

## COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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<b>Walk description originally prepared by:-</b>	Helen and Paul Martin/Andy Marsh, April 2015	
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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Castells Combo.(Aixorta summit optional)	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Castell de Castells	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	19	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	700	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	4hrs50mins 6hrs15mins	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/B	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 38.723848, Long: -0.194761	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Take the CV720 from Parcent and Benichembla to Castell de Castells. In the village, immediately opposite Hotel Serrella (on the RHS) turn L. After 20m turn L again into Calle Jose Antonio and then almost immediately L again down ramp into the signed parking area.	
<b>Short walk description</b>	A circular walk combining parts of Foyes Valley and Castells south and east circuits around Aixorta (summit of Aixorta optional). A mixture of broad forestry tracks, marked paths, mozarabic paths and a few rough tracks.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>		<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Turn R out of car park and straight on into Calle De Ramon Rural. (do not turn R again down to the main road.) Continue to the edge of the village go L and down, cross a barranco and up the other side to a main road. (5mins, 440m)		5mins, 440m
Turn L and take the second turning R onto a concrete surfaced track/road signed "El Castellet". (the first turning R is also signed "El Castellet") (2mins, 130m)		7mins, 570m
Continue up until a path/track joins on the LHS. (7mins, 0.50km)		14mins, 1.07km
Turn L onto this path/track (ignore the Y/W cross) and continue to a T junction. (6mins, 0.46km)		20mins, 1.53km
Go R here (soon a path), past a dam on your LHS and continue up the valley and into the barranco. Proceed for a short while in the barranco then out again on the RHS		

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<p>(km2.01). Continue on this path following the course of the barranco then down again and cross the barranco (km2.29) At this point the barranco splits and you are now on the RHS of the LH fork (I hope you're following this!!) Continue up, turn R onto an overgrown track, past two ruins (km2.48) and a third after a further 50m. Proceed past another ruin on your LHS up to a fork. (km2.65) Go L and continue on this track for some time to a notice board and signpost. (46mins, 3.16km)</p>	1hr6mins,4.69km
<p>Turn R, going up, signed "Plans D'Aialt 1.5km", go L/straight on at a fork (now signed 1km), ignore track on LHS after 25m and another on LHS at km5.75 and continue on to a T junction with an unfinished house opposite. (21mins, 1.40km)</p>	1hr27min,6.09km
<p>Go R onto a tarmac surfaced track/road. Ignore track that joins on your LHS (km6.71) with signpost. We swing R signed "Els Arcs 1.8km" and continue to where a track joins on our LHS. (11mins, 0.83km)</p>	1hr38min,6.92km
<p>Turn L onto this track and proceed to it's end (bee hives) (6mins, 0.45km)</p>	1hr44min,7.37km
<p>Bear R/straight on onto a path and up, over a terrace to the other side of the gully and continue up to the col. Cross the col to where a path joins from your RHS (the path you're on starts to descend at this point)(20mins, 0.93km)</p>	2hr4min,8.30km
<p>Turn R onto this path which is well marked with cairns. Round to the RHS of the trees and on to a field. Cross this field and up the track on the other side to the top where the track swings to the L and a path joins on your RHS (cairn here) (6mins, 0.48km)</p>	2hr10min,8.78km
<p>Go R onto this path and up about 50m to a track. Turn R onto this track then, after 50m, turn sharp L and after another 30m go R onto a path that climbs steeply up to a track. (8mins, 0.28km)</p>	2hr18min,9.06km
<p>Turn R onto this track and up to another track (km9.43). Go straight on and up to another track. (10mins, 0.56km)</p>	2hr28min,9.62km
<p>Go L here signed "Font Dels Teixos 1km", past a water tank on a RH bend (concrete surfaced now), round the bend and up to a LH bend where the concrete ends. Go round the bend R at the fork, signed "Cim de la Xorta 600m, Alt 1219m" and up to the Font and a Refugio (km10.60). Go straight on, past the Refugio, on a path that takes you to the col. under the summit of Aixorta. (good place for lunch here) (22mins, 1.28km)</p>	2hr50min,10.90k
<p>We are now at 1140m and the summit is at 1220m so why miss out on the spectacular views from the top. If you wish take the Y/W marked track to the summit this excursion will add 80m ascent, 0.55km and 16mins to the stats. given at the beginning of this walk description.</p>	
<p>So on we go over to the other side of the col. Go down initially for a short distance then bear R above the fields below, past a ruin on your LHS (11.27km), slowly swinging round to the R and the down again helped by yellow spots. Proceed across the head of a valley and on with the valley now on you LHS. We now are traversing on the north side of Aixorta with the ridge on our R and the valley on our L. Pass a ruin on your RHS where the path becomes a track (overgrown and damaged in places) and down you go to a col. and another track.(little house on corner) (31mins, 2.15km)</p>	3hr21min,13.05k
<p>Turn L onto this track which takes us back to the south side of the mountain and down. Ignore a couple of paths that provide short-cuts and continue to the col. and cross tracks below Serrella Castle.(37min, 2.66km)</p>	3hr58min,15.71k
<p>Go R down a concrete surfaced track to where an unsurfaced track joins on you LHS signed "Area Castellet 2.3km".(2mins, 0.20km)</p>	4hr, 15.91km

