

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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| Walk description originally prepared by:- | Kees Andriessen, April 2013 | |
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| Title of Walk | Sierra Espuna-Gebas circuit via the GR route | |
| Location of Start | Town car park in El Berro, Sierra Espuna | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km | 10km | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m | 270m | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops | 2hrs33mins 4hrs | |
| 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 although one small section is a little tricky. A beer at Gemas is an option! | |
| Full Walk Description | Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far | |
| From car park entrance walk turn R 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 2nd 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 road of tracks (the one on the L is feint) and turn R downhill to the RHS of the barranco (7mins, 0.36km) | 20mins, 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) (3mins, 0.48km) | 23mins, 1.88km | |
| 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 | | |

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| culvert/ditch on the RHS. (8mins, 0.54km) | 31mins, 2.42km |
| Continue along the line of this culvert (ignore the Y/W path that joins from the L at km 3.06) to where a chain link fence bars your way and a Y/W marked path joins from the LHS. (36mins, 2.31km) | 1hr7min, 4.73km |
| Turn R on path going up then L after 70m onto a R/W marked path going down. Continue down this path round an old building to the L onto a track that takes you to a main road with a hotel opposite named Hotel La Mariposa. (11mins, 0.63km) | 1hr18min,5.36km |
| 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! | |
| So it's back the way we came to the Y/W marked path and turn L (9mins, 0.57km) | 1hr27min,5.93km |
| 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. | |
| The path then becomes a track (albeit overgrown at first) which passes stone retaining wall 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. (37mins, 2.29km) | 2hr4mins,8.22km |
| Take this path, which later becomes a track and passes a tower on your LHS, and turn R onto a path marked Y/W. (10mins, 0.60km) | 2hr14min,8.82km |
| Go down this path, past a small building on your LHS and on to join a track where you turn L. (2mins, 0.11km) | 2hr16min,8.93km |
| Return the way you came this morning to the campsite entrance. (17mins, 1.07km) | 2hr33min,10.0km |

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red

