

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Alt del Ample and Marnes from Jalon
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Jalon Minor road joining CV749 just before junction.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	540
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.66hrs 5hrs
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.731389, Long -0.012513
Directions to Start	Jalon. Take the cemetery road that runs between the petrol station and the Tot Util Ferreteria. At the end go round a bend to the right and park immediately on the right.
Short walk description	A magnificent walk up to the Marnes plateau with panoramic views all around and return over the slopes of Alt del Ample.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Turn R away from the car park and quickly meet the Jalon to Bernia road. Turn L. Carry on until you pass a house with a sign – Casa Bytrees – and soon after turn L on to a track.	
Follow this up on the L side of the valley ignoring all side turnings until you arrive at a junction where the track drops steeply to the L and you are standing facing a large drop off into terraces below. Turn L at a cairn on a thinner track going uphill.	
This steadily diminishes in stature to become a footpath which zig-zags steadily uphill. It is not too steep and there are plenty of opportunities to rest and admire the view. Near the top of the hill you turn to the L and see a rocky knob just above you on the LHS and expansive views across a rocky valley on the RHS.	

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<p>Soon you are on more level ground trending up towards the plateau.</p> <p>Pass a large cairn marking a thinner path on your LHS and continue ahead.</p> <p>The path becomes a track soon after you pass the first of a number of houses.</p> <p>When you reach a large concrete water deposito (tank) on your LHS just before a house look for a cairn on the RHS indicating a footpath and follow this.</p> <p>It is rocky to begin with but becomes clearer as you advance across the plateau.</p> <p>Ahead lies the imposing ridge of the Bernia whose complete traverse is a day for experienced mountaineers only, but several of its outlying peaks are accessible to ordinary mortals!</p> <p>As you start to descend keep a watchful eye out for a path meeting you obliquely from the L and turn around and take this slightly back uphill.</p> <p>When you reach a scalloped wall with brick topping walk straight ahead up the road.</p> <p>Walk up the road and over the brow of a hill ignoring the first few side turnings after this until you make a 45 degree R turn and then take the first track on the LHS.</p> <p>After a short while you find yourself walking up the track that you walked down this morning.</p> <p>Ignore a fork to the L and retrace your steps as the track diminishes to a footpath and rise over a brow before descending again.</p> <p>When you reach the large cairn instead of continuing ahead, turn R.</p> <p>Follow this through scratchy holly oak to pass a ruin (with orchids in spring) and up to a low col (care here to keep to the path) where you pass from the LHS of the ridge to the RHS and then almost immediately start to descend.</p> <p>You now quickly get views across the Barranco de Cau on the RHS as you pass a ruin and descend steeply for a few metres.</p> <p>On your descent ignore a yellow/blue/red dotted path on the LHS which rises to the summit of Alt del l'Ample and continue descending.</p> <p>Towards the valley bottom two ruins come into view below you. A little way above the first the clear mozarabic path has been overgrown and you trend down a few terrace walls before regaining an easier line down towards the lower ruin.</p> <p>Just above this ruin the path continues to trend around to the L to round the end of the spur that forms the summit.</p> <p>100m further a path joins you from the R (has been cleared recently!) and you continue ahead.</p> <p>As you pass through the woods a second path joins from the R but you keep ahead.</p> <p>When you reach an indistinct track going off R to join a road ignore this and keep ahead level on a terrace.</p>	<p>3.8km, 1hr 4mins</p> <p>5km, 1hr 24mins</p> <p>6km, 1hr 42mins</p> <p>7.2km, 2hr 1min</p> <p>8.8km, 2hr 27mins</p> <p>9.5km, 2hr 35mins</p> <p>11.2km, 3hr 12mins</p>
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At a footpath junction with a concrete covered pipe below you descend to the end of the concrete and look for a cairned footpath turning sharp L. 11.8km, 3hr 25mins

Keep ahead level onto a cultivated terrace and then thread your way slightly uphill between buildings to join a gravel track which shortly becomes a concrete road.

Reach the road, turn R towards Jalon and R again to your car park.

Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None
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Route followed is outlined in Red

