

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Barrancos Gallistero and Encaina
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benichembla
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	740
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.5hr 5.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/C/Scr
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.750728, Long -0.157736
Directions to Start	Benichembla Bridge at km 30 on CV720 W towards Castell de Castells.
Short walk description	An entertaining scramble up a barranco before climbing over the flanks of Cocoll and returning via a second barranco.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Follow signpost up broad track to S towards la Llacuna.	
Take left fork, at end drop down left into bco.cross bco and climb up steps beside dam.	11min, 800m
Regain barranco, continue up.	15min, 1.09km
After a number of time consuming and slow scrambles reach another dam.	1hr 50min, 2.92km
Go up left side, continue to climb gently up and round on animal tracks until you see an orchard in coll.	2hr, 3.2km
Stay above orchard at end continue climbing up and round, stay below ridge on rough ground. Pass two holy oaks on left.	
(An easier way is to join broad track and follow it up to the airstrip.)	

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Pass through a small wood	2hr 28min, 3.67km
to cliffs, still stay below them bearing right. Aim for three pine trees on horizon.	
50m before the pine trees bear left aim for centre of landing strip.	2hr 40minm 4.12km
Soon aerial will come into view, make for it. do not drop into barranco.	
Lunch at air strip.	2hr 50min. 4.63km
After the last building bear left through the trees to follow animal tracks down the barranco staying about 2-3mtrs above bed.	
At a group of Holly oaks	3hr 37min, 6.63km
follow barranco all the way to a broad track. There are one or two small scrambles down, more like steps.	
Ignore yellow marks but continue down, soon there is a scramble, go behind the tree then follow green marks (yes showing the way up) this can be avoided by following a path to the left and arrive at the broad track.	4hr 25min, 7.27km
Turn R and continue to main road.	4hr 40min 8.6km,
Turn L along main road to reach parked cars.	5hr, 9.6km??

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Moderate scrambling ability needed.