

# COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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**Title of Walk** T0SSAL de GRAU CIRCUIT (A)

**Location of Start** La Nucia

**Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km** 7km. – 9km.

**Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m** 460mtrs.

**Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops** 2 ½ hrs.  
3 hrs.

**Key Statistics for walk - Grade** E/A

**Grid reference of start point** 747106E 4275566N

## **Directions to Start**

From La Nucia drive south along the CV70 towards Benidorm to Km.44. Immediately after the sign turn **R** and zero your odometer. Drive along the surfaced road with Montebello urbanization on your **L** and a new urbanization across the barranco on your **R**. for approx 0.9 km to reach a roundabout. Go straight across this roundabout and continue until reaching a Y junction. Take the right hand fork which is a track that is rough in parts, pass a Casa on your **L** with blue domed roofs and continue for a further 2.5km to where a track goes off down **L** to a ruin, a total of 3.4 km from the CV70. This junction is the start and there is parking for several cars.

*Note: After the blue Casa the track up to the start becomes very rough in places but is passable. If it proves too rough for your vehicle there are plenty of spots to pull off, park and walk the rest of the way to the start.*

## **Short walk description**

### **Full Walk Description**

The valley between Puig Campana to the West and Ponocho to the North is very beautiful and, considering its proximity to the tourist areas, surprisingly unfrequented. The views of the mountains are excellent and from an unusual viewpoint. Puig Campana resembles a volcano while Ponocho reveals its massive bulk and stupendous cliffs. Climbers and walkers flock to the Collado del Pouet from Finestraat on their way to the summit or to circle Puig Campana but very few explore the tracks and paths to the S.E. below. Views to the south of Benidorm etc are interesting but distant enough to be unobtrusive when concentrating on the Mediterranean beyond.

Although this is a short walk it is steep. 90% on good tracks, some of which are muddy after heavy rain, and 10 % on a rough path.

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### LA NUCIA AREA - TOSSAL de GRAU CIRCUIT (A)

**THE START.** Altitude 430 meters.

**Note that times quoted are walking time only and do not include any rest stops or lunch breaks. Underlined letters represent map references**

**Elapsed Walking Time/  
Distance so far**

The sidetrack down to the ruin is your return. Instead you walk up the main track (**WNW**) to a junction with a signpost **A**. (**8min. .5km**)

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Take the **LH** track up in the direction of Cami de Morgoig to soon cross a barrier and continue (**NW**) to a Track of **R** with a second signpost **B** (Slightly burnt in 2009) . (**14min.**)

**22min 1.4km**

Take this **RH** track which contours around the head of a small barranco and then climbs steeply up **R** and then curves around **L**, ignoring several minor tracks off which service Almond bancales, to meet another track at a water tank **C**. There is a finca nearby on your **L** (**20min.**)

**42min 3.0km**

Take the **RH** track up (**NW**) past a cement foundation and almost immediately, at a fork, take the **R** track up to reach a Y junction. The short track **R** leads to a ruin **D** on your **RHS**. (This makes a pleasant and shady stop). (**8min.**)

**50min 3.3km**

At this Y junction we continue **L (NW)** along the main track, which drops and passes a track off up **R**, which you ignore. Almost immediately after ignore a track off sharp **L** and continue around the head of the barranco to a junction with a main track **E**. (**12min.**)

**1h 2min 4.1km**

Turn **R** and stay on the main track which goes up steeply to arrive at the Collado del Pouet with its prominent flat boulder and sign posts **F**. (If you skip this sidetrip, go to "AFTERCOLL") (**18min.**)

**1h 20min 5.0km**

At the Collado tracks meet. Straight on down to Finestrat, up **L** to the summit of Campana or the Campana circuit path and a path off **R** to Collado del Llam.

However we return on the track on which we arrived down to junction (**15min.**) .

