

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Serra dels Plans	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	La Torre de les Maçanes	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13.7 km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	647m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4 hours 10 minutes walking 5 hours including stops	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.610284,Long: -0.419893	
Directions to Start	<p>On the CV-780 bypassing La Torre de les Maçanes there are several signposts to Relleu CV-782. You want to take the most northerly of these, which leads down Avinguda País Valencia to a roundabout. The parking is on the road (Partida Masset) on your right just before the roundabout, but because that road is one way you have to go right at the roundabout, then take next right, then right again (passing on your left a signboard with walking routes marked on it) to come back on yourself.</p>	
Short walk description	A great walk with fantastic views from up top.	
Full Walk Description	<p>This is a really satisfying walk which as the PR-CV 232 is well signposted and easy to navigate. The climb up is amply rewarded by the fantastic views all around from the top.</p> <p>Some of the stretches up and down are fairly steep with the odd short slippery section, but there are no vertiginous parts or need for scrambling.</p> <p>The description below follows the walk in an anticlockwise direction.</p> <p>From the parking area go back to the roundabout, and go straight across. (This is the road you'd be on if you'd driven down to the roundabout and turned left instead of right). Go up the road about 150m until before a right hand bend and between two sections of barrier you see a yellow and white marker on a signpost pointing to Cim dels Plans. Go down this track on the left. (Point A, 3 mins). Continue along this track. Just past a sizeable old electricity building keep straight on</p>	<p>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</p> <p>3 mins, 200m</p>

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<p>across a river bed to a path. (There's a yellow/white sign on a tree on the far side of the river bed). (Point B, 3 mins).</p>	6 mins, 400m
<p>Go along the path as it widens to a track, bending to the left and then going straight. Continue straight until you arrive at a junction of tracks. There's a path off to the left which joins a track, but you turn right. There's a yellow/white sign on a telegraph pole opposite. (Point C, 7 mins).</p>	13 mins, 1 km
<p>Continue along this track (ignoring a track off to the left beside a pylon) until you reach the main CV-780 road from La Torre de les Maçanes to Benifallim. (Point D, 14 mins).</p>	27 mins, 1.9 km
<p>Turn right along the road, signposted to Cim dels Plans. Continue along the main road for about 400m until you come to a road on the right, with a sign Mas Els Castellans. The start of your path proper up the hill starts just after this, on the LHS of the road, just before the main road bends to the right. (Point E, 8 mins).</p>	35 mins, 2.3 km
<p>Turn left off the road and take the path up the hillside, signposted Cim dels Plans PR-CV-232. The path is quite steep and eroded in parts. The path climbs straight for a while, and then bends to the left, passing to the right of a spine of small rocky pinnacles. After that it bends round to the right, following the right hand side of a shallow barranco. Continue to where the path seems to cross the barranco, and there's a T-junction with a path to the right at point F. (30 mins)</p>	1h 5mins, 3.3km
<p>Turn right at this T-junction up the path, confirmed by a Y/W flash on a rock on your RHS about 10m further up. Looking uphill to your left you see the dome of a nevera which is your next port of call. Continue along the path until about 25m before an electricity pylon you take a path sweeping round a left-hand curve, and join a track which leads you up to the nevera. A comfortable log beside the nevera is a good place to stop for some refreshments. (Point G, 13 mins)</p>	1h 18mins, 3.9km
<p>From the nevera take the path signposted Cim dels Plans 1.2km, now primarily following blue/white flashes on the path. Keep following the blue/white and yellow/white flashes (at one point bearing left) as you traverse upwards with the hillside on your RHS, and views opening out on your left. Arrive at the top of this path upwards (Point H) (15 mins).</p>	1h 33mins, 4.6km
<p>Turn sharp right and follow the path to the trig point at the summit (Cim dels Plans) to enjoy the great views (Point I, 15 mins)</p>	1h 48mins, 5.2km
<p>Return back down from the summit, but taking the broader track on the right rather than the track you took on the way up. The well-defined track now leads you along the top of this broad ridge. About 500m down from the summit arrive at a signpost showing Montagut 6.6km, La Torre 11.8km (Point J, 8 mins).</p>	1h 56mins, 5.7km
<p>Continue straight on towards Montagut, descending gently. About 400m later you take a small rise on the RHS (Y/W flash) where the track splits, and encounter a large cairn 20m further on and a track joining from the left. (Point K, 6 mins)</p> <p>If you miss this rise on the right then you'll arrive at a T-junction. Ignore the track going down on the left and instead turn right – this will bring you back to the cairn and the correct track.</p>	2h 2mins, 6.1km
<p>Continue descending gently along the main track. You pass an area down on your RHS which is fenced off.</p>	

