

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	GR11 – Day 44. Albanya to Macanet de Cabrenys
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Albanya Eastern edge of village on main road just before a bridge.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	18.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	1060
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.75hr 5.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.305998, Long: 2.722083
Directions to Start	From Figueres just to the E of the AP7 motorway in Catalunya, take the N11 N out of the town and then in Els Hostallets take the GI510 as far as Terrades and then the GI511 to Albanya.
Short walk description	A practical traverse between towns on the GR11 with some interesting features on the way, but outstanding views.
Full Walk Description	
From the E end of the village beside the end of village sign and a bridge.	
Turn up a concrete road for a few metres at a finger post then turn right onto a track.	
Continue up this ignoring side tracks until just before reaching an open pasture where you turn left at a waymark steeply up a rocky path.....	580m, 6min
to emerge at a standing stone on a track.	985m, 14min
Turn right uphill for a few metres to find a footpath leaving steeply on the right. Follow this up to reach the track again and turn a few metres right to find another footpath shortcut leading steeply up to reach the track again where you turn left.	1.2km, 19min
When you reach a small pasture on a col turn right at a track junction.	2.3km, 32min

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Pass by a wrought iron gate, cross a chain and continue ahead at a junction, swinging slightly left and downhill.

Soon this track swings right and there are obscured views of a peak in the distance. As the views open out you cross a saddle and keep left uphill.

4.1km, 54min

Soon reach a junction with the chapel (ermita) of Santa Feliu de Carbonils off a few metres to the right. It is possible to open the doors and peep in, but there is a request that you leave them closed to prevent disturbance to the bats.

5.2km, 1hr 6min

Continue ahead on the main track soon passing a set of gate posts with a sign warning you that you are only allowed to pass if you are doing the GR11.

Cross a chain and a few metres after this swing right to continue to open fields where you pass directly below a large rendered house and continue to meet a cobbled track.

7km, 1hr 28min

Walk only a few metres up this before leaving to the right on a way marked footpath.

This descends crossing a track and swinging right over a high wall, crossing a couple of dry stream beds and then climbing steeply to a col.

8.3km, 1hr 41min

Drop down over the other side of this steeply and then curve around right to pass by a ruined farmhouse, now on a broader track.

9.6km, 2hr

Drop down to a T jnc to turn left onto a broader track - but without painted markers.

Continue ahead at an oblique junction and then swing left in front of a ruined house to find a cairned path on the left.

10.3km, 2hr 6min

Take this to descend steeply finding the first paint mark only a little way down.

The path improves and we cross the stream and continue ahead to cross it again and then work uphill to walk onto a track.

As this swings right there are cairns and a small paint marker leading you up a steep footpath. Follow this up as it swings left up a spur to reach a broad track where you turn right soon downhill.

Continue ahead at a junction and walk straight through a more complex junction and starting to descend.

Follow a rudimentary fence on your left and go left at the bottom and then left again.

Join tarmac soon passing the chapel of Santa Andrei d'Oliveda behind locked gates.

13.1km, 2hr 40min

Reach a finger post where you turn right signed to Darnius (and Rest Moli d'en Robert).

Walk down this track to cross the river and walk up the left side of the buildings.

14.7km, 2hr 58min

Once past the second of these turn right onto a track for only a few metres before joining a steep footpath on the left.

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Take this and eventually emerge through broom and beside a broken down fence onto a track which you follow half left.

15.6km, 3hr
12min

Continue ahead at a junction with a finger post with stripped cork oak trees.

After a long level section go ahead at a junction, climb and reach tarmac where you start to drop.

Swing right down Career Vinyer and keep directly ahead to cross an old bridge and rise up to cross the main road and ahead into the village

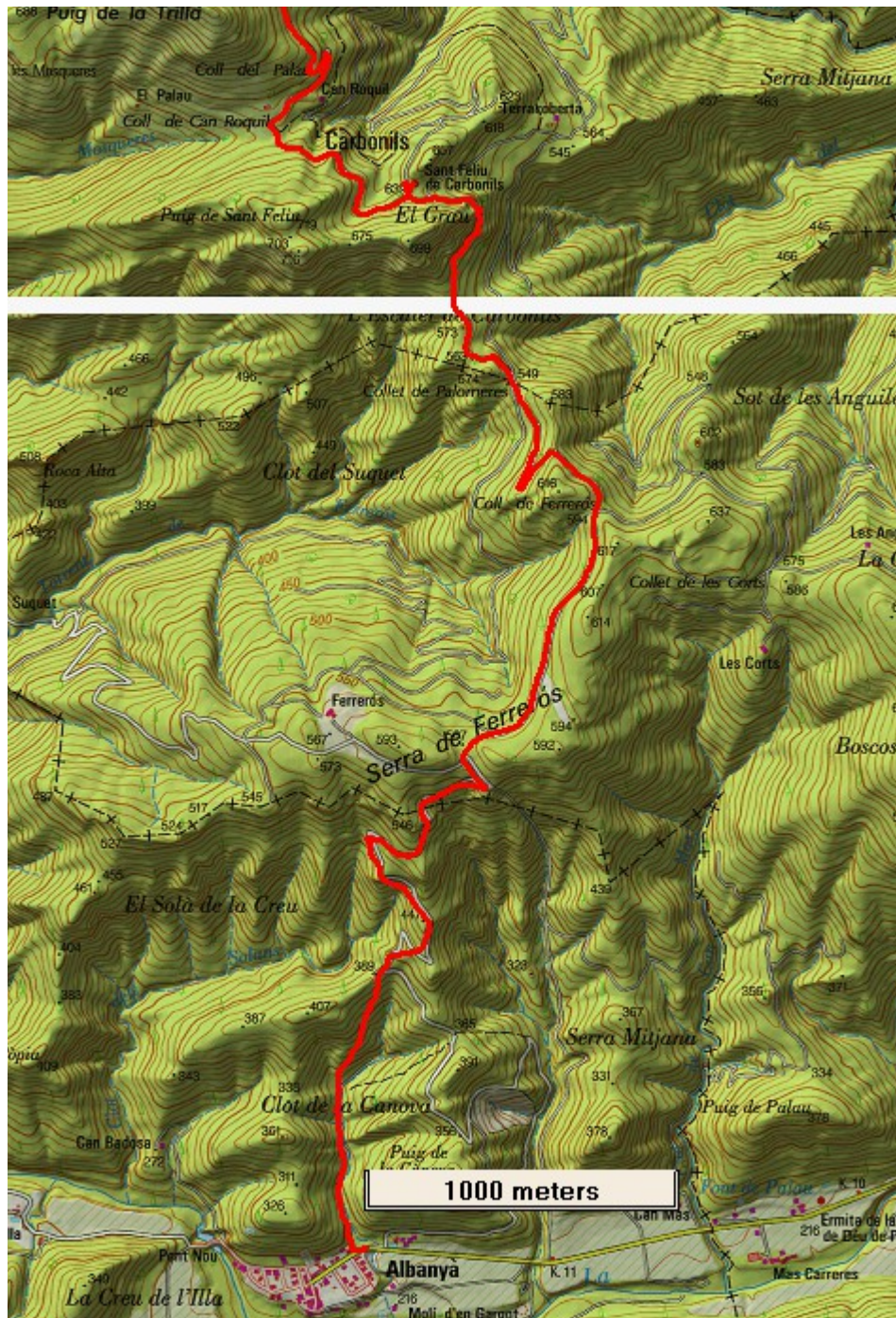
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

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