

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	GR11 – Day 45. Macanet de Cabrenys to La Jonquera
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Macanet de Cabrenys Ayuntamiento (town hall) in centre of village.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	19
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	560
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.5hr 5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 42.386068, Long: 2.750523
Directions to Start	From Figueres just to the E of the AP7 motorway in Catalunya, take the N11 N out of the town and follow this through Els Hostallets and Port de Molins to reach a junction with the GI502. Turn L and follow this to Macanet.
Short walk description	A hill walk with some interesting features and limited views of the surrounding countryside.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>From the town hall walk uphill to meet Career St. Sebastian and turn right. Walk down the road and follow this as it turns right and drops to meet the main road. Turn left along this until you reach a bend in the road just after a picnic table, metal village sign and GR11 map board.</p> <p>Turn left up a track and quickly leave this just after a house on the right to walk ahead on a less well defined grassy track.</p> <p>Descend through a bouldery cork oak woodland to walk alongside a fence on your left. Cross a stream, walk over a small spur and down to a crossroads where you turn left on a track.</p> <p>Pass the Font del Carme (with supplied mug) and drop down to the road where you turn uphill to the left.</p>	<p>1.2km, 14min</p> <p>2.1km, 27min</p>

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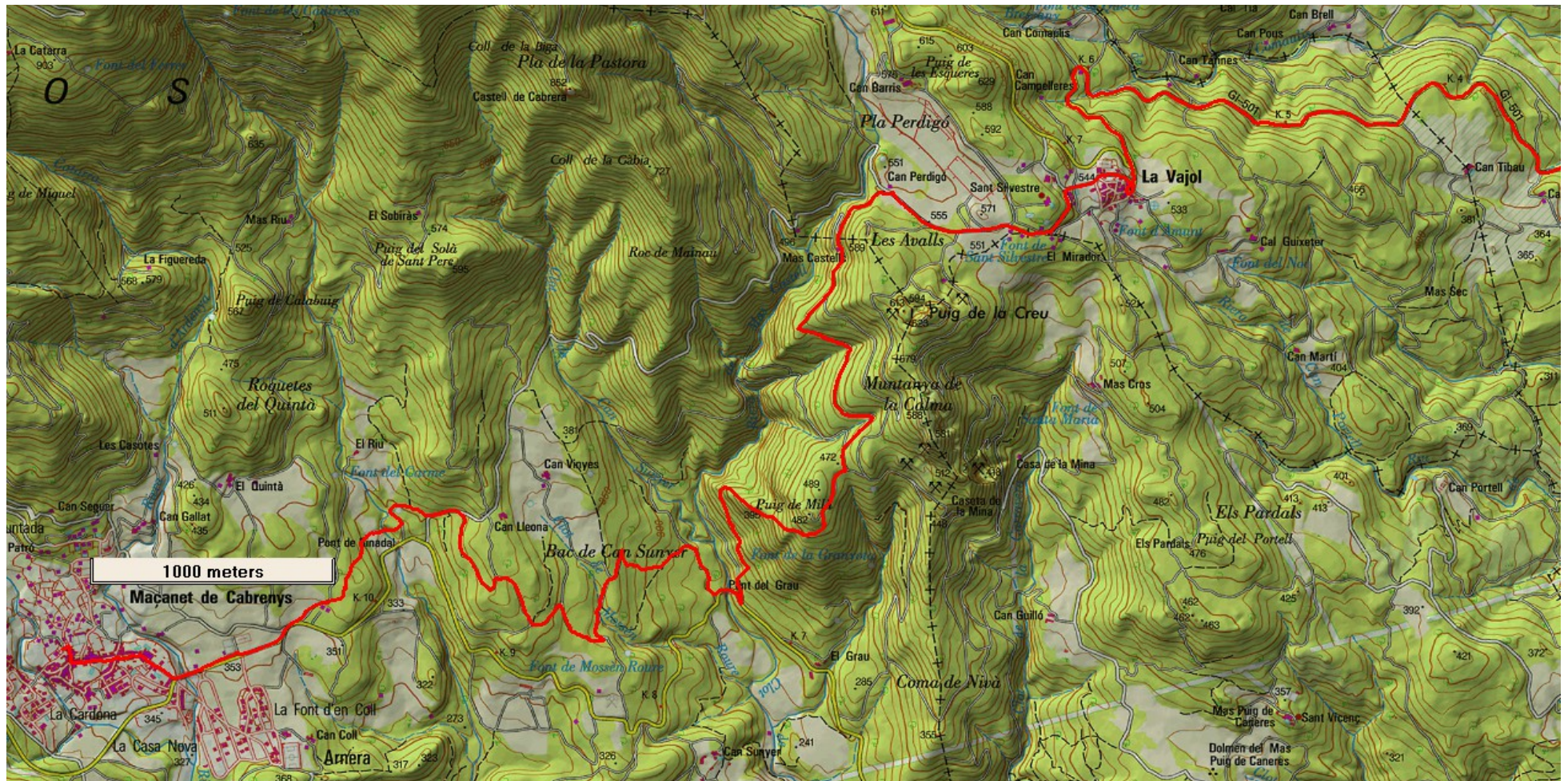
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<p>Soon leave the road onto a track on the right which diminishes as you progress to reach a fork where you turn left uphill.</p> <p>Now right at the next junction, right again at a less well defined junction and at the bottom of the hill at a T jnc turn left. Left again at the next fork, uphill to soon pass a chained track on the left and then downhill again.</p> <p>At the next junction turn right signed to La Font del Bruce (probably spelling mistake!!) (significant tree a few metres forward at junction).</p> <p>Pass the font on your right and continue to a T jnc where you turn right. Reach the road and turn left over a bridge.....</p> <p>... and quickly fork back to the left on a track which you leave after a few metres to turn up right on a steep footpath. There is a less steep section in the middle of this but then it continues steeply up to meet a track where you turn right.</p> <p>Only a short way ahead double back left at the next junction and then right and uphill 50m further on.</p> <p>Reach a large building with info board - La Mina Canta - (treasure store during civil war) and go right at the fork just beyond it.</p> <p>When you reach a tarmac road turn right and continue to the village of La Vajol. There is a picnic spot on the right just before entering the village.</p> <p>(Here there is a tiny statue honouring Lluís Companys who was a president of the Catalan community during the civil war and was the only holder of that role to be executed by Franco after being extradited back to Spain where he was summarily tried and shot. You'd think he deserved a bigger statue!!)</p> <p>Here though there is considerable evidence surrounding La Retirada – the flight of Spaniards on the Republican side over the Pyrenees and into France – with which he was associated)</p> <p>Swing down to the right through the town and directly past restaurant Can La Conxita.</p> <p>(The GR11 follows this road for some distance before doubling back to the L and making a large northern sweep through woodland to reach La Jonquera. You may consider – as the author did – that this is unnecessary, but the penalty is for a lot of road walking!!)</p> <p>Now follow this road ever downhill towards La Jonquera, turning left at the village of Agullana to continue under the railway and motorway to reach the metropolis!!</p> <p><small>Spanish maps included within these descriptions are provided courtesy of the Spanish IGN and remain © Instituto Geográfico Nacional</small></p>	<p>4.4km, 52min</p> <p>5.6km, 1hr 10min</p> <p>7.1km, 1hr 28min</p> <p>8.2km, 1hr 41min</p>
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

