

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk Sanchet circuit extended with car shuffle

Location of Start K38 on CV70

Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km 13.6km

Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m 700mtrs.

Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and 4 ½ hrs

total completion time including any stops 5 ½ hrs

Key Statistics for walk - Grade M/A

Grid reference of start point 746448E 4279177N

Directions to Start From La Nucia take the CV70 towards Guadalest and Benimantell. Go to the KM38 sign continue a further 0.7km and turn sharp left up a concrete surfaced road. Drive approx 2.7kms to a junction with a chained track going up right. (Our return route). Spot a car here if possible. Continue up the road for approx. 2km. and park by the Casa de Dios (Painted Blue in 2011).

Short walk description

Full Walk Description

A fairly long circular walk starting with a steep climb on good paths up the Barranco de Galabdar below the escarpments of Sanxet. Then heads west levelling out until the short but impressive zigzag up the Passet de Golars. Here there is a rocky lookout which makes an ideal lunch stop. Another steep climb to reach the peaceful Arc Valley and the Paso Contador with spectacular views. From here it is downhill (steeply in places) all the way back to the previously spotted car, which will be used to ferry drivers up the hill to the Casa de Dios.

Although this walk can be easily walked as a complete circuit we shorten it, whenever possible, by spotting a car which avoids an uphill walk on a surfaced road.

57% Paths, 43% Tracks

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Note that times quoted are walking time only. - no breaks.
Underlined letters are map references.

**Elapsed Walking Time/
Distance so far**

At the Casa de Dios take the chained track **R** which zigzags up to where it becomes a path **A**.
(22min 1.2km) **22min 1.2km**

Follow this clear path which continues to climb steeply to arrive at a junction with a signpost
(which may be lying on the ground). **B** (20min .9km) **42min 2.1km**

At this junction take path going **R** and after a few meters arrive at another junction. Here
ignore the yellow/white flashed path and keep **R** on a path marked by a cairn. Continue along
this clear path (with one very short vertiginous part) to arrive at the casa La Carrasca. (See
map) (22min 1.2km) **1h 4min 3.3km**

Facing the Casa La Carrasca take the track **L** to arrive at a junction **C**. (7min .5km) **1h 11min
3.8km**

At this junction go **R** and continue along this main track. At chain(?) go straight on
(ignoring track **L** leading to gate) reaching chain and cross track **D**. (25min 1.9km) **1h 36min
5.7km**

Turn **R**. Arrive at a tee junction **E**. (10min .7km) **1h 46min 6.4km**

Turn **R** and after a few meters look for a path **L** marked by a red arrow and Benemantell etched
on a rock. Take this path up which soon passes a ruin **R** and then an old water reservoir **L**
(which in 2011 was empty). Keeping to the higher path and look carefully for a junction
marked by a red dot. Keep **R** on the path which will soon zigzag steeply up to the top of a
narrow pass **F**. (20min .6km) **2h 6min 7km**

Turn **L** and up to a rocky lookout which makes an excellent lunch stop.

Return to the top of the zigzag and look for the yellow/white flash marking the beginning of
the continuation path. After a few meters take the upper path and ignore the yellow/white
flashed path going down. Now continue on this path and ignore all paths off **L** until arriving at
a small clearing **G**. (30min 1.2km) **2h 36min 8.2km**

Take the track leading off **R**. Continue along this track. Ignore path and track(?) off **R**. Pass a
house **L**. At a point where the track turns sharp **L** going down look for a path going off **R** **H**.
(16min .9km) **2h 52min 9.1km**

Continue on this clear path and after a while keep a **sharp lookout** for a place where the path
turns off **R** **K**. This path is marked by a hard to spot **red dot**. **It is easily missed; if you
arrive at a small white casita retrace your steps.** The path now climbs quite steeply and
arrives at a main track **M**. (18min 1.1km) **3h 10min 10.2km**

Turn **R** walk up to a signpost at the Pas Del Comptador. (13min .5km) **3h 23min 10.7km**

Take the direction Benimantell. Walk down the track keeping an eye out for path going off **R**
N marked by a cairn but it can be easily missed. (12min .6km) 3h 35min 11.3km

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This path descends steeply and is soon joined by a path from the **L**. Keep **R** and arrive at a
junction where several paths meet **P**. (17min .7km) 3h 52min 12km

Turn **R**. Arrive at a cairn marking a path off **L**. Ignore the blue dots which lead straight on.
Follow the red dots going down **L** **T**. (15min .9km) 4h 7min 12.9km

Pass a large cairn and continue down until arriving at a track **V**. (10min .4km) 4h 17min
13.3km

Turn **L** on this track which will lead to the spotted car **X**. (8min .3km) 4h 25min 13.6km

If no car is spotted turn **R** and walk up to the Casa de Dios. About 25mins 4Hr.50min.

