

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKS

PINOS - BERNIA - CIRCUIT.

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WALK STATS: DISTANCE 15km. - **WALKING TIME** 4hours. - **ASCENT** 510mtrs. **GRADE** MS

(Walking time only add time for breaks and lunch)

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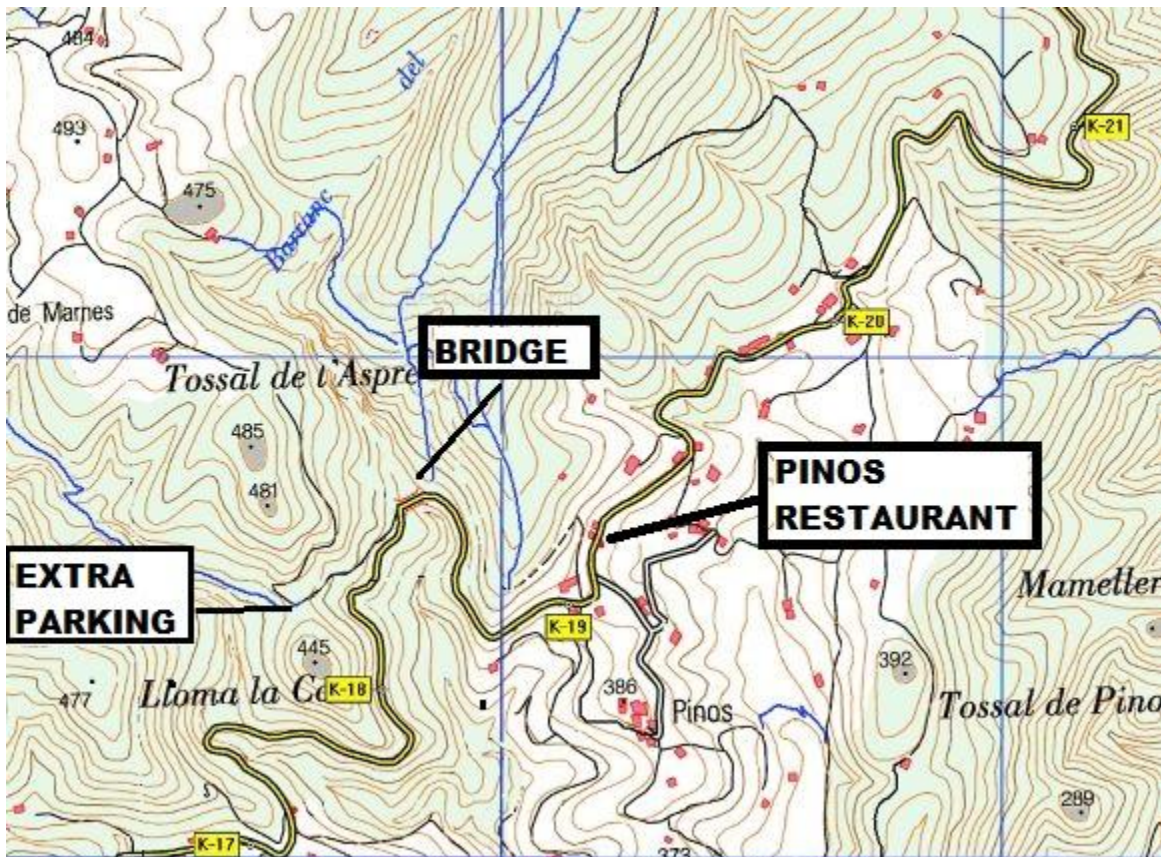
WALK DESCRIPTION

A circular walk along 80% well defined tracks from Pinos, to the Bernia Ridge and back to Pinos Restaurant, before a short trip up through Marnes. Good walk to practice your map reading and note following skills.

TO THE START

From Calpe take the N332 towards Benissa. Before reaching Benissa, 750 meters after the KM 175 post, turn **L**, signposted Jalon, (CV750). In 100 meters again take the **LH** road signposted Pinos, (CV749). Drive 8 km to Pinos Restaurant on your **RHS**. From the 19 km post in Pinos drive 700 meters to a bridge. Cross the bridge and immediately turn **R** onto surfaced road and park (Walk ends here). 759771E 4285706N. Alternatively, continue up the road 200 meters to a bend. Ample parking.

The Bernia Restaurant some 6Km up the road is another good starting place.



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THE WALK

NOTE THAT TIMES QUOTED ARE WALKING TIME ONLY. NO BREAKS.
UNDERLINED LETTERS ARE MAP REFERENCES.

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Total distance and
% of walk completed
based on total time

Walk up road to bend (alternative parking spot) and find a cairn **L** (small parking area) which marks the start of an old mule path **A**. (4mins 0.3k) 0.3k 1%

Take this mule path heading **NNW** to the bottom of the barranco. It now follows the streambed a short distance before it zigzags up and then runs parallel to the streambed heading **N**. The path crosses the streambed to the same side as a casa (restored casa of the "Refugio Marnes") -(A must stop to admire mules – don't touch fence unless you want a shock) and curves around right to zigzag up to the casa **B**. (20min 1.1km) 1.4km..12%

From the casa a track goes **R** and you walk along this for 25meters to find a cairn and a rock with a small red arrow on your **LHS** marking a steep path up. Pass an ancient era (wheat thrashing field) on your **L**, to arrive at a track above **C**. (4 mins 0.1k) 1.5k 13%

