

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKS

CASTELL DE CASTELLS CIRCUIT

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(Walking time only add time for breaks and lunch)

WALK DESCRIPTION

This is a walk on good tracks and paths. It starts fairly steeply uphill but after that it meanders gently up to the head of the valley with great views down to Castells. Our route passes Font de la Retura before crossing the CV752 to reach an interesting ruin which is bound to cause discussion. Although at the top end of the 'M' grade after the initial climb it is easy and good going.

TO THE START

Park on the CV-752 some 100mtrs. east (near walk sign) of where the CV-720 and the CV-752 meet on the south side of Castell de Castells



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THE WALK.

NOTE THAT TIMES QUOTED ARE WALKING TIME ONLY. NO BREAKS.
UNDERLINED LETTERS ARE MAP REFERENCES.

Total distance and
% of walk completed
based on total time

Walk up tarmac track (not cement one) direction Castell (castle) on walk sign to camp ground A. (10min .6km) 6%

Follow Y/W waymarked track to its end B. (11min .7km) 1.3km 13%

Continue up on good path to meet a cross track C. (15min .8km) 2.1km 23%

Turn **R** to T junction D. (24min 1.6km) 3.7km 38%

Turn **R**. After roughly 1km arrive at sharp **RH** bend. Shortly after this (about 400 Mtrs), watch closely for path up **L** (not very obvious) it is steep and chalky looking. E. (16min 1.3km) 5km 48%

Take path and soon arrive at cairn and a cross path. Turn **R** * to another cross path F. (7min .4km) 5.4km 53%

(Note: If you turn **L and up about 100mtrs. there is nice rock outcrop for lunch stop)*

Turn **L** to FONT DE LA RETURA G. Continue, passing another font, to main road H. (9min .6km) 6.0km 59%

Go **L** up road around first bend and find track off **R** (by black and white road bend arrows). (2min .2km) 6.2km 60%

Take track ignoring track off **R**. Track soon becomes a path. Arrive at riverbed K. (23min 1.4km) 7.6km 75%

Cross riverbed and bear **R** on old track along riverbed edge. Cross riverbed again and continue following riverbed ignoring track off **R** to recycle bins M. (14min 1km) 8.6km 83%

Turn **R** up paved road following sign to Castell de Castells. Cross river on narrow cement foot bridge, pass deposito and lavadora. Re-cross river, up to street, **R** back to car(s). (26min 1.8km) 10.4km 100%

