## COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKS

**BOLULLA. CIRCUIT TO NORTH WEST.** 

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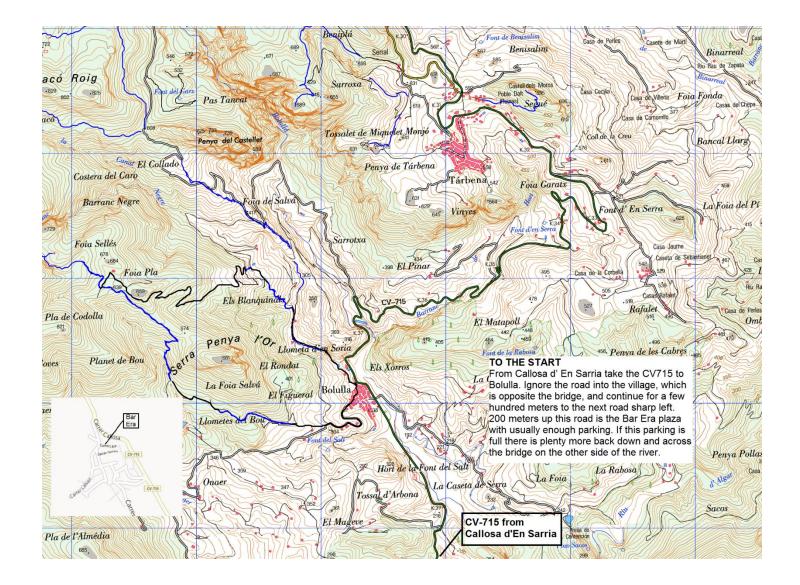
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A satisfying circular walk including a little known old mule path to a lunch stop at Foia Selles with its spectacular 360 degree views and ending at the Bar Era. A mix of good paths tracks and surfaced roads.



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THE WALK.

UNDERLINED LETTERS ARE MAP REFERENCES.

Total distance and % of walk completed based on total time

1.1km 10%

1.9km 20%

2.4km 26%

3.9km 44%

4.3km 51%

4.7km 57%

7.1km 79%

The walk starts at the Bar Era in Bolulla, (generally enough parking in the morning). Walk a short way down the road leading **S.** Take the first **R** to the **T**-junction of C. Calvari. Turn **L** (**W**) up C. Calvari and follow the tarmac road past casa Crisha & casa Capelettes. Continue up passing mesh fences on your **LHS** to reach a **Y** junction and a metal post marked with red and blue arrows **A**. (16mins 1.1km)

Follow the direction of the arrows and walk up **LH** concrete road for a few paces to find cairn on **RHS** marking start of the old mule path to the "Pinnacle". This old path used to be very overgrown but has now been cleared and waymarked with red dots. It skirts the **N** side of a small valley to arrive at a track with cairn **B**. (Shady stop) (15min. .8km)

Turn L (W) along track for some 400metres through old plastics (shredded fruit tree covers). Track bears L and then in a few meters bears R to pass ruined casita on LHS. Carry on passing a roofless concrete hut on RHS and soon reach a wide area at the foot of a barranco with prominent pinnacle of rock  $\underline{C}$ . (10min. 0.5km)

(The track goes on to Callosa and you can drive to within a kilometer of the Pinnacle, see map, so a good in & out walk up to Foia Selles can be made from here).

Leave the track and on the **R (NNW)** find a good path winding up on the east side of the barranco to eventually reach a cross track **D**. (*This path is marked by various colored way markers*) (28min 1.5km)

Turn L and in a few meters find a path going up R. Follow this path up to the top of Foia Selles for a lunch stop with magnificent views **E**. **(10min 0.4km)** (*The old path Continues up the rough Barranco Negre to Morro Blau and on to Font de Teja*).

Retrace your steps back to the track D. (10min 0.4km)

Turn L follow the track which soon passes a stone coral on your LHS. Continue down the track eventually passing a stone shelter on your LHS. Ignore next track off R. Arrive at a cross track F. (34min 2.4km)

Turn sharp **R**, (*This track leads to a small farmhouse*). After a couple of minutes look carefully for a path going down **L** at the beginning of an olive bancale. (*This path is marked by a blue dot and is about 50 meters before arriving at farmhouse*). On the first bancale turn **L** and follow path down to a track. (**6min 0.4km**)

Turn **R** and continue to arrive at a 4-way junction **G**. Continue straight on to a corner with a cairn. Drop down the bank to a large pine tree and two cairns marking the start of a mule path down . **(2min .1km)** 

Wind down the mule path to the bottom near a concrete road. The path goes around the flat area before going up slightly **R** to reach the road at twin cairns **H**. **(10min .4km)** 

Turn R and follow road back to the Bar Era. (15min ).9km)

7.5km 83%

7.6km 84%

8km 90%

8.9km 100%

