

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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| <b>Title of Walk</b>                                                                        | Canto Hastial                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>     | Collado Villalba, Mirador de La Sierra on Calle Camino de la Guija                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>                                             | 14.3km                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>                                                | 571m                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b> | 3hr 50min<br>4hr 30min                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>                                  | MS/B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>                                             | Lat: 40.64556 Long: -3.97901                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Directions to Start</b>                                                                  | From A6 exit at Junction 39 and head towards Collado Villalba on M601. At the roundabout with Hotel FC Villalba turn right signed to Collado Villalba. Next roundabout straight on. Next roundabout turn Left to Alta Vista still on M608. Next roundabout turn Right off the M608 signed to Mirador de la Sierra. Go straight at the next roundabout. At the end of the road you have to turn Right. Go to the next roundabout and return up the road you came down on. Turn right into Calle Camino de la Guija just as the pylon lines are over head. Go to the end of the road and park just past the bus stop. |
| <b>Short walk description</b>                                                               | Although this walk only reaches a height of 1350m it affords great views and is mainly good going under foot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Full Walk Description</b>                                                                | <div> <div><b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b></div> <div> <p>From the parking close to the bus stop proceed up the hill, initially on tarmac road but this soon turns to a track. The track is initially fenced on both sides and after 600m you arrive at a barrier indicating the start of the Parc regional de la Cuenca Alta del Manzanares.</p> <p>Continue on the track up hill. A path joins from the L but you continue on the main track.</p> </div> <div> <p>8min/600m</p> <p>14min/1km</p> </div> </div>                                                                                        |

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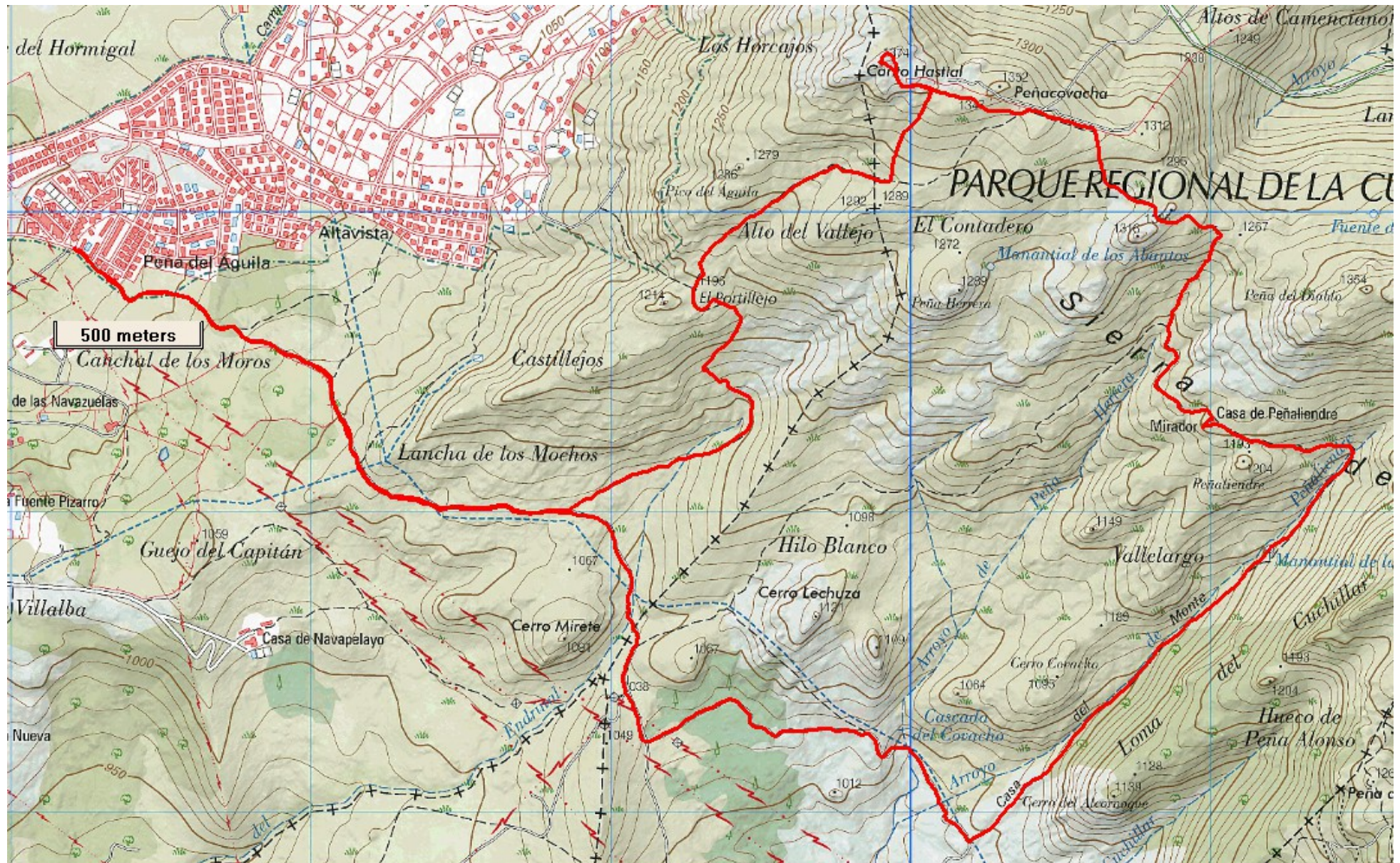
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| There is a small building above and left at which point your track starts to gently descend to a further building and a sign Canal de Isabel II. At this point the track start to ascend again and there are R/W pipe-line markers on your L. Just as the track ascends more steeply towards a third building on the rise you need to look for a path at the bottom of the rise heading L. | 28min/2.1km     |
| Turn L on this path which is initially a sandy path and is heading into the hills in front. You will shortly spot your path in front as it climbs the hillside. As you climb steeply you see your highpoint which is marked by a mast. As you near the top the area flattens and a path crosses. You take the minor track L heading towards the high point.                                | 1hr10min/4.4km  |
| You eventually reach the ridge line and the path goes L to the mast.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1hr18min/4.8km  |
| Turn L and visit the mast to conquer the high point on the walk and to take in the views around.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1hr22min/5km    |
| Return to where you first met the ridge line and follow the line of the wall. This is a boundary to a military training area. Stay on your path which undulates down along the ridge. You eventually reach a low point and the path turns R.                                                                                                                                               | 1hr47min/6.5km  |
| Turn R and descends an obvious valley. After a short while you will reach a path, turn L.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1hr58min/6.8km  |
| Follow this more major path up to the ridge and head towards a ruin and a lookout point.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2hr8min/7.4km   |
| Spend some time admiring the views below and beyond. Return to the track and continue down the valley. The valley eventually breaks out into a more open area and you see a path to your right which takes you past a small building.                                                                                                                                                      | 2hr48min/9.8km  |
| The path now drops into a valley before climbing again and taking you across rock slabs and over the hill in-front. The path now snakes till it meets the major track which is again marked by R/W pipe line markers. Turn R onto the track.                                                                                                                                               | 3hr10min/11.3km |
| You now stay on the track and make your way back to the cars.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3hr50min/14.3km |
| <small>Spanish maps included within these descriptions are provided courtesy of the Spanish IGN and remain © Instituto Geográfico Nacional</small>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                 |
| <b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | None            |

See map below.....

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**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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