

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Lliber Castell D'Aixa circuit	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Lliber River bed immediately before traffic lights on Jalon side.	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	16	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	450	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	4.5hr 5hr	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/A	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 38.74307, Long: 0.00312	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From Jalon drive on the CV748 towards Lliber. Just before the village cross the short bridge over the concrete channel and immediately turn down L (not into the apartment blocks). Park where you can along this channel.	
<b>Short walk description</b>	Although the ruins of the Castell itself are not impressive the walk to and from it is one of the most popular with our group of walkers. You start by crossing the shallow river Jalon, which generally has water in it here before it disappears underground further downstream. Then up a good old mule track to a pleasant resting place at a casita in an almond orchard followed by a mountain path to the "shoulder" Penyes Blanques, an outlier of Aixa. From here an optional detour to the col below the castle and on to the summit at 607meters	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>		<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Walk along track passing the red cliffs to arrive at depuradora (water works).		8 min, 0.7km
At end of fence, turn <b>L</b> and walk along fence. Before end of fence spot path on opposite side of riverbed and work your way there.		10min, 0.8km
There are many side paths at start, but watch for small cairns marking correct		

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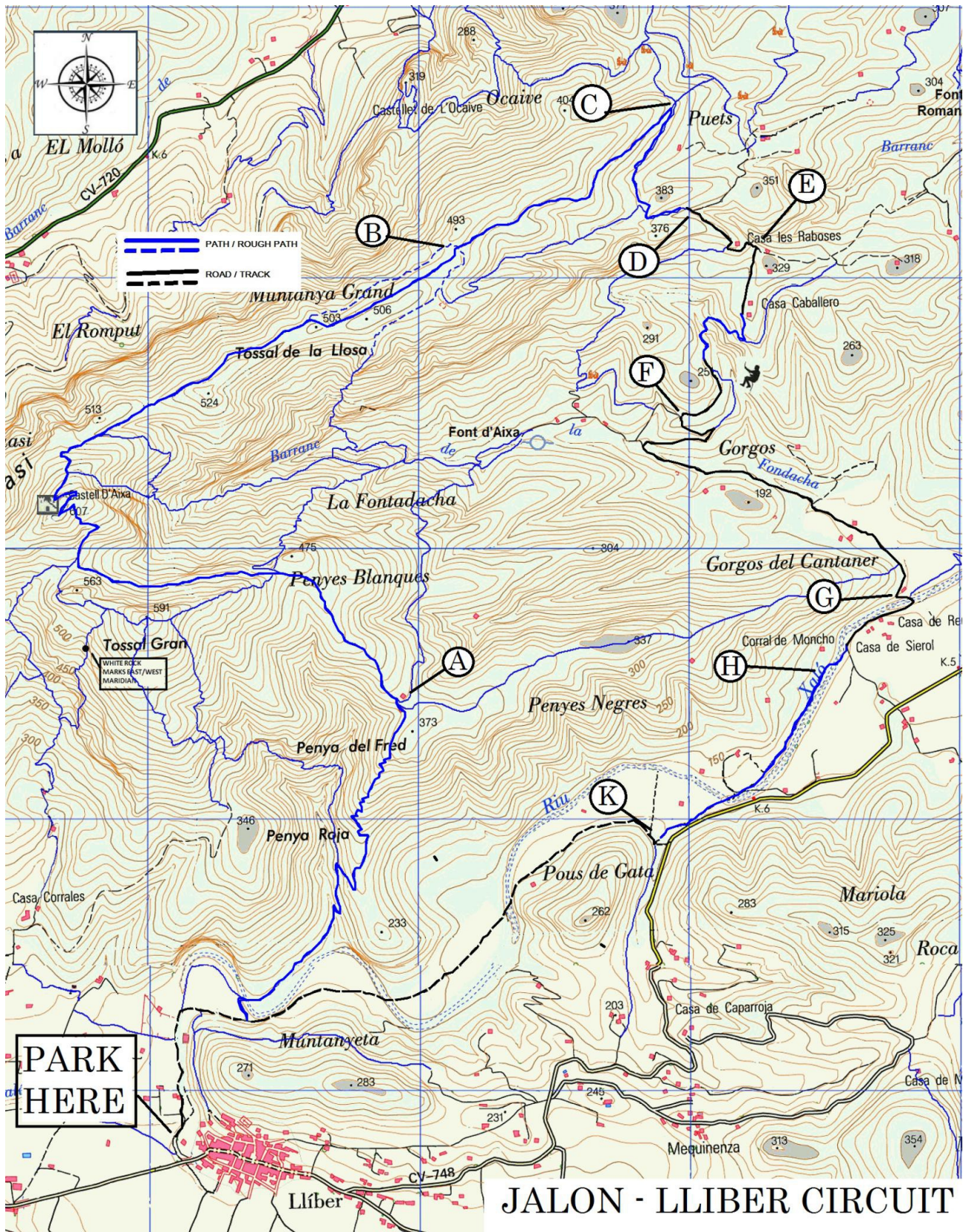
<p>way (don't bear <b>R</b>). Zig zag up the mule path which crosses from one side of the "crest" to the other before finally settling for the <b>W</b> side and reaching the end of the mule path at a small ruined casita <b>A</b> in almond groves.</p>	<p>57min, 2.6km</p>
<p>From behind the casita a path goes up <b>L</b> . Continue up the path, which bears <b>L</b> to reach the shoulder of Penyes Blanques (<i>see map</i>).</p>	<p>1hr 14min, 3.3km</p>
<p>Take path which clearly contours the mountainside on your <b>L</b> and takes you to the col below the summit with its ruined castle just visible. From the col the path to the summit is visible going <b>R</b> up the crags and then <b>L</b> to the summit.</p>	<p>2hr 8min, 5.5km</p>
<p>From summit continue along path <b>NE</b> ignoring path off <b>R</b> to arrive at rough crosspath <b>B</b>.</p>	<p>2hr 47min, 7.6km</p>
<p>Continue straight on passing ruins to arrive at sharp <b>R</b> bend with path going straight on <b>C</b>. (This path straight on leads to Pedreguer)</p>	<p>3hr 8min, 8.6km</p>
<p>Take path sharp <b>R</b> to concrete track <b>D</b>.</p>	<p>3hr 32min, 9.3km</p>
<p>Bear <b>R</b> down Track to arrive at junction <b>E</b>. Now continue along path to signpost then turn back <b>R</b> along marked paths</p>	<p>3hr 36min, 9.6km</p>
<p>Turn <b>R</b> down track to arrive at path straight on.</p>	<p>3hr 39min, 9.8km</p>
<p>Continue down path to arrive at crosstrack <b>F</b>.</p>	<p>3hr 54min, 10.75km</p>
<p>Turn <b>L</b> down track. Continue down track to arrive at dry riverbed <b>G</b>. Cross river via track and take rough track which skirts riverbed, crosses and climbs to opposite bank <b>H</b>.</p>	<p>4hr 24min, 12.9km</p>
<p>Turn <b>L</b> and walk along bancales (<i>ignore "no trespassing sign – everyone does"</i>). Cross riverbed again and arrive at track <b>K</b>.</p>	<p>4hr 35min, 13.9km</p>
<p>Take track <b>R</b> and continue, crossing fiord and arriving back at depuradora and back to car(s).</p>	<p>5hr 9min,</p>
<p>Spanish maps included within these descriptions are provided courtesy of the Spanish IGN and remain © Instituto Geográfico Nacional</p>	
<p><b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b></p>	<p>None</p>

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Blue



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