COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk Font de Vivens **Location of Start** Jijona/Xixona

To the N of the village on Calle Ibi outside the Jijon SA

factory

Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km 15.5km

Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m 820m Highest point 1,150m

Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops

4.33 hrs walking time5.5 hrs completion time

Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW S/A (

system)

S/A (based on height gain)

Grid reference of start point (if known) Lat:- 38.547796, Long -0.50997

Directions to StartLeave Jijona towards Tibi on CV810. approx 0.7 km

after traffic lights for narrow road, on a sharp left hand bend turn right into Calle Ibi. Y/W on lamppost and signs to Fonts. Follow road around to the L and Park outside the factory (Jijona SA) at the end of the road.

Short walk description PRV 112 Font de Vivens is a picnic site, reached by

climbing up a barranco, returning down a different

barranco. Y/W marked all the way.

Full Walk Description Elapsed
Walking
Time/Distance

so far

Return back down along the road for 50m, and turn left on a narrow road with a sign to Font de Roset. Turn R after Els Delfins, drop to cross a small stream and at the top of the opposite bank turn L onto a tarmac road still following Y/W signs. A track off to the right is signposted, and after 250m reach a house with 2 no-entry signs.

20 mins

35 mins

Take the left of the 2 signed routes, and keep on to Font de Roset. There are several forks along the way but you must follow the Y/W markers to arrive at the Font.

Go straight on after the picnic site at the Font ignoring the L fork to reach an old water

55 mins

pump station. Immediately after the building there is a steep path leading off sharp R signposted Salt del Moro. Climb up to a junction, and swing left. Arrive at a signpost and head for Font de Vivens and Barranco Castalla. Cross a small water pipe. The route 1hr 10 mins follows a plastic water pipe, at first closely and later at a distance.

At a fork go L, and then climb some rocks off to the R. Continue up the riverbed, climbing over some small waterfalls (normally dry), and then higher on the left bank of 2hr 5 mins

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the barranco. A steep, unrelenting climb.

At the top, the path levels out and joins a road. Turn R on the road for 250m, and then turn L on a signposted path just past a large sign board and then almost immediately taking the R fork in the footpath, climbing through trees. Reach a crossroads by a pylon just below the summit of Alto de la Martina, the highest point on the walk.

2hrs 30 mins.

Go straight over and continue down to Font de Vivens recreation area. A good place for lunch.

2hr 50 mins 3hr 10 mins

Leave the picnic area by the concrete road almost due N, climbing steadily. Straight on at the crossroads. After 1.6km of road, arrive at a T junction with a big sign about the renovation of the area. Turn R for 100m, then at a RH bend take the second track from the L.

4hr 20 mins

Virtually straight on with waymarks with a fingerpost pointing to Salt del Moro. At the first junction turn L by a cairn and a PRV112 sign.

A long descent down the side of a barranco. At the bottom, cross the barranco left and turn R uphill.

4hr 50 mins

Don't miss the interesting rock formations up on the left, and the cliffs ahead.

5 hr

Descend L to a hillock, continuing straight on the RHS. At the next junction there is a signpost. Turn R, signposted Font de Rosset. After a few minutes arrive at the crossroads of the outward route. Turn L for the font. Swing left at the early junction and descend to the pump house.

5hr 15 mins

From here the return follows the outward route. It is signed Y/W but you must be vigilant to see them.

Turn left for the font, then keep on.

Take a left fork uphill for the house with 2 no-entry signs.

5hr 30 mins

Go down the track, turn L on the road, then R on a track by a Y/W mark on the telegraph pole. Cross the stream, go L on the road, then R at the end to return to the cars.

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Make time to admire the surroundings, especially the rock formations. Plenty of shade.

Map on next page

Route followed is outlined in Red

