

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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| Title of Walk | Pinos Marnes Barranco del Baron Sella de Cau Circuit | |
| Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description) | Jalon, Pinos Remote location on CV749 above the hamlet of Pinos. | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km | 11.8 | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m | 544 | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops | 3.5hr 4.5hr | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system) | M/A | |
| Grid reference of start point (if known) | | |
| Directions to 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 700meters to a bridge. Cross the bridge and immediately turn R onto surfaced road and park (Walk ends here). | |
| Short walk description | Walk through a barranco to Refugio Marnes and then onto the impressive Barranco Del Baron which ends at an old well and ruin. This is followed by an ascent, flat path and steep climb up to the saddle below the Cau. Long path back with excellent views. Small section near the end off piste. | |
| Full Walk Description | Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far | |
| Walk up road to bend and find a cairn L which marks the start of the path A . (5min 0.3km) | 5min 0.3km | |
| 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 and curves around right to zigzag up to the restored casa of the " Refugio Marnes" B . (A must stop to admire mules). (18min 1.1km) | 23min 1.4km | |
| From the casa a track goes R and you walk along this for 25meters to find a cairn and | | |

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| red arrow on your LHS marking a steep path up, passing an ancient era (wheat thrashing field) on your L , to arrive at a track C . (3min 0.1km) | 26min 1.5km |
| Turn R along the track and pass a restored casa on your RHS . Look for a cairn with white arrow and red dot on your LHS marking a path up L D . (6min 0.5km) | 32min 2.0km |
| Take this path up L , which curves R to reach a cairn at a junction with a path going up L E . (6min .4km) | 38min 2.4km |
| Take this path L to reach cairn on RHS marking path off R F . (2min .1km) | 40min 2.5km |
| Take this path R to its end at ruin and faint track G . (29min 1.6km) | 1h 9min 4.1km |
| Walk down track to T junction. Turn R and walk to end at ruin H . (5min .3km) | 1h 14min 4.4km |
| READ NEXT PARAGRAPH CAREFULLY – PATHFINDING ABILITIES REQUIRED. | |
| At RHS of ruin find a vague path going down through bancales to reach the bottom of a small barranco. The path veers L . It is very overgrown. After a short distance it seems to end on top of a stone wall. Turn R and walk along on top of this wall. Now look for blue dots to guide you. Look carefully for these blue dots and follow them until you see a path on LHS going steeply uphill. Take this path and follow small cairns keeping close to the barranco on your RHS . (<i>When in doubt head R</i>) Path will eventually head down passing a ruin on your LHS to the head of the barranco. Follow the now clear path up and through bancales to reach a grassy track J . (38min 1.5km) | 1h 52min 5.9km |
| Turn R along the track ignoring 2 tracks L to meet a tarmac surfaced road K . (9min .8km) | 2h 1min 6.7km |
| Turn L down this road to valley bottom and then up to pass a well then a house on your RHS to reach an unpaved track going sharp R marked by an inconspicuous blue dot M . (17min 1.3km). | 2h 18min 8.0km |
| Take this track sharp R for 250 meters to a cairn indicating a path off L N . (4min 0.3km). | 2h 22min 8.3km |
| Take this rather steep path up to saddle between Cau to the NE and Tossal del Navarro to the SW . Here is a level area with almond trees and a semi ruined finca P . (7min 0.4km) | 2h 29min 8.7km |
| From the finca go R , (SW) up the track, (with chain across), which bears to the R and up to meet another track at a T junction R . (10min 0.6km) | 2h 39min 9.3km |
| Turn L and walk initially in a southerly direction. Pass a small ruin on your R and another on your L to reach end of a concrete road with a 'NO ENTRY' sign on your L S . (3 min .3km) | 2h 42min 9.6km |
| Find a path just after the "NO ENTRY" sign. Take this path heading SW down to a small saddle with a cairn marking a path joining from your R . Carry straight on in a SW direction to reach a fork where the path divides T . (19 min 1km) | 3h 1min 10.6km |
| Ignore the LH path and continue along the path going straight on. After about 10mins you will arrive at a point where the land drops off steeply (cliff). Turn R - there is no real path. Look for cairns which will lead you down the slope towards the | |

