

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Castell d'Aixa circuit from Llosa de Comacho
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Llosa de Comacho on CV720 near km. 5.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	14.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	640
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 15mins 6hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	38.771283, -0.009141 (decimalised Long. / Lat.)
Directions to Start	Follow the CV720 from Pedreguer to Llosa de Comacho. At the far end of the village turn R into a small road signposted to a Farmacia. At the end of this road, turn R and park on the LHS.
Short walk description	Walk from Llosa climb to Castell d'Aixa, along ridge, then through Barranc del Migjorn. Then past the Castell del Ocaive and back to Llosa.

Full Walk Description

Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far

Walk E out of the village to meet the CV 720 (4min, 285m) which you walk along for about 200m and then turn to the R onto a concrete side road.	6 min 470m
Follow this almost level until it reaches a RH bend where it turns sharply uphill.	11min 880m
A little way up this there is a clear zig-zag bend where you continue ahead.	13.5min 1km
Take the waymarked footpath on the R. The track is well marked with Y/W and (in 2012) R/W tape. This brings you out to a paved track going downhill.	17min 1.3km
The road bears to the R. Take the marked track on your L which passes through trees and then pass some hillbilly shacks. The path opens out into a track and takes you past Casa Napal. Take care now as the track is wide and does have road traffic.	50min 3.8km
We reach a sharp bend to the L and follow the track uphill as it crosses in front of the ridge and aims towards an obvious col.	1hr 4.3km

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Arrive at the col.	1hr 30mins 5.7km
Now we follow a clear Y/W path which goes E and rises over a small hill before descending to a second col. Here the path trends rightwards (still waymarked) and winds around the hill before ascending sharply to a further higher col.	1hr 45mins 6.3km
Now there are several paths. Take the path going along the flank of the hill on the left which soon starts to rise up its side. It zig-zags steadily steeply upwards until emerging just below the summit trig point where you may take time to admire the wide ranging views.	1hr 50mins 6.7km
Now continue NE on the ridge line staying close to the steeper slope which drops off to the L. A little over 100m along this edge there is a clearly marked trail doubling back over this edge. Follow this slightly downhill before it doubles back again to the NE and descends more sharply. After some 10 mins you reach a point where the sharp descent finishes and the path turns rightwards (ENE) and less steeply along the ridge line.	
You continue on this bearing for some time soon passing a subsidiary summit on the RHS and going generally either level or slightly downhill.	
Ahead of the ridge and far down below you will soon see the delights of Gata de Gorgos and as you round the end of the ridge line changing direction to the NW for the first time you will see the town of Pedreguer below you.	
Throughout this section there are several paths which cross or diverge from the main path – all of which you ignore. Finally you come to a T-jnc at which there is a sign to the L indicating Castell d'Ocaive and you take this path.	2hr 40mins 9km
Initially the castle is invisible (although you may have spotted it on a promontory as you earlier walked along the main ridge). Very quickly you arrive at a small well and passing this you walk around the end of a spur and drop sharply to the R. Now the castle is visible and you turn L on a clear path and ascend briefly to a small col between the main ridge and the promontory holding the castle.	2hr 50mins 9.9km
You can make your way up the promontory to explore the castle if you wish and on returning thread the col and descend on paths which are sometimes clear and at others full of scree for short distances.	3hr 15mins 11.3km
Take the way marked path down past the cave/rock climbing face to the marker post, turn left towards Llosa (right to Pedreguer).	
The path gently winds down and is well marked. A little short of 12km the path starts to drop more abruptly down and at this point turn left on to a well trodden but unmarked path which starts to rise gently.	3hr 25mins 11.6km
The path then twist & turns up and is marked with red&white tape and leads towards a large rock.	
the path is easy to follow and comes out on to a terraced almond grove terrace. Head for the right hand side/bend ,and at this point there is a set of stone steps (cat steps) which you descend. At the bottom turn sharp left and follow the path through to a track. Keep on steadily downhill and there you will see the Y&W way marked path coming in from your right.	3hr 35mins 12.2km (stone steps)
Follow the Y&W marked track till you hit the concrete road turn right downhill. Keep going down and back in to Llosa and a well earned drink.	14.4km

Castell d'Aixa circuit from Llosa de Comacho – route outlined in red

