

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Loma Larga Circuit (Extended)	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Jalon On the Jalon to Benissa road CV 750 at Km8. Opposite the Restaurant Venta Roja and alongside the Mamut Lliber shop. Park next to the recycle bins on the grass verge.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	560m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.5hrs 5hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.73015, Long: 0.010825	
Directions to Start	On the Jalon to Benissa road CV 750 at Km8.	
Short walk description	A circular route from the Jalon Valley around the El Cao feature anti-clockwise. Wonderful views of the Jalon valley, the Bernia ridge and the coast around Calpe. Manly on good tracks and paths but there are some sections of rough path with vegetation.	
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far	
From the Mamut Lliber shop opposite the Restaurant Venta Roja on the CV750 turn up the road next to the recycling bins signed Cami Diposit. Head up the road towards the high ground. After 800m stay on the main road bearing R at the green Electricity tower which is on your L. Shortly after the tower bear L on to a track you will then see a circular concrete water reservoir on your L.	1Km 15mins	
A few meters past the reservoir turn R at a small cairn onto a path. The path follows the line of the barranco on the L bank, gently climbing in the direction of the col ahead. The path is initially marked with white paint on the rocks. The path steadily climbs up the valley until you break out onto the flat ground on the top and meet the end of a road.	3.1km 1hr	
Join the road and head in the direction of the Bernia which you will see in the far distance. El Cao is on your L. Follow the road for about 400m until you see a track heading up hill on your L. Turn L up the track marked by a cairn.	3.5km 1hr 6mins	

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<p>After 200m there is a small concrete culvert cover on your RHS over the small stream bed. Turn R off the track and onto the path that takes you along a terrace above the olive groves to your R.</p>	3.7km 1hr10mins
<p>Follow the path which is a level above the olive groves, past a ruin and the path then follows around the hill. Just before the path joins a track turn L and follow the path that then does a sharp U turn uphill.</p>	4.1km 1hr15mins
<p>The path climbs up through some sparse fir trees doing a couple of zig zags before heading back in the direction of the Bernia and giving good views down into the valley below. The path then meets a track.</p>	4.8km 1hr28mins
<p>Do not join the track ,instead turn L and follow the steep path uphill and away from the Bernia until you meet a further track.</p>	5km 1hr32mins
<p>Turn L on the track and continue uphill. The track soon levels out and heads in a S direction to an area where you now look down towards Calpe rock. Stay on the main track which now heads round the hill with the high ground on your R and the sea on your L. You shortly reach some old ruins and see a concrete road on your L below.</p>	5.6km 1hr40mins
<p>Just after the ruin on your L turn L onto the concrete road which has a No Entry sign at the top. Follow the concrete road down to the end where it stops at a viewing point with some benches.</p>	6km 1hr47mins
<p>Turn L down the track for 100m before leaving the track and joining a path on your L. The path is marked by a cairn but you have to scramble up from the track to join the path.</p>	6.1km 1hr 48min
<p>The path contours above the track that you have just left and follows the side of the hill. It eventually goes into some fir trees before coming out at some old buildings which are a good spot for lunch.</p>	6.8km 2hr1min
<p>Continue on the path which goes downhill and away from the buildings, initially in the direction of Calpe Rock but then down and left following the side of El Cao. The path eventually rejoins the track at a set of steps.</p>	7.8km 2hr22min
<p>Join the track and turn L but after only a few meters leave the track and take the path on the R which is marked by a small cairn. This is a rough track which heads towards the buildings that you can see below. The path meets a road when you get to the buildings.</p>	8.4km 2hr36min
<p>Follow the road past the building on your L and then just a few meters further and just past the flattened ground on your L turn L onto a very indistinct path. There is a cairn set back 2m from the road to show the start of the path. Follow this path in the direction of the white building and white track ahead. Join the track. There is a small memorial on your L to Marcos and Pedro.</p>	8.6km 2hr40min
<p>Turn L on the track, past the white ruin and join the concrete road up to the small raised reservoir (Helicopter fire water).</p>	9km 2hr45min
<p>At the reservoir turn R onto a track follow the track down to the end and then follow the path that leads from the end of the track. After about 300m the path then meets a road.</p>	10.1km 3hr
<p>Turn L onto the road and follow the road for about 300m. You will pass a track on your L and a few meters further on is a wooden telegraph pole. Turn L at the pole and follow the path.</p>	10.4km 3hr 4min

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Follow the path for about 100m until it takes a L turn. Shortly after the L turn leave the main path and follow a less distinct path on the R over a few walls and then onto open ground and on to the top of the rise. On the top of the rise you should spot a small white sandy mound which you should cross and join the rough track on the other side. Follow the track gentle downhill until it meets a road next to villa 25b. The villa has solid wooden gates.

10.9km 3hr12min

Turn R and follow the road down the side of villa 25b and continue down to hill heading in the direction of the towers/wind mills on the next hill. As you pass the villa on your R take the track heading uphill on your L towards the towers.

11.1km 3hr15min

Follow the track up to the towers and then turn L at the fence which runs between the towers. Follow the path down into the Jalon valley. After 100m turn L off the main path and down a path that is mainly large rocks. This path goes downhill to the road by an old building.

11.7km 3hr25min

Follow the path alongside the CV750 back to the cars.

12.6km 3hr35min

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red