Turn **L**. Continue, keeping to the main track. Pass an old casa with a chained driveway on the **LHS**. (8min 0.5k) 2k 16%

Continue on main track to pass an old casa with a ruin and era on the **RHS** **D**. (8min 0.6k) 2.6k 20%

Continue along the same track to pass another ruin on **RHS** **E**. (8min 0.7k) 3.3k 23%

Continue to a sharp **LH** bend where a tree with a red dot marks a path going off up **R** **F**. (also recognizable by a little table-like concrete structure and a stone painted with yellow circle and blue arrow) (5min 0.3k) 3.6k 28%

Take this path which goes up and bears **R**. Now the path is well defined but can be overgrown in places. It winds up to reach a ruin with a era **G**. From here a track continues up to the restaurant Refugio Vista Bernia. (13min 0.8km) 4.4k 33%

Walk past the restaurant to reach a surfaced road. Turn **L**. Ignore the **L** turn to Pinos. Go straight on to pass the Bernia Restaurant. Arrive at a junction with an unsurfaced track going off **R** and walk board **H**. (10min 0.8km) 5.2k 37%

Keep to the surfaced road which goes **L**. (Direction Forat) Arrive at a Font **K**. (15min 1.3km) 6.5k 44%

Ignore stairs by Font. Continue straight ahead following the track a short distance to arrive at a path going off **L** and down. It is marked by a rock with Pinos written on it and it is opposite a 'privado' sign painted on the wall. (There may also be a chain across the track) (2min 0.2km) 6.7k 45%

Follow this path until it ends at a sharp bend in a very rough track **M**. (16min 1km) 7.7k 55%

Turn up **R**. Where the track continues along a bancale find a path **R** going straight ahead.(1min)
Follow this lovely path which goes through an area of pine trees. Pass a row of interesting, elevated round bee hives on **RHS** before reaching a cross track **N**. (9min 0.6km) 8.3k 58%

Turn **L**. The track goes down steeply to pass an old casa on **RHS**. (5min 0.3k) 8.6k 61%

Continue along the track to pass casa 6A on **LHS** and then casa 5A on **RHS** soon after this arrive at a cross track. (9min 0.6k) 9.2k 65%

Turn **R**. Step over a chain. Keep to the track. Ignore path **L**. to reach casa 2A. Pass the house and immediately go **R** to pass a small stone coral on your **LHS**. Here the track ends **P**. (6min 0.5km) 9.7k 67%

Drop down one bancale and find a path going across the bancale. Follow this path which will pass an area with a small sign 'Del Bosc De la Biodiversitat Mediterrani'. Keep to the path which goes down **L** and then bears **R**. Continue keeping to the obvious path to reach a ruined Casa.(11min 0.8k) 10.5k 72%

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Go around the ruined casa and take some steps going down. Drop down one bancale and turn **L**. Pass a small stone well and follow the path which goes down and then bears **R** to reach a paved road **R**. (5min 0.2k) **10.7k 74%**

Turn **L**. Go over a chain. Cross an unpaved section of road (dried river bed) and after a few meters take the rough track going off **R**. (2min 0.1k) **10.8k 75%**

From this point some path finding skills are required. Refer to map for clarification.

At a 'NO CLIMBING' sign this rough track bears **L** then **R** to end at a bancale. **Go** up bancale and follow it around to find a clear path heading up steeply. Follow this path around the banales to reach a sheer wall of rock. (4min 0.3k) **11.1k 77%**

Continue to follow the overgrown path keeping close to the wall of rock on your **LHS**. Pass through a small ravine and up the **RHS** of some banales. Path takes a steep step up **R** and then continues to cross a small open area and then up between some bancale walls. (4min 0.2k) **11.3k 78%**

Turn **R** and follow faint path going above a row of olive trees and then climbing up to reach a track **I** (3min 0.2k) **11.5k 80%**

Turn **R**. Arrive at a concrete section of track. (2min 0.1k) **11.6k 81%**

Turn **R**. follow this track which goes down a little before turning and going up the **RHS** of a small valley. Arrive at a junction with a track going off **L** **U**. (7min .5k) **12.1k 83%**

Do not continue going straight ahead but take the track going **L** and down. After about 50 meters find a rough track going sharp **L**. Take this track and almost immediately turn **R** and step down to a wide bancale. Follow this bancale passing some Bamboo canes on your **L** to reach a bancale wall. Go up bancale turn **L** and almost immediately **R** up another bancale to find a clear path going up **L**. Take this path to reach a paved road **V**. (4min 0.2k) **12.3k 85%**

(Note: If you check the map you will note there is an old rough track around the bend that avoids some road walk)

Turn **R**. Follow this surfaced road to arrive at an Ermita (White Building with bell). (10min 0.7k) **13k 90%**

Take the track going straight ahead passing on the **R** of the Ermita buildings to reach the main road. (5min 0.4k) **13.4k 92%**

Turn **L** and then sharp **R** up a tarmac road to reach a rough track. Follow this track which becomes a wide stony path going up **R** then **L** and straight up to arrive at a treed area. Here watch carefully for a cairn on the **LHS** (about 50 Mtrs into treed area) marking the overgrown start of a path **W**. (11min 0.8km) **14.2k 97%**

Follow this path to 2nd large cairn where the path turns **R** and is more distinct. Continue and where the path seems to disappear look for cairns to guide you down and back to your car(s) which can be seen below. (8min 0.7k) **15.3k 100%**

