

# COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKS

## LA NUCIA AREA Puig Campana East from Els Amanellos

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Els Amanellos - Part of Puig Campana Circuit. – Tossal del Grau- Els Amanellos.

### WALK STATS:

**Complete walk: DISTANCE** 10.4km - **WALKING TIME** 3hrs. – **ASCENT** 580mtrs.- **GRADE** MS

**Short version: DISTANCE** 9.4km - **WALKING TIME** 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

*(Walking time only - add time for breaks and lunch)*

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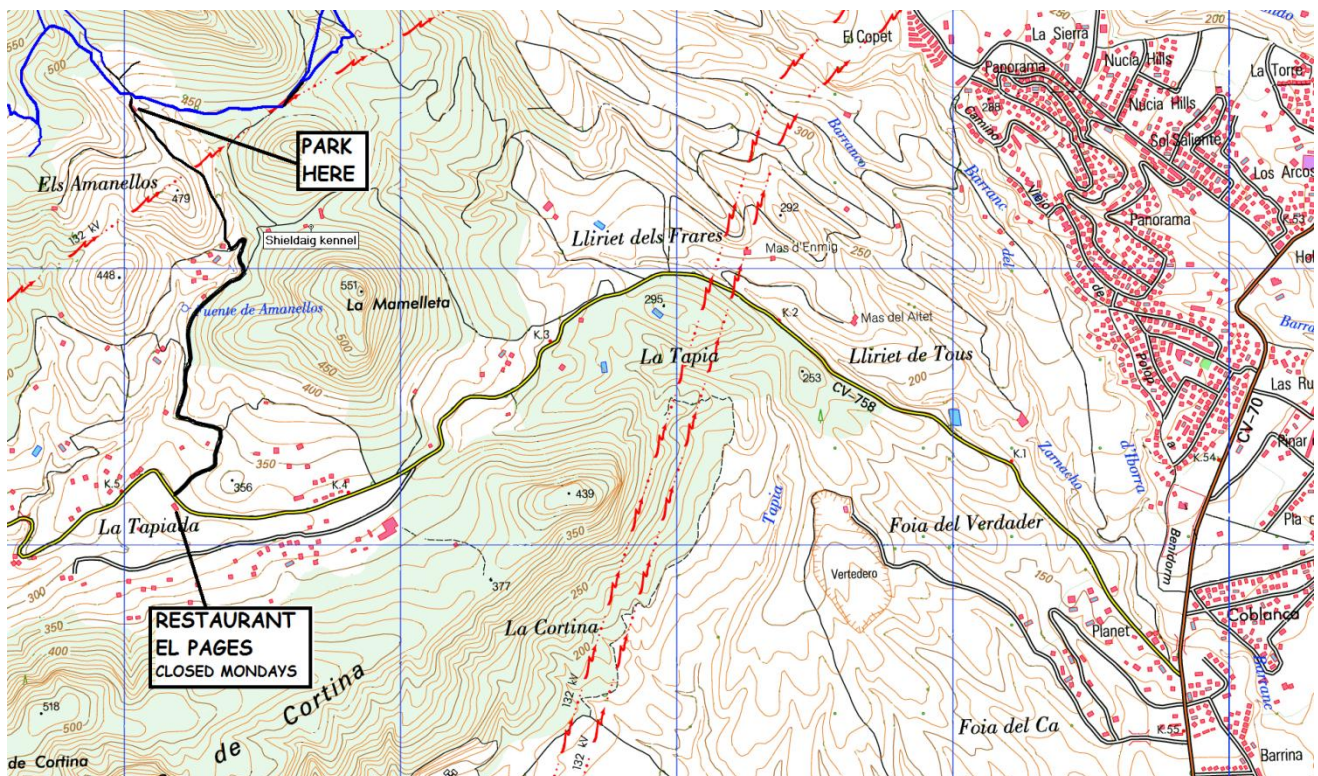
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### DESCRIPTION

This walk starts in the valleys below the impressive Puig Campana. Then it climbs to link with part of the well known circuit of the Puig Campana but going anti-clockwise reveals different views. Descends again to a valley with grand views of Ponoch, circuits the Tossal del Grau and follows the charming Barranco del Lliuret back to the start.

