

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

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Title of Walk	El Penyot, Sierra de Venta, and Maserof	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Jalon, 2km out of the town on the CV749.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	17	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	600	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.5hr 5.5hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/C	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.727432, Long -0.018548	
Directions to Start	From Jalon take the CV749 to just beyond km2 and find a parking area at the start of a track on the LHS with a Y/W finger post.	
Short walk description	A lovely outing across easy hills affording great views of some of the tougher surrounding mountains. A rugged barranco to finish.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk down the track away from the road. Ignore the first turning and a LH fork and keep ahead.		930m, 11min
Just before you reach a part where the track would drop down steeply to cross a barranco turn L up a track		
which diminishes as you gain height to soon become a footpath.		1.2km, 15min
Continue ahead on this until you reach a deep barranco where the path swings around to the R and here walk straight ahead (maybe slightly L) on a clear but slightly overgrown line.		
As you progress on this it becomes much clearer that it is an old mozarabic path and you continue ahead in zig-zags steadily gaining height.		
Pass a casita without its roof and walk level to the L beyond its boundary to pick up the path ascending again.		

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When you reach a point where the path descends to cross a couple of terrace walls you arrive at a point directly facing a large rock with slightly pointed top, here turn L steeply up the hillside and trending L following cairns.	
50m up this skirt L so that you are below a set of crags where you are reunited with the mozarabic line climbing up under and beside the crag.	
Cross a break in the crags to almost reach a second set above you and just before reaching them turn R steeply up through the break in the crags. Follow this up a rocky chute between thickets of holly to reach easier ground and proceed directly ahead on a thin path aiming to the L of a ruined casita on the horizon.	
When you reach an open terrace - below the level of the ruin - with a path going off to the R follow this and soon reach a T-jnc with a path going R and L. Turn R.	2.4km, 45min
Follow this past a ruin (with orchids) and eventually reach another T-jnc with a large cairn where you turn L.	3km, 55min
Follow this gently up as it crests a ridge line and descends to soon open into a track past houses and when you reach a concrete water tank on your LHS look almost immediately beyond this for a footpath with Y/W post and here turn R along the path.	4.3km, 1hr 13min
Almost immediately turn R across a wall to find the continuation of the path which swings back L again to pass a building.	
Continue ahead until at a fork a path joins you from the L.	5.3km, 1hr 28min
When you meet a junction where you can either go ahead or L, turn L past a ruin and soon after at a fork turn R.	
At the next fork turn R gently uphill.	6km, 1hr 39min
At a cairn ignore a R turn and keep ahead up the valley and eventually reach a track which joins you from the R and walk ahead to leave this again after a few metres on the continuation of the footpath.	6.9km, 1hr 55min
Walk gently downhill aiming for a large building (with threshing circle) and cross the barranco on a terrace and then pass a ruin and then a building on a track which you leave after a few metres by turning R uphill on another track.	7.3km, 2hr 2min
Follow this as it zig-zags up the hill and near the top of the hill a further track joins us from the R and about 10m beyond this we turn R again on a track going uphill.	7.9km, 2hr 10min
Follow this ignoring side turnings until you reach the top of the hill.	8.3km, 2hr 14min
A rather vague section follows. Descend the hill on the track and turn L on a vague path at a cairn after about 100m to pass to the L of a ruin – only the walls up to first storey level remain.	
Just beyond the ruin turn L again up a terrace wall (with cairns) to cross a shallow col and after only a few metres you find a clearer track which improves as you descend towards a repaired house with large well which you pass on your R.	8.7km, 2hr 20min
Follow the track and at the next large white building, turn L between the building and an outhouse and walk ahead past a building with photo-voltaic cells on the roof and then very quickly R onto a footpath with a huge standing stone.	

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(This section requires care!! If all else fails plot a course that is only just N of W and stick to it until you meet a track. If the track is E-W then go W and continue at point A. If it is N-S then turn N and continue at point B)

Just before you reach a low building on the LHS turn R between terraces for 20m or so and then L along a terrace with cairns.

After only a few metres turn R up a thick terrace wall and then trend L to soon intersect a path which goes either R or L. Turn R.

This passes over a shallow col and drops to meet the end of a clear forest track. Point A

9km, 2hr 26min

Follow this improving track downhill to intersect a second track where you turn R. Point B

9.6km, 2hr 34min

Follow this down until it ends and turn L on a descending footpath.

Zig-zag downhill and at a slightly vague area take care to wander leftwards over rocks for a few metres before continuing down again to reach some trees and here the path goes L.

10.6km, 2hr 52min

Walk around a level barranco which we round slightly R and then soon meet and cross directly over the road.

Descend a few metres to meet the road again and turn L downhill.

120m along the road turn R onto a track and then immediately L onto a descending footpath used by cyclists.

Follow this easily down as it crosses several minor barrancos (one with a pallet bridge) and then wanders along the RHS of the main barranco for a few metres as a track

When you see a large red arrow indicating a L turn to cross this and climb up on the far side of the barranco, take this and zig back to the L before abandoning this path and turning R onto a terrace.

11.7km, 3hr 8min

Now follow this down and soon drop into the barranco itself to pass by some impressive rock overhangs and then follow the barranco down for some time. At times it may be possible to find a path on either side of the barranco to make the going easier, at others you simply have to boulder hop your way down.

After a good time you find a good footpath descending to join you from the LHS and continue ahead on this.

13.8km, 3hr 51min

When the dam comes into view on your RHS walk ahead up a small rise and then L to follow the ascending footpath.

This soon starts to descend again and after crossing the barranco from side to side eventually runs into a track across terraces which widens and then drops to cross a barranco before re-joining the point where you left this track at the start of the walk.

15.1km, 4hr 10min

Continue directly ahead to find you parking spot.

### **Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

Some careful navigation required on some parts of the walk. The barranco boulder hopping is tiring at the end of the day.

**Route followed is outlined in Red**