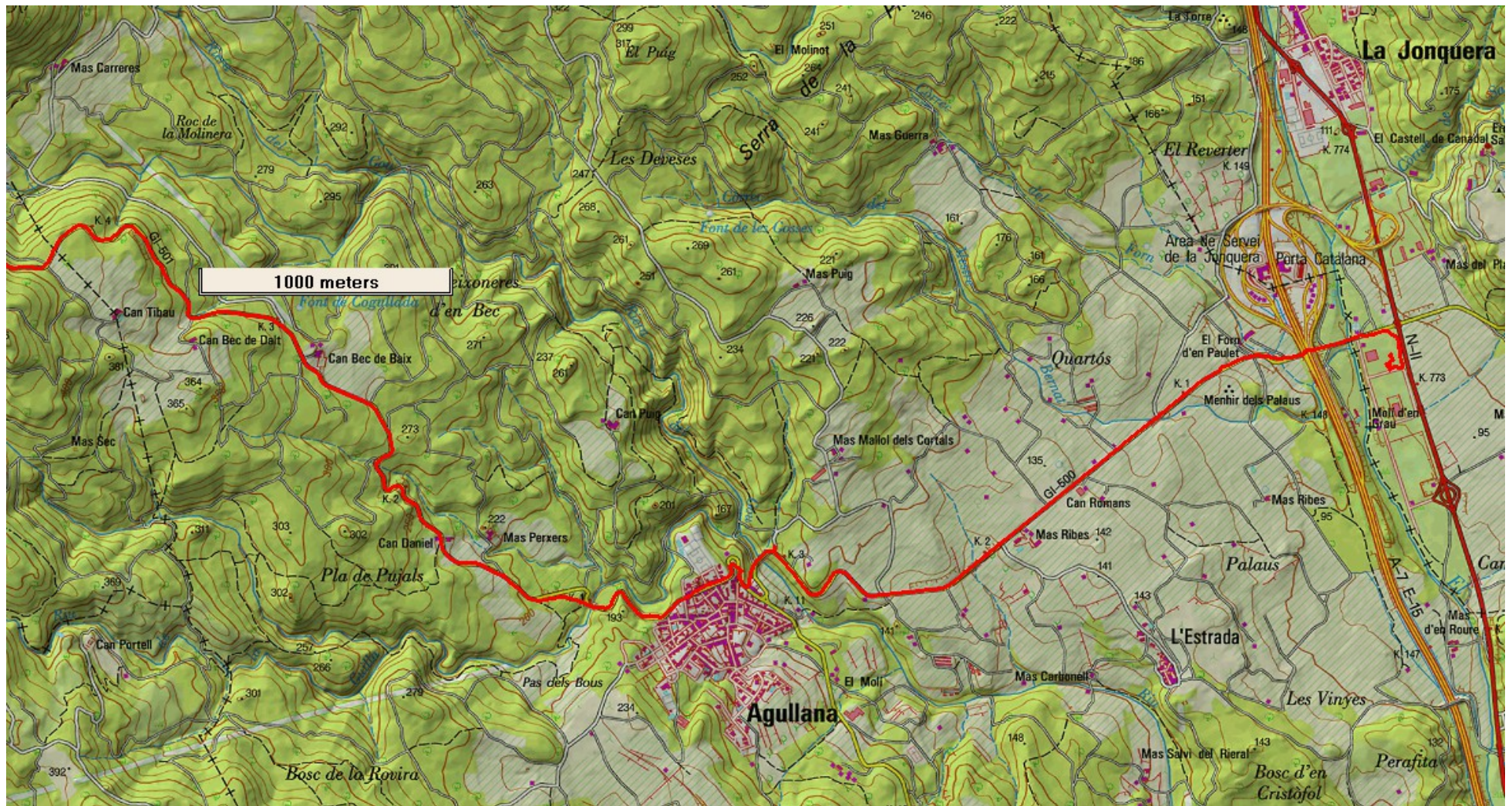
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Route followed is outlined in Red



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