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road and a little square stone building that can be seen just ahead. The way down is steep but soon the path becomes much clearer. Arrive at the CV749 . (**23min 1.1km**)

3h 24min 11.7km

Turn **R** cross over the bridge and back to your car (**2min 0.1km**)

3h 26min 11.8km

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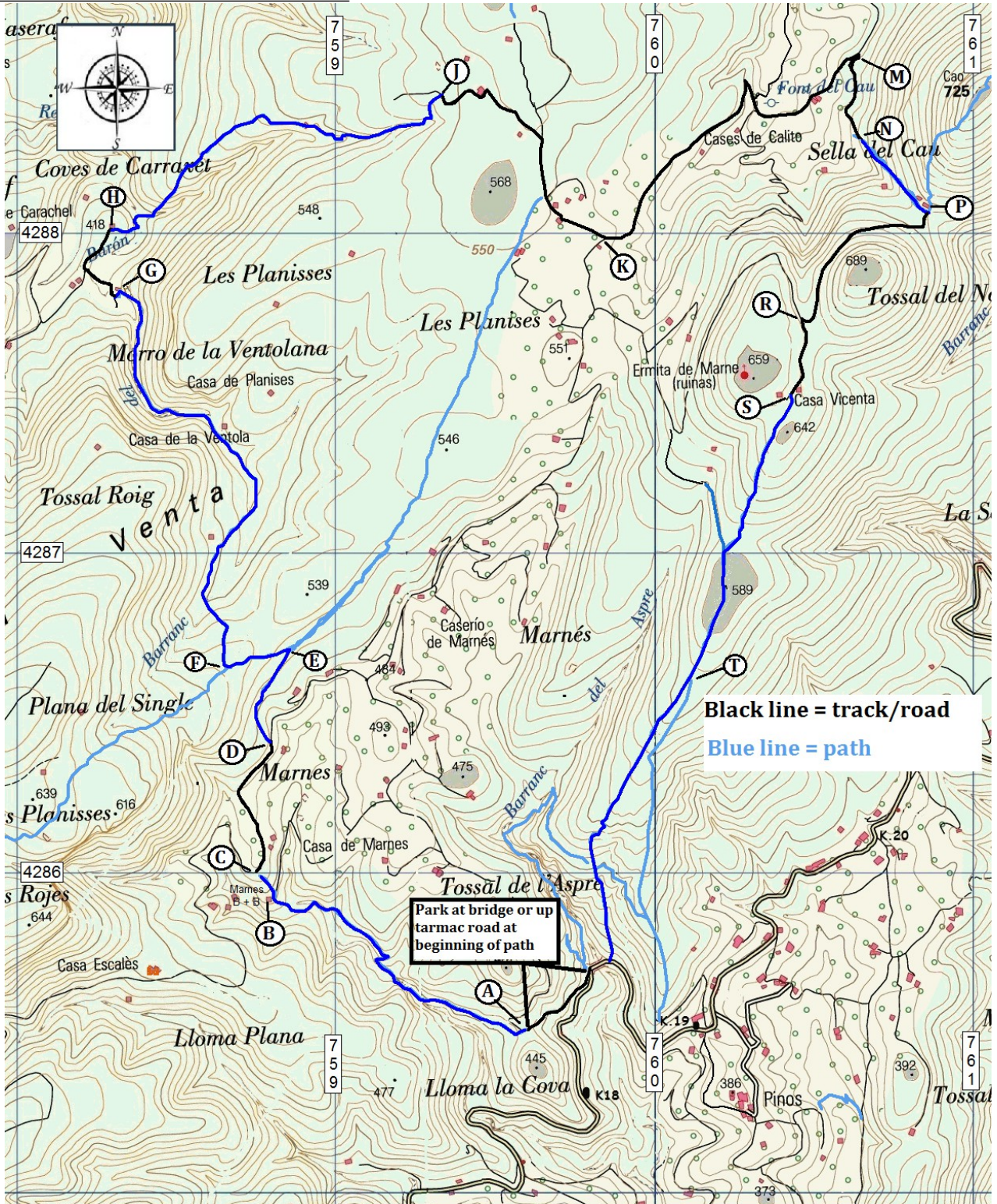
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

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Route followed is outlined in Blue



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