

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Barranco del Infierno extended circuit "The Bull Run"	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Fleix	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	17	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	1010	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.25hr 6hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/C/Scr/X	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.778128,Long: -0.110144	
Directions to Start	The CV715 runs roughly N to S just inland from the coast of the Costa Blanca and passes through the village of Orba. From the ring road that passes the village a side road – CV718 – runs up towards the villages of the Vall de Laguart and quickly joins another - the CV721 – to continue the journey. Pass a turn to the sanatorium of Fontilles, pass through the narrow streets of Campell and then arrive at Fleix. The car park is just beyond the village on the LHS opposite the school.	
Short walk description	A demanding mountain excursion with many ups and downs including a steep rocky ramp ascending up to the slopes of the Mediodia and a corkscrew descent through immense boulders to re-join the classic Barranco del Infierno circuit.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Start by walking back down through the village of Fleix passing the town hall (Aynutamiento) and almost exactly opposite the bar, take a R turn descending steeply past Casa Terranova on concrete which zig-zags down to emerge at the end of the street running through Campell.		720m, 8.5min
Continue ahead through the village on the main road and when you reach the village sign on a pole at the far end look out for a concrete path descending to the LHS and		

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signed with a finger post to Presa d'Isbert.	1.1km, 12.5min
Take this and follow it down as it becomes a cobbled path – ignoring side turnings which run on to terraces.	
When this runs out and drifts R on a level terrace it soon becomes a track and as it starts to descend again reaches a T-jnc.	1.6km, 21min
Turn L here and continue for only a few metres to find a footpath continuing down on the RHS.	
Follow this down to a junction with finger post and turn L continuing down.	
Shortly after a small land slip area you reach a second junction with a sign indicating a mountain bike trail (orange circle and 2 triangles) where you again turn L.	1.8km, 25min
Drop down to reach an elaborate house on the RHS and join a road where you turn L.	2km, 27min
Immediately pass to the L of the large white building and walk out on a footpath that initially climbs and then drops to soon reach a tunnel.	
Walk through this (torches might be useful although it is level and normally quite dry) and continue of the track as it drops – now with the valley below you to the RHS.	
Continue along it until you meet the river where you turn round to the R and walk down the river.	2.6km, 35min
This is rough going across boulders, but only for a few metres, as the objective is to reach the pumping station visible on the opposite bank 100m or so down the river.	
When you reach this continue along the track.	
Pass a junction on the LHS and continue ahead to drop down and cross the river just beside a second pumping station building.	3.1km, 41min
Now you can look up high on your LHS to see a stunning rock ramp rising steadily uphill.	
Continue on the track until the layered rocks of the crag and the ramp almost meet you and here cross the river bed and make your way onto the ramp.	
Walk up this as best you can either finding the best line irrespective of the exposure on the LHS or sticking close to the crag on the RHS and fighting your way up the scree and through the bushes.	
In any event arrive at the top where the crag on the RHS breaks down and you are on open mountainside	3.6km, 53min
and here you can drift slightly R but still uphill with a small top appearing on your LHS.	
As you crest the ridge the path swings slightly L to pass this low top on the RHS and then you make your way over to a small level area.	4km, 59min
Continue ahead and slightly R initially on a very rocky footpath which twists and turns a little to reach a second shallow plateau where you initially continue ahead to find the path which soon drifts to the LHS of the ridge line and continues to climb.	

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<p>There are vague areas on this as it passes obstructions but if you hunt out the line you will arrive at a wooded col with a small rocky top on your RHS.</p> <p>Hunt out the biggest pine trunk here and find the path which turns L initially in trees and soon on open scree from where you cross a small spur and swing around to the R at the far side to climb again on the RH footpath fork into some woodland and then emerge again on a rocky path with occasional red and green paint marks to guide you.</p> <p>At the top of this small rock band you move L and level for a few metres through trees before again emerging on rough rocky ground with a clear line going up to your R.</p>	4.6km, 1hr 11min
<p>This zig-zags uphill to join a clearer mozarabic path which initially moves L.</p>	5km, 1hr 20min
<p>This crosses very rocky terrain and is tricky to follow in its zig-zags but if you hunt it out it will lead you to a rocky spur out on the L.</p>	5.2km, 1hr 24min
<p>Cross this directly to push your way through palms and bushes and find the continuing path working up to the R and below some imposing crags on the RHS.</p> <p>After initially being closer, the path continues ahead about 10-15m away from the crags.</p>	
<p>Continue uphill crossing a small area land slip to arrive at a col with a ruined walled corral and a small waterfall on your LHS if there is sufficient water (normally dry)</p>	5.6km, 1hr 32min
<p>Cross the stream bed and immediately turn uphill to the L following a line which quickly swings R and follows an eroded line up towards a col.</p>	5.8km, 1hr 36min
<p>At this col cross a ruined fence and immediately continue on the LHS on a broad track.</p> <p>This zig-zags down and crosses in front of several water troughs before continuing on the other side of the valley to run down and eventually reach a road/track.</p> <p>(GPX track takes a short cut to reach the road)</p>	
<p>Turn L here and continue for some time until you reach a house with a red roof on the RHS.</p>	7.8km, 1hr 54min
<p>Just before this turn R on a tarmac lane which descends to pass a footpath sign on the LHS (which you ignore) and a large finca with rooms to rent.</p> <p>Continue ahead on the track past the house and soon pass a set of ramshackle buildings and then a white caravan on the LHS after which you find a thin line on the LHS running across a terrace and then descending to the R to drop towards the yawning gap on your RHS. This section is tricky to follow, but you must emerge at the level terrace which you cross and walk between an overhanging boulder and a rocky floor improbably starting a spiral of descend among huge boulders (this is called the corkscrew!)</p> <p>You make your way down through these until near the bottom of the section with the biggest boulders you can emerge on a level terrace area and cross to the L and follow path down beside the crag on your LHS.</p>	
<p>This is poorly defined but eventually it reaches an area of scree where you join a Y/W path coming down towards you from the LHS. All of the difficult stretches are now behind you but considerable effort will still be required to finish the day's outing!</p>	8.8km, 2hr 10min
<p>Turn R and follow this path down quickly passing the fuente del Reinos and descending to the river bed.</p>	9.4km, 2hr 20min

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Follow this up to eventually join a track where you turn R.	10.5km, 2hr 43min
Walk up this track to a ruin on your LHS and turn L on the footpath to your L which immediately starts to descend to the next barranco bottom.	
Follow this all the way down to the valley floor and walk up a few metres of gravel in the river bed to pick up the Y?W path continuing to the L.	11.8km, 3hr 4min
This wends around the hill gently uphill to cross another barranco and then reaches a finger post where you turn R uphill.	12.1km, 3hr 8min
Now follow this all the way up the hill to finally crest the ridge and walk out to the R – still on the Y/W to reach the road.	13.8km, 3hr 35min
Turn L here and drop down to the village of Benimaurell, following the zig-zag L and R with finger post to Fleix and descending steeply past bars on either side of the road.	
At the bottom of this short descent pass between two buildings and then fork slightly L following the Y/W to pass by the wash house and fuente.	15km, 3hr 50min
Continue down this quiet road to pass the fuente at Fleix and then rise gently to r-join the main road and quickly reach the car park on the RHS.	
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	A route for experienced mountaineers only!

Route followed is outlined in Red

