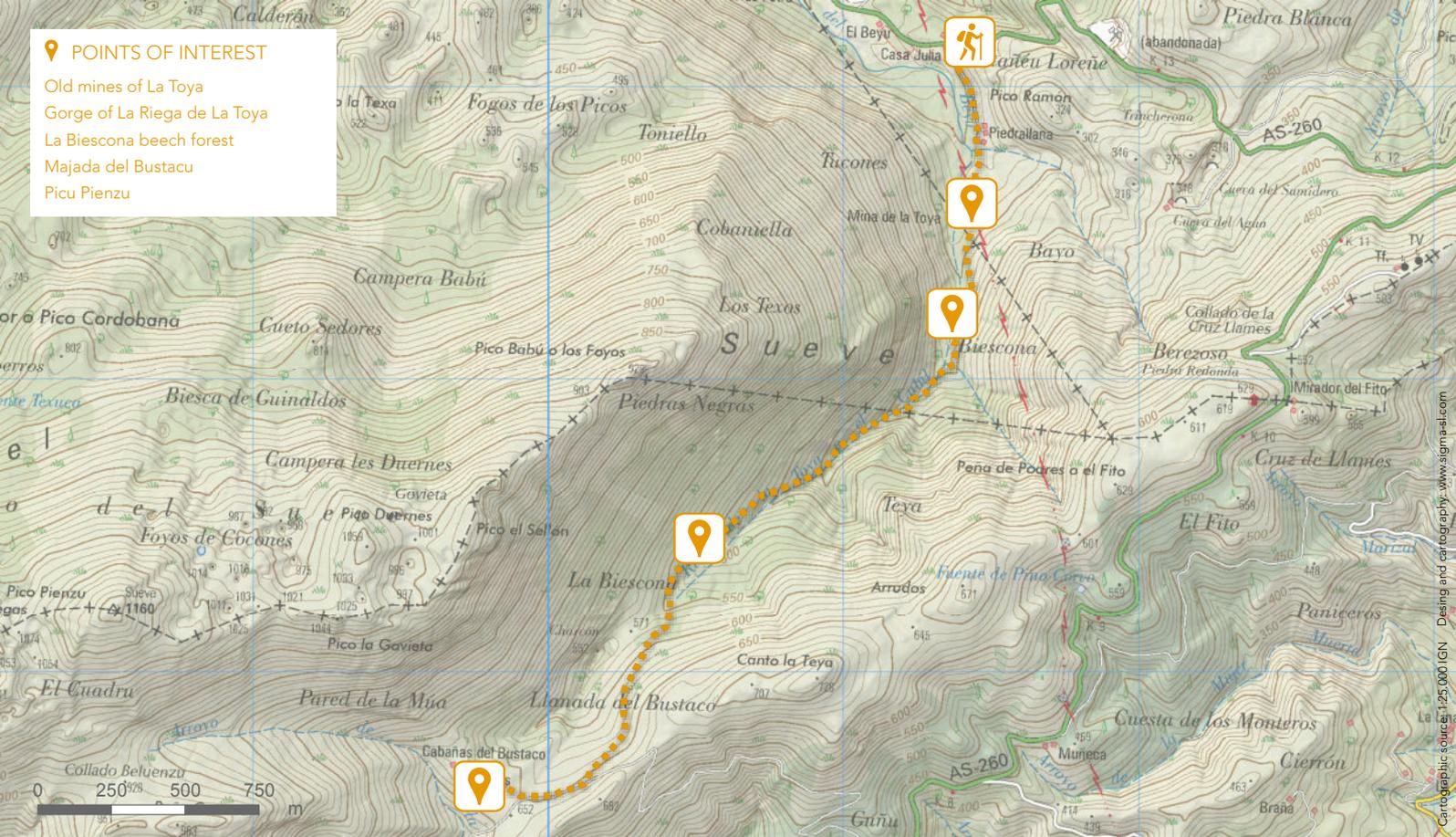
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Aerial view of La Biescona (J.F. Sánchez Díaz)

## POINTS OF INTEREST

- Old mines of La Toya
- Gorge of La Riega de La Toya
- La Biescona beech forest
- Majada del Bustaco
- Picu Pienzu



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