

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Barranco Calvo- Alcala de la Jovada- Barranco Malafi circuit
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benichembla/ Castell de Castells
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	21 kms
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	550m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	5 hr 30 min 6 hr 25min
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B/Scr
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.769781 Long: -0.194966
Directions to Start	CV720 Benichembla to Castells road at Km6 , turn R at Villa Mercedes and continue for 4kms and park on layby at RHS of road
Short walk description	A varied walk in this popular area , an interesting barranco, forest paths and tracks , historic landmarks and spectacular views
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Cross road from cars and turn L at PR post ,follow the track across and turn R into a fruit terrace , walk across to far LH corner and turn R up a small ramp which zig zags R across to a small rock outcrop above a barranco (cairns and green paint)	550mtrs 16min
Pass L of outcrop and follow path gradually dropping down into riverbed, turn L and continue winding up barranco, ignore a small fork to L	1.34km 41min
shortly after ignore a small fork to R and stay in main riverbed	58min
reach an obvious junction	2.95km 1hr12min
Turn L up a clear path, the path levels off and opens into a track to lead R and continue to reach a large animal corral/shed	4.44km 1hr43min
Turn L (still on broad track) and continue to a crossroads	5.26km 1hr52min

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Turn R and continue, ignore a fire track leading L	6.83km 2hr10min
Reach a broadening area with layby type area to RHS.	7.27km 2hr15min
Turn L (cairn) onto a path leading down through trees and reaches a level area with abandoned fruit terraces at RHS	8km 2hr 25min
turn L (cairn) down into riverbed , drop into riverbed and turn R for a couple of metres then rise out up LHS (cairns), follow cairned path and visit a lime kiln then continue on path trending L to meet tarmac road, turn L and visit a well preserved Nevera.	8.6km 2hr36min
Return to track and go directly across (cairn) onto feint path leading L and down onto a cherry orchard , cross this back out to tarmac and turn L , soon after cross road and reach a track with metal posts and chain	8.9km
Turn R down gravel track, pass to RHS of mesh fence and turn L on feint path leading across to ruined moorish village (Adsubieta) (good place for break) retrace steps back to tarmac	9.6km 3hr15min
Turn R , cross over and enter Alcala de la Jovada , walk through village to central plaza with font and turn up L , pass through a ' child deterrent ' gate and onto a path.	10.3km 3hr25min
Stay on path at RHS of old aquaduct , slowly rise up and emerge on a track , turn L and reach a water culvert on a LH bend	10.6km 3hr31min
Turn R over culvert on feint path , soon after pass a hollyoak tree and start to wind up R towards pylons , the path follows a line under the power cables and pylons soon levelling off near a stone tower , follow path L along ridge (cairns) to reach a small concrete casita	11.3km
continue and meet the broad grassy track ,soon after	11.5km
visit the old ' grape trampling ' ruins , retrace steps and continue to meet forest track	11.7km 3hr53min
pass ' El Despoblet de Saltes ' and continue to reach a LH bend	11.9km 3hr58min
drop down R (cairn) and follow down towards riverbed , pass to LHS and behind a ruined tower , follow winding path on LHS of riverbed (cairns) to a cross section of riverbed	12.3km
Trend L and forwards to see a large rock in front (cairn) ,turn R and emerge on a broad track	12.4km 4hr7min
Turn R for a couple of metres and turn L down feint path (cairn) leading down into a riverbed , cross over and out and turn up R , follow path along a few metres above riverbed , nearing the end trend L and rise a little (cairns) then level off near pine trees	12.7km4hr17min
Turn R and drop down and cross riverbed , rise up and level off then trend L across to a small ridge , drop down onto a grassy basin , walk across RHS of this to far side and immediately turn R by a hollyoak and wind up LHS of a small gully to reach a track	13.1km 4hr25min
cross over to the old farmhouse ' Capa I Mona ' , pass to LHS of main house and turn L and pass ruined chapel and turn R onto a grass track by abandoned terraces , after 2 terraces turn L and aim across to LHS start of riverbed	13.8km
Follow this sloping rocky riverside to far end and emerge out onto a track	14.3km4hr50min

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Turn R and almost immediately L leading into a broad riverbed which then winds R , ignore further paths coming in from L , follow main riverbed and forest path , ignore a path down from R and reach a crossroads	14.9km 16km5hr13min
Turn L at PR post (signed Castell de Castells) and follow barranco Malafi , pass a dam and soon after emerge L from riverbed onto path leading through terraces and across to cars.	20.9km6hr25min
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