### TO THE START

From the CV-70 take the CV-758 towards Finistrat. Drive 3.8km and take minor paved road R opposite restaurant El Pages. Follow signs towards Shildaig Kennels. At paved “Y” junction (with sign to kennels) take L fork to end of pavement (see map). Park a few meters further on. Room for 5-6 cars.



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### THE WALK.

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**UNDERLINED LETTERS ARE MAP REFERENCES.**

	Total distance and % of walk completed based on total time
Walk up a few meters to a cross track. Take the now unused overgrown track going off <b>L</b> (West). It is marked by a cairn and now looks more like a path. Follow this track/path which climbs steeply to arrive at a clear crosspath <b>A</b> . (9mins .5km)	.5km 5%
Take path going down <b>L</b> . Arrive at pine in middle of path with path going off <b>L</b> (which you ignore) and a few meters further on take path going up <b>R</b> marked by a Y/W flash <b>B</b> . (6mins .4km)	.9km 8%
Follow this path which is marked by occasional red dots to arrive at crosspath <b>C</b> . (15mins .7km)	1.6km 16%
Turn <b>R</b> . You are now on the well defined circuit path of the Puig Campana. Follow this well-worn circuit path. The path climbs very steeply to reach a post <b>D</b> . (26mins 1.1km)	2.7km 30%
Now the going is a little easier. When you reach the burnt area start looking for a path going off <b>R</b> <b>E</b> . It is marked by a cairn and is recognizable by a large bolder with a Y/W cross painted on it about 10 meters off the circuit path. (22min 1.3km)	4km 42%
<i>(For the shorter version of this walk) 2014 UPDATE This shortcut is now very difficult due to fallen trees. Longer version recommended.</i>	
<i>Take this path which descends steeply for about 3mins. to arrive at an old track. Follow this track down (it may be necessary to go around a few fallen trees).</i>	
<i>Arrive at T-junction map reference <b>K</b> (18min 1km)</i>	
For the longer version continue on the circuit path and arrive at Font Solsida. <b>F</b> (7mins .4km)	4.4km 46%
Continue to arrive at a cross track <b>G</b> (7mins .5km)	4.9km 50%
Turn <b>R</b> and walk down to the clearing of the Col del Pouet <b>H</b> (.4min .1km)	5km 52%
Turn <b>R</b> and take track direction <b>Polop Taberna Margoig</b> to arrive at a track joining from the <b>R</b> <b>K</b> (16min 1km)	6km 61%
Continue straight on down. Ignore the next track going off sharp <b>L</b> . Continue along this main track, arrive at an ancient fenced off stone oven <b>M</b> once used to produce Cal (Lime), a popular building material before cement was invented ( <i>picnic tables here</i> ). (9min .5km)	6.5km 66%
Continue and arrive at two tracks <b>N</b> close together on the <b>RHS</b> of a sharp <b>LH</b> bend. (There is a finca visible on your <b>L</b> ). (6min .4km)	6.9km 69%
Take the second, lower minor track (looks more like a path) off <b>R</b> around a sharp <b>LH</b> bend to a shallow col where the track divides <b>P</b> . (15min 1km)	7.9km 77%
Ignore the track going straight on down and the other going up <b>R</b> and find a path going <b>L</b> over the crest of the small knoll. Take this path steep on down the crest of the rounded ridge to a shallow col with lone pine and crosspath <b>R</b> (14min .7km)	8.6km 85%
Take path <b>R (SW)</b> . This path goes down and crosses the head of a barranco to climb up steeply to reach the head of a deep gully. Ignore a path going up steep <b>R</b> and soon after another going <b>L</b> . Arrive at a crosstrack <b>S</b> near a ruin. (13 min .8km )	9.4km 91%
Turn <b>L</b> and look for a path opposite the ruin going <b>R</b> . Arrive at a crosstrack. Turn <b>L</b> and in a few meters arrive at a metal hydro pylon <b>I</b> . (7min .4km)	9.8km 95%
Just pass the pylon take a path going <b>R</b> following a metal fence. The path becomes a track. Arrive at a cross track and car. (8min .6km)	10.4km 100%



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