

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Tarbena - Segue - La Montana - Penya de Tarbena Circuit	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Tarbena. Car Park in village centre	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	8.5	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	400	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.5hr 4hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.6955, Long:- -0.103793	
Directions to Start	From the north, take the CV715 from Parcent, over the Col de Rates and onwards to Tarbena. Pass the turning to Castell de Castells and at the outskirts of Tarbena on a bend continue straight ahead and uphill into Avenida Eusebio Signes. At the top of the rise turn right into the car park.	
Short walk description	Not one but two summits! A Moorish castle, prehistoric settlement and wonderful views in every direction. A descent through the village leads across terraces and up the flanks of "Segue" (short steep section of hunters path, about 5mins) then a steady climb leads to the Castle & summit. Along an old mule path to stunning views of "Paso Tancat", then on to the summit of "La Montana". Tracks & paths lead via a font back to the village, with more great views along the way. Mostly on good paths and tracks (some surfaced), with a few short rough sections of path.	
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far	
From the car park turn R onto Avenida D'Esubio and in about 12 metres turn L down Carrer Santissima Trinitat, ignore a R turn and at a 'T' junction turn R into Placa Major. Turn L along Carrer Sant Rafel. At a triple junction bear L past "Forn de PA", down a steep concrete road with a "No through route" road sign and on past a "Telefonica"		

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sub station, with pylon on the L. Extending beyond it is a fence and just beyond that a concrete ramp leads sharp L down to a track.	5min, 420m
Follow the track downhill around the head of the "Barranc de Hort", ignore a path on the L, pass a water deposito and contour around to junction with a surfaced track. Turn L uphill to reach the main road (CV-715) beside the Restaurant "SA Canterella".	16min, 955m
Opposite is a minor concrete road. Ignore it and turn L to walk up the main road for about 60 metres. Turn R to cross the road with care onto a surfaced track opposite which slants up R then swings L to pass behind a house. Soon the track ends and a path swings R and up to a ruin. Turn L in front of it onto a terrace and cross to its end. Turn R, stepping up over several bancals, continue steeply up the slope above on a sometimes indistinct "hunters path" until you intersect with a more defined footpath, which crosses the slope.	24min, 1.35km
Turn R and follow this steadily uphill, towards the ruins of "Castell de Tarbena". Near the top look out for an ancient water deposito on the R. Shortly after take a R turn to reach the summit of "Segue". Take in the stunning views over the cliffs and explored the ruins of this Moorish castle, inc; water tanks and threshing circle lower down on the NW side.	36min, 1.95km
Return down the path, passing the "hunters path", continue to reach a concrete road. Go past the Restaurant "Ca Pelut" and up to a junction with the main road.	54min, 3.05km
Cross the CV-715, walk 100m up the CV-752 towards Castells. Take the second surfaced road on the L (first one looks more like a driveway). When the tarmac ends, keep R against the tall bancal (yellow dot on wall) follow the terrace, passing through almond groves to rejoin the CV-752.	1hr 01min, 3.45km
Turn L up the road to reach four tracks on the L, opposite a semi ruin. Take the last and uppermost track (surfaced), past "Casa el Serrel " on your L. After about 400m find two paths on the L, ignore the first lower path and take the second, (marked by a cairn and yellow and blue dots) which initially runs parallel to the surfaced road above.	1hr 08min, 3.95km
This is the start of the old mule path to Muntanya, which you follow as it curves L rises and passes a ruined corral & casita on your R and then descends to almond groves and a small col with a pile of rocks topped with a cairn. Four paths radiate from here.	1hr 25min, 5.05km
Take the path to the R for about 50m to a stupendous view of the `Paso Tancat. Return to the cairn at the four way junction.	1hr 27min. 5.15km
As you reach the cairn, take the path on the R, going up to a small plateau with vestiges of a prehistoric settlement. Continue up the rocky but well cairned path to the summit of La Montana.	1hr 36min, 5.55km
Retrace your steps to the cairn at the four way junction.	1hr 44min, 5.95km
At the cairn, take the path on the R (yellow dot in green circle on rock & occasional marks en-route). It becomes a track, skirting almond bancals and winding down to pass below a cherry orchard. Ignore a track cutting back L, your track curves R below cliffs on the L and continues to reach a concrete track.	1hr 57min, 6.75km

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Turn L up the concrete track to reach another concrete track and follow it down to the R for about 50m. Turn L onto a track. Follow it (yellow & green dot on rock) for about 10m to where it becomes concrete. Turn R onto a path passing a stone casita on your L to arrive at a font.

