

# COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKS

TARBENA AREA. EAST. BINARREAL CIRCUIT

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FONT d' En SERRA- SEGUE- FONT BENISALIM- BINARREAL-Font d' En Serra

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*(Walking time only add time for breaks and lunch)*

## DESCRIPTION.

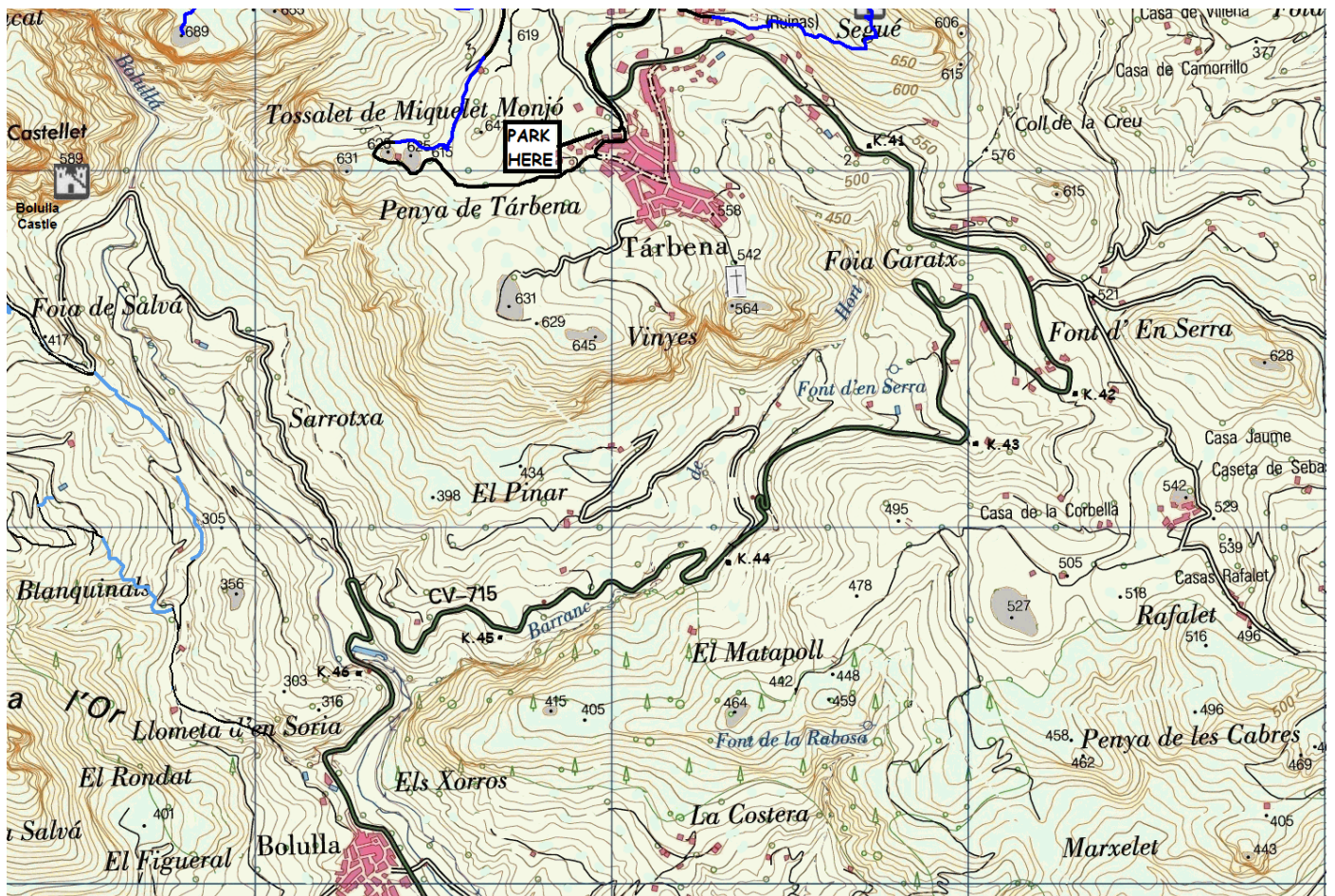
A fairly easy circular walk, skirting Segue with its ruined Castell, then down into the broad valley of barranco Binarreal surrounded by mountains with a final climb up an old mule path.

20% fairly good paths, 40% tracks, 40% surfaced roads. Some tracks muddy after rain.

As usual snips and gloves are a good idea in case paths are overgrown.

