

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Benirrama to Vall d'Ebo circuit	
Location of Start	Benirrama	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	15	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	680	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr22mins 6hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.830548 Long -0.196489	
Directions to Start	Take the CV700 from Pego past Adsibia and on up the Gallinera valley. Reach a turning on the L (CV170) to Benirrama. Bear R as you enter the village to parking area	
Short walk description	Mainly on good tracks/paths and country roads. Our walk begins and ends on a splendid mozarabic trail just outside Benirrama. Our route takes us to Vall d'Ebo via the Ebo gorge and back via the Solana del Garrofer traverse. Great views	
Full Walk Description	<p>Walk out of the village from the opposite end that you drove in, past "El Baret de la Vall" on your RHS and turn immediately R at the edge of the village onto a track with a large stout post on the corner signed "R3 Passet de Benirrama 1.5" and marked G/W. Bear R at fork and up to the end of the track. Proceed straight on for a few metres and go L onto a path that is flat at first then goes up to a track (8mins, 440m)</p> <p>Continue on this track to where a path joins on your RHS. (1min, 0.16km)</p> <p>Turn R onto this splendid mozarabic path, after a few metres pass through 3 stainless steel bollards and up you go to the top of the Forada ridge pass through another 3 stainless steel bollards and on for a few metres to where you meet a path intersection with a stout timber post. (15mins, 0.85km)</p>	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far

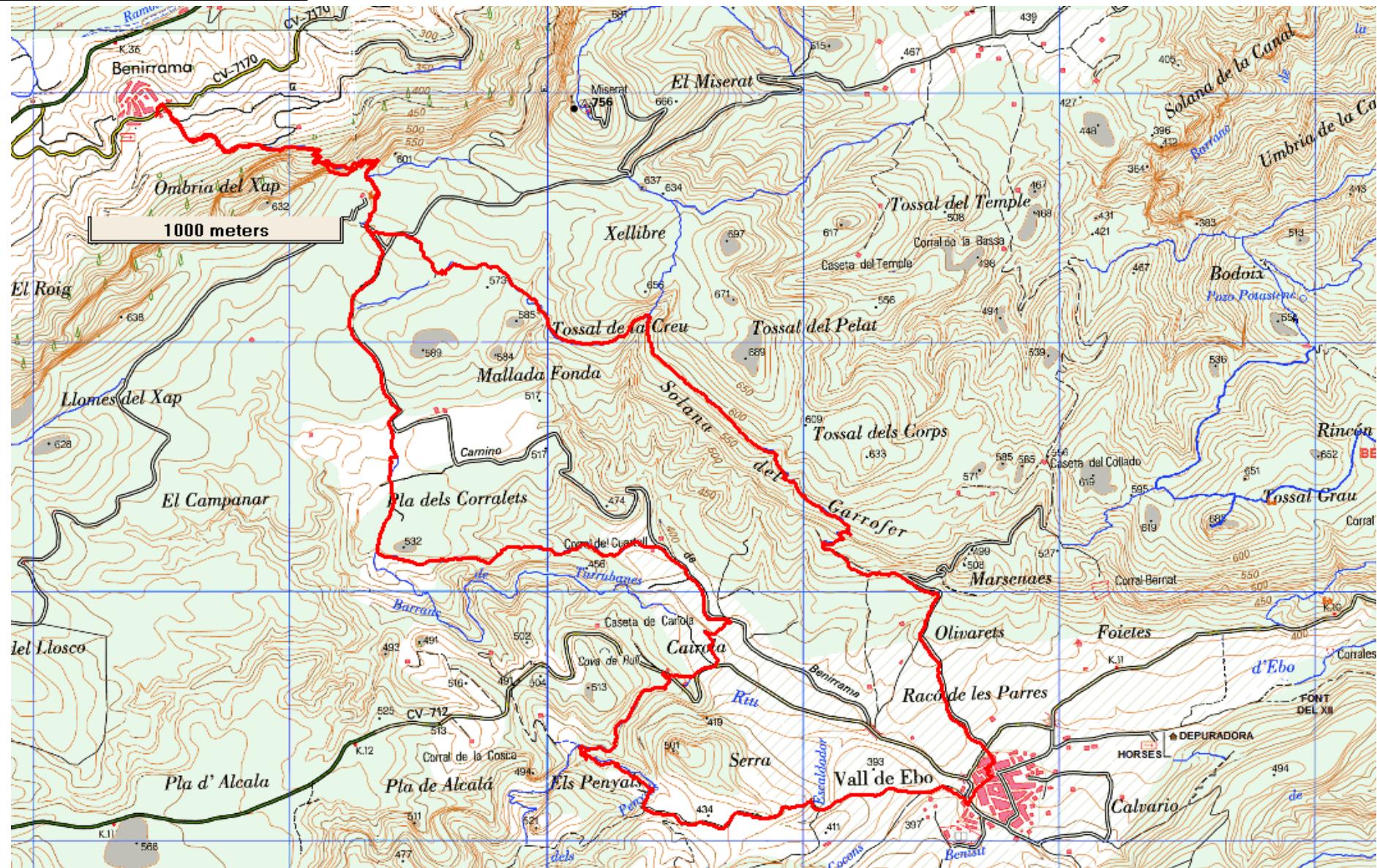
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Go straight on, continue past a ruin on your RHS down to a road and turn L. (marked Y/W) (5mins 0.26km)	29mins, 1.71km
After 30m take R fork down to a T junction where you turn R. At a sharp LH bend leave the road and go straight onto a drive going up to a house.(There is a path to the LHS of the drive but if this is overgrown, ignore the Y/W cross and go down the drive.) Just before you get to the house turn L off the drive to give the house a wide berth and re-join the path up to the pool. (13mins, 1.08km)	42mins, 2.79km
Proceed anticlockwise around the pool, through a gap in the hedge onto a path, past a building on your RHS up to a track. Continue straight on past bee hives on the RHS (maybe no longer there) and just after a house on your RHS go L at the fork. (6mins, 0.40km)	48mins, 3.19km
After a short distance turn L off track after first terrace (track you just left runs parallel at first) down path, across a flat cultivated area (sometimes) keeping to the RHS, if possible, and leave this area on the RH corner. (3mins, 0.19km)	51mins, 3.38km
Continue down path (sparsely marked now - SO CONCENTRATE). Pass a small building on your RHS (km3.89) on down into a water course. (20mins, 0.85km)	1hr11mins, 4.23km
Leave water course on the LHS after 60m, pick up a track going through olive orchards to a road where you turn R. (house opposite named El Pantano). (5mins, 0.32km)	1hr16mins, 4.55km
Go down this road; ignore a concrete surfaced track on your LHS after 400m, over a dip in the road where a water course crosses to where a small track, little used, joins on your RH side (building on LHS which is difficult to see when you arrive at the track so keep an eye open as you walk down the road.) (5mins, 0.45km)	1hr21mins, 5km
(If, for whatever reason, you wish to shorten the walk do not turn R here but continue down the road to the main road. Turn L here then after a few metres turn L again on a country road and up to where another road joins on your RHS. From here you follow the direction given later from 2hr25mins, 9.10km)	
Take this track to its end at a terrace. (2mins, 0.14km)	1hr23mins, 5.14km
Go sharp L and through the terrace to a small gully. (1min, 0.06km) Turn R and follow the gully on your LHS up 20m to a stone retaining wall and turn L, cross the gully and through another terrace (small stone retaining wall on your RHS) for about 100m to the main road. (2mins, 0.18km)	1hr25mins, 5.32km
Turn R up road. After a short distance the road bends to the left. You go straight on here leaving the road (building ahead) over open ground, turn R after 20m and up to arrive back at the road between two ruined buildings. (5mins, 0.24km)	1hr30mins, 5.56km
The path you now want is on the opposite side of the road. Climb over or walk around the traffic safety barrier (Armco) cross the road and proceed along the path opposite. (occasional pink/red dots mark your route) Ignore the two paths that leave on your RHS, swing to the L and down into the valley. (13mins, 0.69km)	1hr43mins, 6.25km
Turn L just before the barranco and follow the path with the barranco on your RHS. (occasional G/W markings now as well as the pink/red dots) The path now drops down and crosses the barranco. (8mins, 0.29km)	1hr51mins, 6.54km

