

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Sierra Espuna-Gemas circuit via disused railway cutting and tunnel	
Location of Start	Town car park in El Berro, Sierra Espuna	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10.2	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	360	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2hr 50mins 4hr 20mins	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	N37 53.299 W001 29.582 Lat:- 37.888305, Long:- -1.49279	
Directions to Start	Walk starts at entrance to car park in El Berro	
Short walk description	A pleasant country circular walk all on marked tracks and paths with an interesting section through a disused railway cutting and tunnel A beer at Gemas is an option!	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From car park entrance turn R and walk into the village and turn first R (steep descent with steps and marked W/R/Y) (2mins, 176m)		2mins. 176m
Proceed down, swing R at bottom and up the other side. Continue to a T junction and turn L. (6mins, 0.48km)		8mins, 0.65km
After 10m turn R, then 2 nd R again after 120m at the end of the concrete (now an unsurfaced track). Proceed down track to where a Y/W marked path leaves from the R as our track zigs to the L. (5mins, 0.39km)		13mins, 1.04km
Just past a fenced area on the LHS reach a cross roads of tracks (the one on the L is feint) and turn R downhill crossing to the RHS of the barranco.		20 mins, 1.4km
Our W/R/Y marked track later becomes a path with waymarks. A path/track joins on the L which you ignore (W/R/Y mark on rock face behind a tree so difficult to see) (10mins, 0.84km)		23mins, 1.88km

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<p>Continue on path straight ahead through fields/orchards (newly ploughed at time of writing). Path then becomes a track which ends at the start of a covered water culvert/ditch on the RHS. (8mins, 0.54km)</p>	34mins, 2.3km
<p>Continue along the line of this culvert sometimes on the LH bank to where a Y/W path that joins from the L (10mins, 0.64km)</p>	44mins, 3km
<p>Turn L down this path to where you intersect a deep cutting just before the valley floor. What appears to be a disused railway cutting and tunnel is apparently a hydro (probably hydro electric) project that was abandoned before it was completed.</p>	1hr 8mins, 4.5km
<p>Turn R into this cutting, marked Y/W, proceed along, through a tunnel, to the end of the cutting where a Y/W path joins from the right.</p>	
<p>Turn R up this path crossing bancales (walls) and soon beside a fence to where a R/W path joins from your R.</p>	1hr 13mins, 4.7km
<p>Continue straight on going up then L after 70m onto a R/W marked path going down to the L and around the fence. Continue down this path round an old building</p>	1hr 22mins, 5.3km
<p>to the L onto a track that takes you to a main road with a hotel opposite named Hotel La Mariposa.</p>	
<p>Our route takes you back the way you came for about 600m but this is a very pleasant hotel and nice place for a pint!</p>	1hr 43mins, 6.5km
<p>So it's back the way we came to the Y/W marked path and turn L.</p>	
<p>Proceed up this path which climbs up to the ridge, continues along the ridge then around the mountain on the RH side and down a little.</p>	2hr 8mins, 7.9km
<p>The path then becomes a track (albeit overgrown at first) which goes up beside a barranco on the RHS</p>	2hr 20mins, 8.6km
<p>and passes stone retaining walls forming old terraces firstly on your RH side then on your L. After a steady climb a path marked Y/W joins from the R.</p>	
<p>Take this path, which later becomes a track and passes a tower on your LHS, and turn R onto a footpath marked Y/W.</p>	
<p>Go down this path to join a track where you turn L.</p>	
<p>Return the way you came this morning to the campsite entrance.</p>	

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red