2hr 04min, 7.25km

Turn L uphill, the path curves round to the R then follows steps to meet a track. Ignore steps heading up towards a pylon, turn R along the track (yellow & green dots on low banca) after about 100m look for a path going obliquely off L (yellow dot on stone). Walk along this good path through a wooded area to reach almond groves. Continue, the path turns up and goes across a broad terrace beside a tall banca (yellow dot on wall), to reach a junction with a track.

2hr 10min, 7.90km

From here there is an option to turn R and in about 200m, visit an old corral with well and water troughs. Before returning to the junction (add 7min walking time) and continuing straight ahead.

If you wish to ignore the option, turn L along the track which descends and becomes surfaced (ignore all side tracks). As you enter Tarbena it reaches a 'T' junction with a road, there is a horse trough on the RHS.

2hr 18min, 8.45km

Turn L up Avenida de la Constitucion to the car park.

2hr 21min, 8.65km

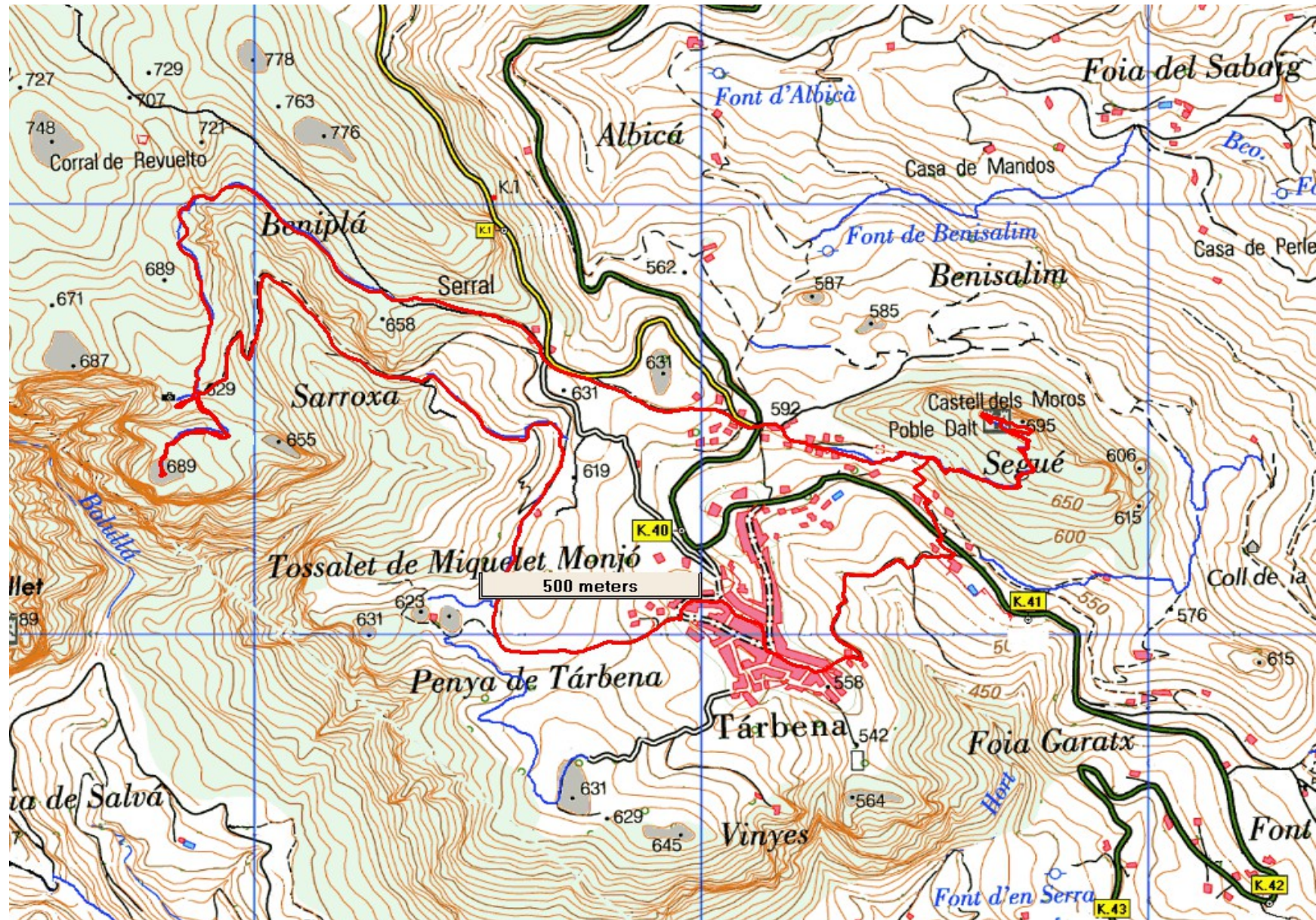
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