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<p>Continue up the other side to a concrete covered track with a building on your RHS. Go L onto this track and down to a road where you turn L. Stay on this road, past "Font de la Serra" on your LHS and on to Vall d'Ebo (21mins, 1.63km)</p>	<p>2hr12mins, 8.17km</p>
<p>At the T junction go R for 20m then L up a ramp, and enter the village. Turn L at the cross roads then after 10m turn R and continue to a staggered cross road with "Bar La Placa" on the corner. Turn L here and then after a short distance go R then L down to the main road. Go straight across and up the road opposite, marked Y/W to a T junction and turn R. (13mins, 0.93km)</p>	<p>2hr25mins, 9.10km</p>
<p>Continue up the road (ignore the path that joins on your RHS after 3mins) until it turns sharp R and take the track that goes straight on. (ignore Y/W cross) Continue up this track and turn R up a rarely used path approx 30m after a ruin on your LHS covered in creeper. (11mins, 0.73km)</p>	<p>2hr36mins, 9.83km</p>
<p>Pass an old fig tree then an almond both on your LHS, up to the next tree which you go around and R. Follow the rarely used path up to a near sheer cliff. (2mins, 0.10km)</p>	<p>2hr38mins, 9.93km</p>
<p>The path here bears R and zig zags up to join a path marked with two cairns. Turn L onto this path which traverses around the mountain. Just before a small clump of trees the path zig zags first to the R and then back round to the L. Ignore the path that joins on your RHS a few metres after a cairn and press on. Towards the end of this traverse the path becomes a little more difficult underfoot and follows the line of a gully coming up on your LHS. The land now flattens out and you continue pressing on in the same direction following animal tracks. Keep a little to the R as you enter an area of unkempt/dead trees and continue on a better path now to an old ruin. Take the track through the corral area, out the other side and up to the road. (1hr, 2.99km)</p>	<p>3hr38mins, 12.92km</p>
<p>Turn L onto this road. Ignore the two roads that join on your LHS and proceed to where a path joins on your RHS. (2mins, 0.15km)</p>	<p>3hr40mins, 13.07km</p>
<p>Turn R onto this path. You now follow the route you came up earlier. Go past a ruin on your LHS bear a little to the L up to the cross paths with the stout post. Proceed straight on to the mozarabic path and down to a track. Turn L onto this track to it's end then pick up a path that takes you down to a track. Turn R and down you go back to the cars. (42mins, 1.83km)</p>	<p>4hr22mins, 14.90km</p>
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>AVOID WEEKENDS OR FIESTA DAYS AS PARKING IS RESTRICTED</p>

Route followed is outlined in Red



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