

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Barranco Xarquet	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Bolulla At the top of the road to Bolulla Castle	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10 kms.	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	410 Mtrs.	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3 hrs 4.5hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/C/Scr	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.694101, Long -0.128046	
Directions to Start	CV715 Bolulla to Tarbena road, at km 45.7 just to the N of Bolulla turn L and wind up to the end of the tarmac and park on the RHS on a level terrace.	
Short walk description	The lack of height gain and distance should not lead you to underestimate the challenge of this day which involves a demanding scramble up the barranco (great fun!) leading to fruit terraces and an easier return back through a valley with coastal views.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk uphill on the track to pass between a renovated house and a ruin to reach the crest of a hill – ignore the L turn and go over the col.....		7min, 425m
to wind down hill on a broad track.		
Continue ahead ignoring a small path to R and continue L at the next track fork - now slightly uphill.		1km, 14min
The track drops again and soon crosses into the main level barranco before rising up to the R. As soon as it rises it reaches a section of concrete surface where the track bends sharply R turn L immediately along the level terrace (ignoring another rougher track going up ahead)		
Walk across to far LHS –working around undergrowth if necessary – and then scramble up a faint rocky path (some blue tape in 2015) in the corner with a drop into the		

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<p>barranco on your LHS and around a rocky buttress then look for a faint path (cairn) to zig zag down a rocky spur into the riverbed (on LHS) and turn R up the barranco.</p>	<p>2.3 km, 33min</p>
<p>Scramble up assorted short pitches until you emerge on a more level section with a grand headwall in front of you. Walk towards this and then L following the line of the main barranco to arrive at a vertical waterfall on your RHS.</p>	<p>2.6km, 42min</p>
<p>Scramble out of the riverbed up the LH bank and follow faint narrow path around the top of the waterfall to the R and then scramble back down into the barranco. Continue scrambling up the barranco until it levels out.</p>	
<p>Keep going up the barranco and continue for some time to pass a ruin on RHS and walk consistently W to meet a broad track crossing the barranco.</p>	<p>5.1km, 1hr 34min</p>
<p>Turn L on this track and follow it around to the L along a terrace until it meets a junction where you turn R. Ignore the next turn L and immediately after this there is a Alube (cistern – position incorrect on map!) on the LHS (worth a look – open the door!). Ignore the L fork and follow round to meet tarmac and follow to a crossroad and PR signpost.</p>	<p>5.7km, 1hr 42min</p>
<p>Go straight ahead – signed ' El Arcs' for 50m to a large pine tree with (Y/W cross) but turn L up this track leaving the tarmac.</p>	
<p>Follow this as it swings around to the L to cross a barranco and then ends at a parking area.</p>	<p>6.3km, 1hr 49min</p>
<p>Continue directly ahead on the continuing footpath as it rises up beside a barranco on the LHS sometimes across rock bands. Soon you have views high to the L of large hole in the rocky rib (Los Arcs)</p>	<p>7.2km, 2hr 6min</p>
<p>Continue on this path until it meets a wall crossing the barranco and here your path swings L and then winds up through the trees and out onto a level scrubby area.</p>	
<p>Follow a well defined path across and then downwards to a small junction.</p>	
<p>Take the L fork (ahead) and continue winding down passing 2 ruins to meet a broad track. (which you used earlier in the day). (The large pyramidal summit ahead in the distance is Bernia W and the smaller pointed cone on its R with a ridge running down to the R away from it is Penya Severino)</p>	<p>9.2km, 2hr 40min</p>
<p>Turn R to see cars 200m in front.</p>	
<p>(Optional trek up to Bolulla Castle - well worth the effort for the views. Take the loose rocky path in the RHS corner of the drive of a renovated house and follow up to the castle. Retrace your steps back down to cars.)</p>	<p>Extra 1.4 km</p>
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>An ability for scrambling with small amount of exposure. Best NOT attempted when wet or after heavy dew.</p>

Route followed is outlined in Red

