

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Barrancos Calvo and Malafi	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benichembla /Castell de Castells Villa Mercedes, Pla de Petracos	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	16.7 km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	500m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.5hr 6hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/C/Scr	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat : 38.769781 Long : -0.194966	
Directions to Start	CV720 from Benichembla to Castells road at Km6, turn R near Villa Mercedes (signed Petracos) and continue for 4km and park on layby at RHS of road.	
Short walk description	A varied walk in this scenic area, some tough scrambling, forest tracks, paths and historic landmarks with extensive views.	
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far	
Cross road from cars and turn L onto a track near the PR post. Follow the track across into an olive terrace, walk across (feint track) to far LH corner and turn R up a small ramp, then zig zag R (cairns and paint marks) to a small rock outcrop above a barranco	550mtrs	
Pass over outcrop and turn L (cairns) gradually dropping down into riverbed	700 mtrs.20min	
Work up the riverbed to reach a junction	2.6km. 1hr15min	
Take the L fork into a small barranco and follow this working L to R to reach the next small junction	3.1km.1hr28min	
Take the L fork and continue on a feint path slowly rising to reach a dry waterfall	3.7km.1hr 38min	
Pass through this 'waterfall' (old yellow paint mark) and continue rising towards a tree line, after approx. 100 mtrs trend R and onto a forest track	4.3km.1hr 48min	

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Turn L and soon after ignore a L fork, continue and ignore any further L turns to arrive at a crossroads	4.9km.1hr57min
Turn L on track ignore any L forks to pass by a Nevera and a water depositer and just before the end of ' air strip ' take the L fork, continue to reach a sharp RH bend	6.8km.2hr25min
Drop off track at LHS onto feint path and cut through trees and back onto track, turn L and continue passing through old oak forest to reach a ruined estate 'Capa I Mona'	8.3 km.
Turn to the L of the main ruins and round a ruined chapel onto a feint old cart track to arrive at old terraces, turn L along second terrace to the far side and aim across to reach the beginning of a small barranco	9.1km.3hr1min
Work along and down LHS of barranco across uneven rocks to drop down at far end onto feint path through trees to reach a forest track	9.7km.3hr20min
Turn R then almost immediately L and meander along a forest track and through a dry riverbed, ignore further paths from LHS and one from RHS to arrive at a crossroads	11.6km.3hr43min
Turn L at PR post (signed Castell de Castells) and follow Bco. Malafi (Y/W) to reach a dam, pass over LHS and soon after reach a path through terraces and return to cars	16.7km4hr36min
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Some scrambling on exceptionally rough terrain

see map below.....

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