

COASTAL PATHWAY

SECTION II: PENDUELES - LLANES (14,515 METRES)

From the N-634 you can go into the village of Pendueles. Here you will find the church of San Acisclo, (St. Acisclo) which has a beautiful Gothic entrance. The church also serves as a reference point to begin (100 metres further on) the next coastal stretch of the route. This is between 2.5 and 3 metres in width and links up with the existing AS/GR19, coming from Bustio.

You now leave behind the village and the pathway and make your way through green pastures, populated mainly by cattle, until you arrive at the beach at Vidiago. This is a prettily wooded area with its own rest area which you can reach by crossing the walkway over the "Riega Novales".

What is commonly known as the flat Asturian stretch of coastline, has the additional benefit of making this part of the journey very pleasant; the path way is easy walking, almost without slopes and allows you some wonderful views of the cliffs, shortly after leaving the beach. Next, the path snakes inland, passing close by the village of Vidiago. The cemetery of Vidiago is the last part of the village you see.

One kilometre further on you find one of the most spectacular effects of nature to be found on the Asturian coast. These are the Bufones de Arenillas, or cracks eroded in the limestone cliffs through which seawater is forced under great pressure at high tide or in rough weather. The resulting jets of water rise up vertically tens of metres, and the rush of air due to the ebb and flow of the water sounds truly eerie.

Before arriving in the next village, the route crosses the river Purón, some 350 metres from its mouth in the area known as "Los Puentucos" or "El Viveru". 2 kilometres later you will come to the village of Andrín via the quarter known as Cabragío. There are several interesting points in this pretty village, amongst which are, its traditional architecture, the Medieval tower from the eleventh century and the lovely beach.

The stretch between Andrín and Llanes goes along the side of the coastal sierra, La Cuesta. Here, on the upper part of the sierra, there is an excellent golf course as well as the lookout point, el mirador de La Boriza. It is possible to reach the lookout point directly from the next rest area. This viewpoint looks out on the famous beaches of Ballota and Andrín, as well as a great part of the flat coastal area where Llanes is located. Towards the south the Sierra del Cuera is visible. This reaches a height of some 1,315 metres at its highest point, the mountain, El Pico Turbina. This enormous natural wall separates the coast from the inland mountain range of the Picos de Europa.

From this rest area you can see an alternative route towards Llanes, the LLN-2, which goes to Llanes via the village of Cué. The pathway, however, continues along the hillside until it passes next to the Chapel of Christ and so finally enters the town of Llanes by the area known as La Portilla. At this point you come to the road, LLN-2 which takes you towards the beach at Toró.

It is here that the route known as the Route of Toró begins. It continues up until the beach of Puertu Chicu and from there links up with the Paseo de San Antón, (walkway of St Anthony) and travelling around the fishing port. If you continue on going towards the beach of Sablón, you will meet up with the path on el Paseo de San Pedro, (St. Peter´s walkway.) This is grass covered and goes along the clifftops. From here you have a magnificent panorama of the whole of the town of Llanes, the Llaniscan coast and the Sierra del Cuera to the south. It is from here that the route which goes towards Celorio begins.

