

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION		
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Title of Walk	Castell d'Aixa circuit via Barranco de la Fondacha from Pedreguer	
Location of Start	Pedreguer	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	15	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	750	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hrs30mins 6hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.790971; Long;- 0.034053	
Directions to Start	Follow the CV720 out of Pedreguer towards Llosa and Alcalali. On the outskirts of the village there is a brown sign pointing to the L for the Ermita. Follow this road – initially Avenida Maria Lopez (and soon becomes Carrer del Migdia) Ignore any side turns to the L slanting downhill. The road narrows a little, goes across a crossroad and then reaches a T junction. Turn R (Carrer Passatge) and park	
Short walk description	A splendid walk on well-defined paths and tracks marked Y/W for the whole route. Great views particularly from the Castell summit (not to be missed). A tough ascent to the summit but well worth the effort and a lovely return home	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the parking area walk downhill a little and turn R into Carrer Les Meravelles. Proceed and turn R onto a path going up a ramp just before LH bend. (2mins, 156m)		2mins, 156m
Continue (over pipe) and on to a track (concrete covered) and turn R. (3mins, 244m)		5mins, 400m
Proceed and go L opposite a notice board, over a paved path, pass a building on your RHS to a path signed "Font Coberta 2.5km". Take this path; past a well (km 1.98) on your LHS up to a signpost where you bear L signed "Font Coberta 810m". (28mins, 1.67km)		33mins, 2.07km

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Continue on this path, go straight on at a cross paths, and descend in zig zags to arrive at a picnic area and Font Coberta (24mins, 0.97km)	57mins, 3.04km
Turn R up this track and continue past a house on your RHS, up past Font del Rull off to the LHS, nearly to the top to a finger post. (17mins, 1.04km)	1hr14min,4.08km
Turn L here onto a track and after a few metres take the path on the R. This contours gently along the LH flank of the mountain, passes an indistinct path jnc. and reaches a clear junction where we take the LH descending path. This zig zags down with climbing crags down on the LHS to reach a terrace just above the valley floor. It turns across the barranco to the RHS and joins a track with two new building on each side. (20mins, 1.08km)	1hr34min,5.16km
Proceed between these two building and immediately after the one on the L turn L onto a path. Follow this path down over two terraces bearing R then back onto the path. At a fork go L and down to a concrete surfaced road. Turn R here and continue to Font d'Aixa where the road ends. (16mins, 1.04km)	1hr50min,6.20km
Continue straight ahead on a path to a finger post near a ruin. (11mins, 0.68km)	2hr1min, 6.88km
Go straight on here signed "Castell d'Aixa pel Libre 2.37km". (here comes the tough ascent to the summit/castell) The path now takes you over Barranco de la Fondacha to the RHS. Press on, past a ruin on your RHS, and back over the barranco. Press on uphill with the barranco on your RHS. After a while the path bears R and crosses the barranco again, for the last time, then zig zags up a wide gully to a path junction with a post. (39mins, 1.86km)	2hr40min,8.74km
Turn L and follow the path to the summit/castell. Return by the same route back to the post. (27mins, 1.24km)	3hr7min, 9.98km
Proceed straight on here (the path to the R is the one you came up earlier) along the still clear marked path which initially runs on the RHS of the ridge then rises up a little on the L flank of the ridge and then runs along the L flank of this for some time. Eventually we crest the ridge and the path starts to run along on the RHS of the ridge line going downhill. After 100m of changing sides we arrive at a cross paths. (25mins, 1.62km)	3hr32min,11.6km
Go straight on. Ignore two paths that join on your RHS and continue to a finger post signed "Pedreguer 2.21km". (16mins, 1.00km)	3hr48min,12.6km
Continue towards Pedreguer to a T junction and turn R. (5mins, 0.15km)	3hr53min,12.75k
Proceed to another T and turn R. signed "Pedreguer 1.88km" (4mins, 0.15km)	3hr57min,12.90k
Continue to another T junction and turn L. (11mins, 1.00km)	4hr8min,13.90km
Continue straight on at finger post signed "Pedreguer 693m", to the edge of Pedreguer onto a road, go immediately R to the cars. (20mins, 1.20km)	4hr28min,15.1km
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

Route followed is outlined in Red

