

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Font d'Aixa Valley and Castell d'Aixa Ridge from Lliber	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Lliber	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	17	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	640	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	4.75hr 6hr	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/B	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 38.743335, Long:- 0.003090	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From the CV 745 from Jalon to Lliber turn L by a group of terraced houses before you reach the traffic lights on the outskirts of the town.	
<b>Short walk description</b>	A walk into the Aixa valley and Font before an ascent to the Castell d'Aixa and return over the mountain to Lliber.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>	
Turn between the 2 rows of houses and walk along to a steep bank which goes up R to a cobbled road which we follow to the L. After a few metres go around a bend R and then turn L uphill on a second street before leaving this onto a footpath on the L.	240m, 3min	
Follow this along a partly cobbled path to a junction where you keep R.		
Follow this steadily uphill ignoring a path that joins you from the L and soon run along a fence (on your RHS) to exit on a gravel road between 2 houses and follow this around to the L.	1.6km, 22min	
Follow this as it becomes a concrete track and arrives at a tarmac junction where you move slightly L and then arrive at a cross roads with a more major tarmac road.	2.1km, 29min	
Here turn L downhill and after 350m (at the Km 8 marker) turn L down a concrete road. At the bottom of the hill continue ahead onto a gravel track and immediately R onto a descending footpath.	2.6km, 35min	

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<p>This runs down beside a fence on the RHS and large pools with exotic animals visible on occasion!</p>	
<p>When you reach the bottom of this path at a road, bear L slightly and then turn R along a track .</p>	3.4km, 45min
<p>This drops down and across a barranco and then continues ahead (LHS of barranco) along a terrace through olive trees to finally emerge on a gravel track.</p>	4.3km, 59min
<p>Go R downhill and cross the river to continue ahead on the R bank of the dry river bed.</p>	
<p>Join a concrete road and continue ahead around to the L to cross the river and then uphill and back to the R to continue ahead.</p>	
<p>After about 20 - 25 mins walking along this road, look out for a finger post on the RHS pointing to "Pedreguer Per Aspres". Take this path up the hill. If you do miss the path, you will shortly reach Font d'Aixa - a large and often empty water tank. Retrace your steps for a short distance to take the required path.</p>	6.3km, 1hr 23min
<p>Follow this track past 2 houses and at the second the track diminishes to footpath status and continues uphill.</p>	
<p>After wandering around to the L and under some imposing crags you ignore a footpath to the R and soon emerge on a concrete road and you turn L and continue uphill.</p>	7.6km, 1hr 50min
<p>After 200m where the concrete road sweeps around to the R a finger post on the LHS indicates a path going off to the L – initially steeply up some rocks, but then more gradually uphill.</p>	
<p>When you emerge on a small plateau with a hill on the RHS</p>	8km, 1hr 57min
<p>continue ahead to cross the level terrace on the RHS aiming for some red paint marks and a Y/W cross and after ascending 2 terraces cross to the L across the cultivated terrace to find the continuation of a footpath going ahead.</p>	
<p>This drops a little into a barranco which you climb up and when you reach a spur turn R and then L uphill.</p>	8.4km, 2hr 4min
<p>This process is repeated as you drop into a barranco and climb to a spur where you turn abruptly R and follow the footpath around on a level terrace.</p>	
<p>Eventually it climbs steeply to the L for a few metres to arrive at a crossroads where you turn L along a clear Y/W footpath.</p>	9.2km, 2hr 25min
<p>No deviations are possible now as this path weaves its way through small hills on the main ridge line before the clear summit of Castell d'Aixa rises before you.</p>	
<p>Follow the path faithfully as it zig-zags to avoid crags and arrive on the ridge a few metres below the summit.</p>	11.3km, 3hr 5min
<p>You can visit this to see the few remains of the castle or continue directly ahead on a level terrace to intercept the descending path still clearly with Y/W markers which descends to the col in front of Tossal Gran.</p>	11.8km, 3hr 17min
<p>Here turn L on a level and descending path to arrive at a second col in front of a second hill above Penyes Blancas.</p>	12.5km, 3hr 30min

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<p>Take the path going down (ignore the Y/W cross near the start) follow the falling ridge to a ruin. (16mins, 0.79km) Continue past the ruin on your LHS and over a flat section before the zig zag descent begins. Proceed downhill, the path is now more clearly defined than it has been in past years (Oct 2014).</p>	13.3km, 3hr 46min
<p>The final section of descent is on the RHS of the mountain down to a small barranco. (27mins, 1.4km)</p>	14.7km, 4hr 13min
<p>Cross the barranco and turn immediately L on the other side. Follow this path through the trees to a ruin on your RHS with a yellow spot on the wall. (6mins, 0.33km)</p>	
<p>Continue on the path to a barranco (sewage treatment works opposite so don't hang around!) (3mins, 0.18km)</p>	
<p>Cross barranco, bear to the R for about 40m to a path where you go R. This path soon becomes a track which joins another. (6mins, 0.42km)</p>	
<p>Turn R onto this track which runs alongside the barranco. At a fork go R, cross the barranco and, a little later cross it back again and on to the cars. (8mins, 0.63km)</p>	16.5km, 4hr 35min
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	None

Route followed is outlined in Red