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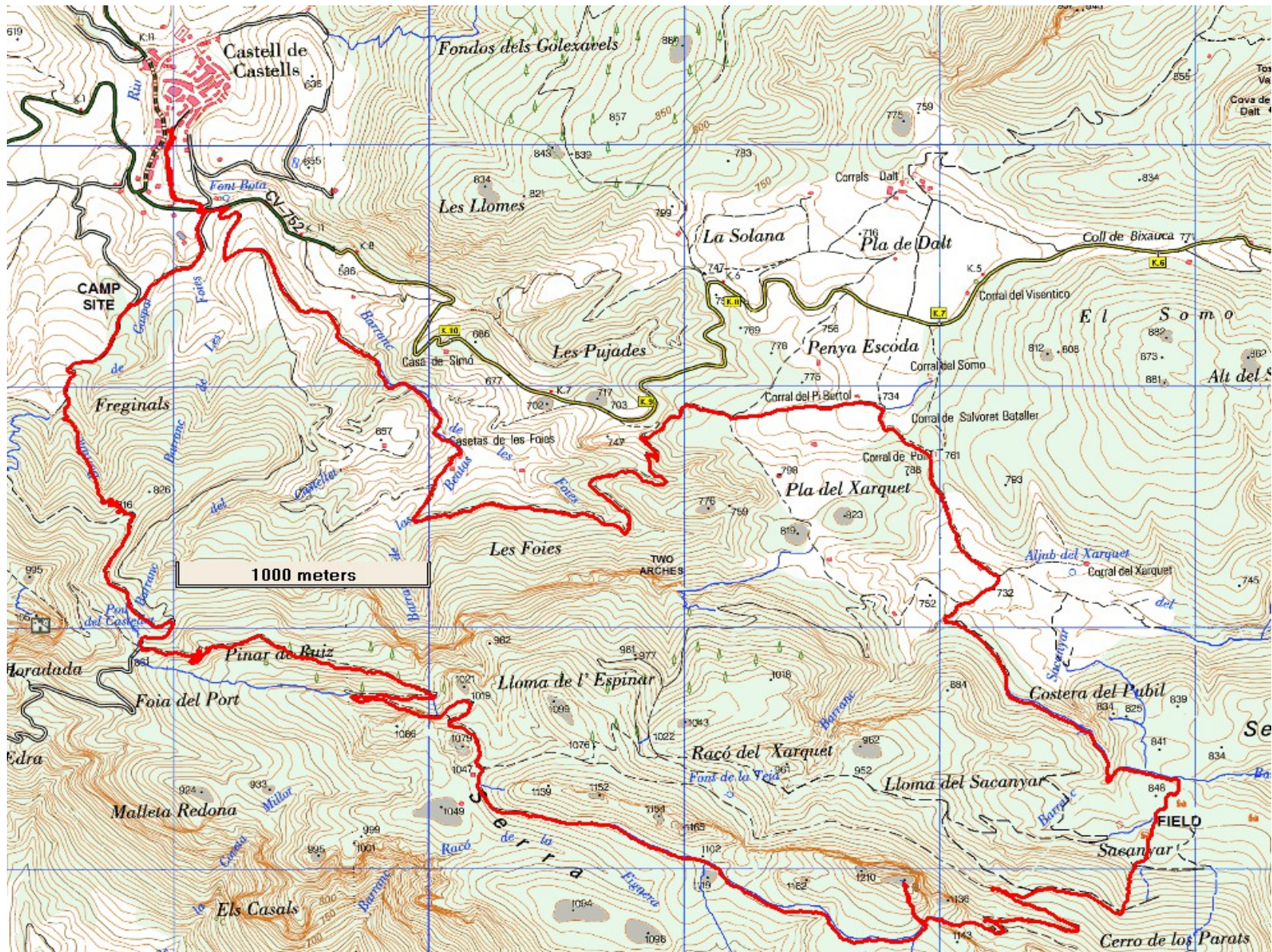
Turn L onto this track and press on to a signpost where a path joins on your RHS. (8mins, 0.68km)	4hr8min,16.59km
Go R onto this path, signed "Area Castellet 1.7km", and down you go. The path later becomes a track which takes you down to a toilet block.(27mins, 1.40km)	4hr35min,17.99k
On and down you go on a concrete surfaced track to a main road. (8mins, 0.56km)	4hr43min,18.55k
Turn L then, after 40m, Go R and back the way you came earlier to the cars.(6mins, 0.48km)	4hr49min, 19.03k

**Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

The statistics given above do not include the short excursion to the summit.

See map below.....





Route followed is outlined in Red