## TO THE START

Drive on the CV-715 to Tarbena and turn into the village by the upper road to the car park near the Casa Cultura & Museum. Ample free parking. (Museum open weekends from 1100hrs)



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Note that times quoted are walking time only - no breaks.

Underlined letters are map references.

Total distance and  
%of walk completed  
based on total time

From the car park retrace your way back to the CV -715.

Turn **L** towards Pego & Parcent and continue up to the cross roads at top of hill **A**. ( 7min 0.5km) 0.5km 4%

### FOR RETURN TRIP TO CASTLE (Optional but worth the trip)

Take the **RH** road towards Sa Casetas des Moros, almost immediately going down the **RH** fork past the back of Restaurant Ca Pelut until the concrete and gravel ends. Descend slightly and find the old mule path up to the castle. This passes below a white casa and then turns up **L** and zig-zags to the summit

of Segue and the Castle ruins **B**. (Note ancient water deposito near top on **RHS**.). (20min. 1.1km) 1.6km 15%  
Return to the CV-715. (20min 1.1km) 2.7km 26%

Continue down CV-715 for 50mtrs and take track on your **R** going steep down to Font Benisalim **C**. (7min.0.5km) 3.2km 29%

At the font turn **R** and follow narrow track which goes down **NE**. At a sharp **LH** bend find on old mule path going straight ahead. Take this path which becomes a track once more before reaching a surfaced road just before the Hotel Casa Lemi **D**. (15min.0.9km) 4.1km 37%

Turn **R** pass the hotel and at main fork go **R**. Continue along this track to reach a casa and electricity lines **E**. (6min. 0.5km) 4.6km 41%

Continue on this main track, ignoring all minor tracks going off, to reach the gates of Casa Benireal at a **T** Junction. **E**. (15min. 1.1km) 5.7km 49%

Turn sharp **R** to reach stream crossing with remains of old bridge **G**.(5min 0.4km) 6.1km 52%

Continue up track which soon bears **L** to pass by 'hippy' camp. Follow rough track up **R** passing through a heavily vegetated area then climbing steeply to a **T** junction. Turn **L** to pass a casa on your **R** where the track becomes concrete **H**. (7min 0.4km) 6.5km 55%

Continue to follow concrete track to **T** junction by a horse corral **N**.(2min.0.2km) 6.7km 56%

Turn **L** (If you turn **R** the track will lead you back to the Hotel Casa Lemi) and take the track going up **R**.). Continue staying on main track, passing two circular corrugated tanks on your **R**, to reach a Cassita on your **L** **P**. (5min.0.3km) 7.0km 59%

Continue past sign 'Ranch Caballo' on your **L** to reach a stone ruin on your **L** on sharp **RH** bend **R**. (5min. 0.4km) 7.4km 62%

Continue approx 150 paces to find old mule path crossing track (first opening in bancale). (This old mule path can be very overgrown. It was cleared Feb 2014 but take gloves and snips just in case. After the first 20 mtrs path is fairly clear.)

Go up mule path zig zagging bearing **L** and later **R** to reach track and ruin **S**. (23min.1km) 8.4km 74%

Turn **R** on track. Take first track off **L**. Reach a small block hut on your **R** **I** (9min 0.6k) 9.0km 79%

Continue straight on to reach a **Y** junction **U**. (2min 0.1k) 9.1km 80%

Turn up **L**. A casita will come into view. A few meters before reaching this refurbished casita take path up **L**.

From here the way is difficult to describe so refer to map for clarification

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## TARBENA AREA. EAST. BINARREAL CIRCUIT- Cont'd.

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Follow the path up which winds through abandoned bancales to a flattish area, near scant remains of a ruin wall, with bolder on **RHS**. (4min 0.2km) **9.3km 82%**

Climb up one bancale (over bolder), turn **L** and walk to the end of the bancale. Bear **R** and follow a stony slope going up **R** to reach a cross path.(3min 0.2km) **9.5km 83%**

Here we used to turn **R** but that way has now been blocked further on by a fence. So go straight ahead by scrambling up one bancale through a narrow gap in the scratchy vines, "mind your head".

Turn **R** and walk along this cultivated olive bancale (*please respect farmers property*) to its end to arrive at an old track **W**. (8min. 0.5km) **10.0km 88%**

Follow track up which bears **R** under the crags of Segue. (The track surface alternates between dirt and concrete). Pass a casa on **LHS** and continue to arrive at **Y** junction **X**.(9min 0.6km) **10.6km 93%**

Turn **L** and continue following main track to a hamlet just above Tarbena and join the main CV715 and retrace your steps back to car(s). (12min.0.5km) **11.0km 100%**

