Weekend summits

The Pyrenees are a mountain range located between Spain and France, as well as hosting the small country of Andorra. Although small when compared to the Alps, their proximity to Barcelona allow residents to explore nature and adventure at a cheap price with short trips.

As an example, the tallest peak is Mount Aneto, boasting a height of 3404 meters above sea level. Although not the highest in Spain, it has a some difficulty owing to its year-round snow cover and technical passes. The tallest in Catalonia is the Pica d'Estats with 3143 m. Its name translates to State's Peak, since it lies on the border with France. It is generally easy but one can chose more demanding ascent paths.

There are many more interesting peaks, relevant due to their height, their difficulty of ascent, the views from the top or simply cultural heritage. Furthermore, the vast majority of them are at most a couple days walking from the closest road, offering an incredible opportunity for those searching adventure, nature, sport or simply to disconnect from the city life.

Planning is perhaps the most important aspect of the trip, but one must know how to react when something unexpected occurs, and whether to continue, modify, or call off the ascent. I intend to leverage my time as a boy scout group leader to create a guide for those less experienced.

Hence, the aim of this project is to show how to plan, execute and review a climb of such type, and possibly upload the learned experience to an online database so as to help future hikers. It should also include tips and tricks to help the inexperienced, as well as some security aspects. It will also include certain guidelines to minimize one's footprint on the visited area.