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<p>After this there are a couple of paths marked with cairns which you can take as shortcuts, but you then come back onto the main track on the RHS. The track descends more steeply for a while, then shallows out and you arrive at a col with paths left and right, and cairns. (Point L, 25 mins)</p>	<p>2h 27mins, 7.4km</p>
<p>Keep straight on at the col and after about 50m take a path climbing upwards on the RHS. You'll see a Y/W flash on a tree between the track and the path. A little further up the path you can either go the longer way round a bend, or straight up to cut the corner. A Y/W flash assures you that you're still on the right way. Continue up the path to the top (Cerro del Raco de Chamarra) where there's a cairn and a small clump of oaks. (Point M, 12 mins). The track you were previously following now rejoins you on the left.</p>	<p>2h 39mins, 8.1km</p>
<p>Continue past the trees on your right onto a path which starts gently downhill, along the left hand side of the ridge. After about 30m you join the track which appears from the right, turning left onto this track and following it for about 10 minutes to an obvious junction where there's a signpost. (Point N, 12 mins). This is the start of the route down.</p>	<p>2h 51mins, 9.1km</p>
<p>Turn left downhill, following the sign to Montagut and La Torre. After about 500m turn left at a signpost, pointing to Montagut / La Torre, and continuing to follow the Y/W flashes. The path skirts round the head of a couple of valleys, and reaches the entrance of an old mine (Point O, 14 mins)</p>	<p>3h 5mins, 9.9km</p>
<p>Continue down the path to reach the Corral dels Matets (Point P, 18 mins)</p>	<p>3h 23mins, 10.8km</p>
<p>Take the left hand path signposted to La Torre. The path leads down a barranco to reach a tarmac road at point Q (16 mins).</p>	<p>3h 39mins, 11.6km</p>
<p>Turn left along the tarmac road (sp La Torre). After about 6 mins where the road bends to the left, go straight ahead along a track signposted to La Torre. Continue straight down the same track (with Y/W markers) where there's another track which bends round to the left, and another track on the right with a chain across it. About 60m later take a furrow left. It's signposted to a Casa Rural, and there is a Y/W marker, but partially obscured by vegetation. Round the next corner you think your way is going to be barred by big red gates ahead, but you climb up left onto a path marked with Y/W, which then joins the tarmac road coming down from the left. About 500m down this tarmac road you reach a point where the road bends right, and there's the start of a concrete track straight ahead. (Point R, 20 mins).</p>	<p>3h 59mins, 12.9km</p>
<p>Go down the concrete track which leads down to the main CV-780 road. From here it's a matter of negotiating your way through the town back to your car, aided by Y/W markers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cross the main road and go diagonally left, sp centre urbà (Y/W marker on low breezeblock wall on RHS) • take a concrete track on the LHS by a no entry signed marked with Y/W • At Villa Maria stay right • Ignore a concrete path going down right and instead reach a main road • Turn right at the main road, and just round the bend to the left you can see up ahead the signboard with the walking routes marked • Your parking is just beyond. (11 mins) 	<p>4h 10mins, 13.7km</p>
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Web link to GPS file (if appropriate)</p>	<p>http://es.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=13273643</p>

Route followed is outlined in Red

