

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	GR11 – Day 47. Espolla to Llanca
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Espolla
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	18.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	960
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.25hr 5.33hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.390585, Long: 3.000768
Directions to Start	From the Figueres south exit of the AP7 find the N260 NE towards Llanca. Follow this to reach the C252 where you turn L (NW) towards Garriguella. Continue through Garriguella on the GI603 to reach Espolla.
Short walk description	A reconnection with the GR11 official route across rolling hills with views out to higher mountain areas. Pleasant rather than demanding terrain.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the bar (Cafe la Fraternal) in the old part of the village walk east down Carrer Pedrissos to a major road and cross this onto a concrete track signed to Rabos (1hr). Cross a barranco and ignore side turnings to walk up the other side of the hill still partially on concrete. When the concrete runs out stay on the main track to the right descending to meet the next ridge. As you start to ascend take a right fork onto concrete.	1.2km, 17min
Crest this small ridge and walk along it going left at a fork. At the top of the next ridge ignore a turn to the right and keep ahead.	
Meet a T jnc where we turn right almost level with a small hill above us on the left.	2.3km, 32min
Reach a finger post at a complex junction where we take the left (higher) of two roads ahead with a no through road sign on it.	

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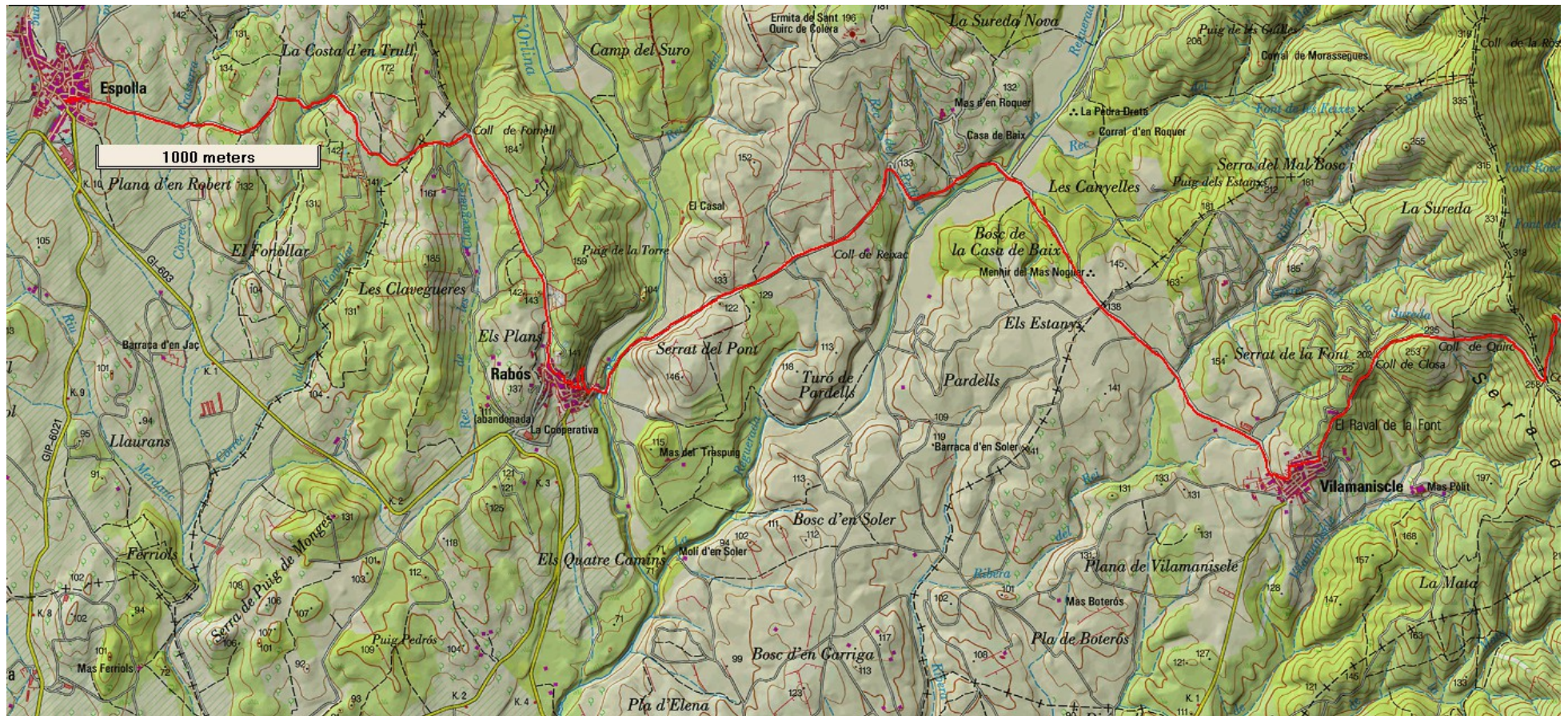
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When you reach a wall mounted defibrillator in the village of Rabos turn left and then down a small alley to reach the church.	3.6km, 49min
Turn left before this walking through a small playground and at the far side of this turn left down a cobbled path. Follow this to the bottom and then double back to the right and take the next cobbled path descending left to meet a road where you turn left, swing right over a bridge and reach a T jnc.	4km, 54min
Turn left here and follow this road to the village of Vilamaniscle.	8.2km, 1hr 47min
At the edge of the village is a small park area with benches and a font and just before this we turn left up a road. Keep up left and walk around the remains of the dilapidated castle and just beyond this turn right on a road that descends to a crossroads and then climbs again. At the top of this turn up diagonally left and follow this uphill to finally exit the village on a track. Cross a junction at a col.....	9.3km, 2hr 3min
... aiming ahead for a higher col above you. At this there is a large water tank and we double back to the left descending past a brick well. Double back to the right and meet a junction where you continue directly ahead. Several kilometres further look out for a waymark and cairn indicating a turn to the left descending on a footpath.	12.4km, 2hr 43min
Drop down on this to cross a bridge and walk around the chapel to the right to find an ascending footpath. Follow this to meet a track and turn left.	12.9km, 2hr 55min
At the first junction keep up to the right to reach the col and swing left to walk down the other side. Keep going directly ahead now for some time dropping steadily until you cross under the railway and meet a T jnc.	17.3km, 3hr 50min
Here turn left and ignore the next fork up to the road taking either of the other options which meet again several hundred metres further on.	
Now climb right to meet the road and turn left across a bridge. At the traffic lights turn right and walk down to the roundabout. Turn left and find the town hall (Ayuntamiento) soon on the left.	
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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