**1h 35min 5.9km**

### **AFTERCOLL**

Continue along the main track, passing an ancient fenced off stone oven **G** that was used to produce Cal (Lime), a popular building material before cement was invented. Arrive at two tracks close together **H** on the **RHS** of a sharp **LH** bend. (There is a finca visible on your **L**). (**13min.**)

**1h 48min 6.7km**

Take the second, lower minor track (looks more like a path) off **R** around a sharp **LH** bend to a shallow col where the track divides **K**. (**15min.**)

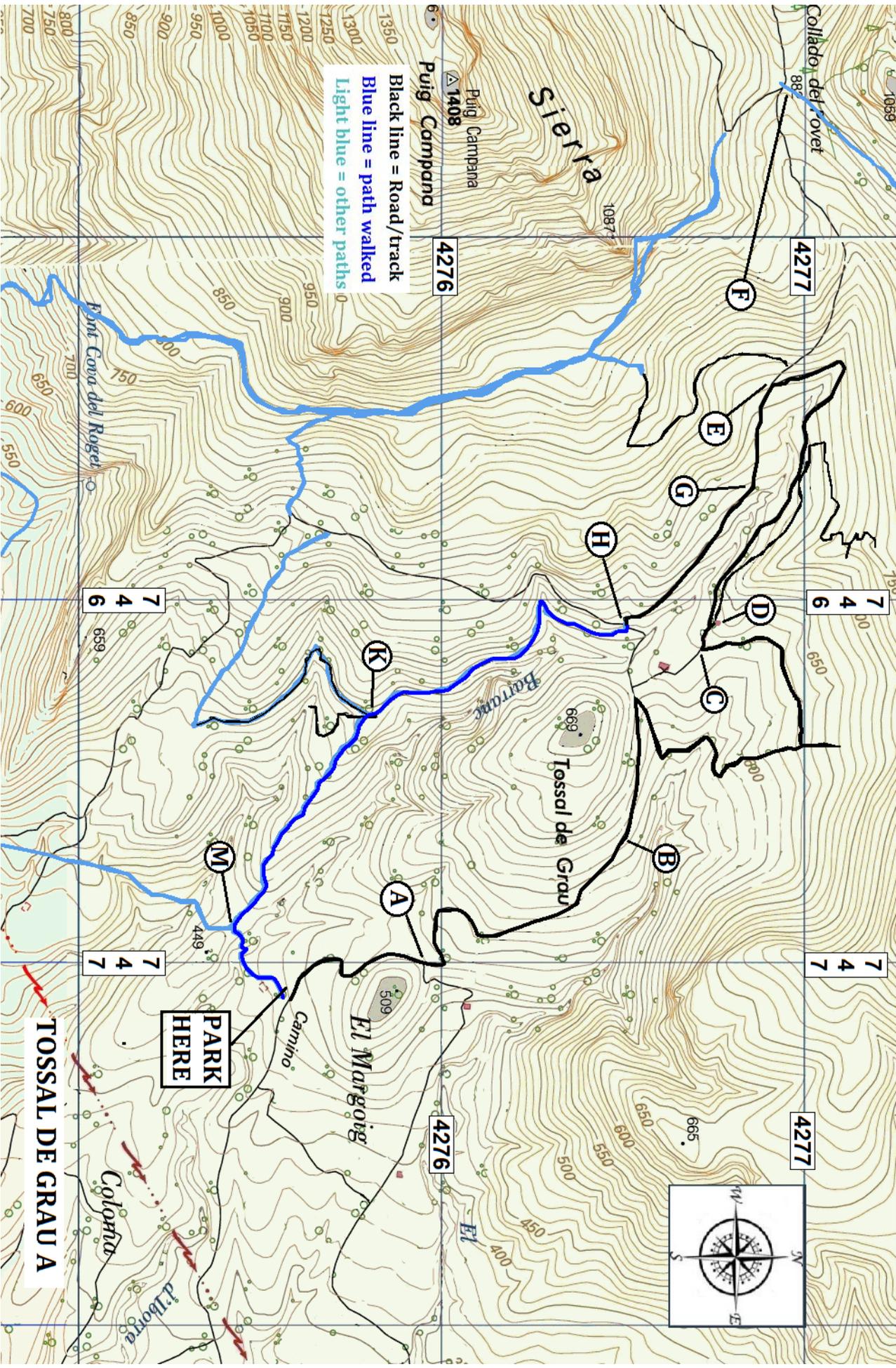
**2h 3min 7.7km**

Ignore the track going straight on down and the other going up **R** and find a path going **L** over the crest of the small knoll. Continue along this path which goes steeply down the crest of the rounded ridge to a shallow col with lone pine and cross paths **M**. (**13min**)

**2h 16min 8.4km**

Do not go straight on but take the path down **L** to cross a streambed and continue up the other bank to meet a track, which passes a ruin and returns you to your car(s). (**5min.**)

**2h 21min 8.7km**



**TOSSAL DE GRAU A**

**PARK  
HERE**