

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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| Last Updated | 22 nd November 2017 | |
| Title of Walk | Foyes Valley Extended Clockwise | |
| Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description) | Castell de Castells Cemetery car park | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km | 13 | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m | 460 | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops | 3.5hr 4.5hr | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system) | MS/B | |
| Grid reference of start point (if known) | Lat: 38.72702, Long: -0.193832 | |
| Directions to Start | <p>The CV720 road runs from near Pedreguer beside the AP7 motorway up through Alcalali, Benichembla and on to Castell de Castells.</p> <p>As you enter the village take the second left and follow the road quickly L and then R slightly uphill to park at the cemetery.</p> | |
| Short walk description | <p>Varied walk including Castell de Castells village, Barranc de les Foies and La Llacuna refugio. Climb up from cemetery on a mozarabic trail to Llacuna refugio and back round to Castells.</p> | |
| Full Walk Description | Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far | |
| From the parking turn L and steeply uphill immediately on a track and then quickly on concrete and then tarmac. Follow this up to pass a large Masia on the LHS and 50m after this look out for a path initially descending a little on the LHS and then quickly starting to climb up the hillside. | 680m, 11min | |
| Follow this path steadily up in wild country zig-zagging your way up the flank of the mountain to eventually cross some cultivated terraces and arrive at a track where you turn R to pass a casita (La Llacuna) on your LHS. | 2.3km, 45min | |
| The track curves L and then at a junction turn R working uphill. | 2.6km, 48min | |

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| Ignore a second track joining you from the L and keep ahead to soon crest a col (good point for a break) and start descending on the far side. | 4km, 1hr 10min |
| Keep down on this track ignoring a couple of side tracks to arrive at a cross roads of tracks at a small plateau (only 50m before reaching the road) where there is a R/W marker on the L. Take this track which quickly becomes a footpath. | 4.9km, 1hr 24min |
| Follow this to join a track arriving from the RHS and keep ahead to pass a second fork and then at the third fork on the RHS with a R/W marker on a tree just on the RHS you double back on the ascending track. | 5.7km, 1hr 35min |
| Just before the road keep R and join the road, walking ahead a few metres and then crossing the road L to join an ascending track. | 6km, 1hr 38min |
| Follow this across a rocky section to reach a fork where you turn very slightly R. | |
| Now follow this as it diminishes to become a footpath going level across a terrace and finally re-joins a rocky track where you turn R downhill. | 6.7km, 1hr 51min |
| Descend on this to reach a junction with a sign board where you turn L. | 7.1km, 1hr 56min |
| The track continues to descend but zig-zags down to finally curve L around the head of a barranco and out the far side. | |
| Shortly it rises a little and you continue to reach a junction where you continue directly ahead. | 9.2km, 2hr 30min |
| Pass a couple of side junctions and then walk out between ruined buildings and watch carefully for a small cairn on the LHS which marks your turn onto a cobbled footpath which soon widens a little and descends steeply. | 9.3km, 2hr 33min |
| Drop down a small oak covered spur to reach the barranco which you walk down for a few metres before exiting on the LHS of it. | 9.5km, 2hr 38min |
| Reach the barranco again, walk down it for 50m or so and then cross a level terrace on the RHS before crossing the barranco again to exit on the LHS onto a terrace. | |
| Follow this and climb a little to pass a dam..... | 10km, 2hr 47min |
| on its LHS and drop down again on the far side of this to continue ahead on the footpath on a wide terrace. | |
| This steadily broadens and becomes a track and when you reach a junction with a small cairn turn L steadily uphill. | |

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Follow this track until you reach a junction with a much broader and stoney track with a Y/W marker just off to the L. Turn R downhill on this track.

10.7km, 2hr
59min

You are soon walking on concrete and keep ahead downhill to reach the tarmac road (CV752-Castells to Tarbena) where you turn L.

11.2km, 3hr 6min

Take the second turning on the RHS walking around the head of a barranco and past a font to climb slightly into the village.

11.3km, 3hr 8min

Keep ahead now past the car park on the LHS to reach a timber finger post where you turn R and follow this twisting road past the Ayuntamiento to reach a T-jnc where you turn L and drop back down to your cars.

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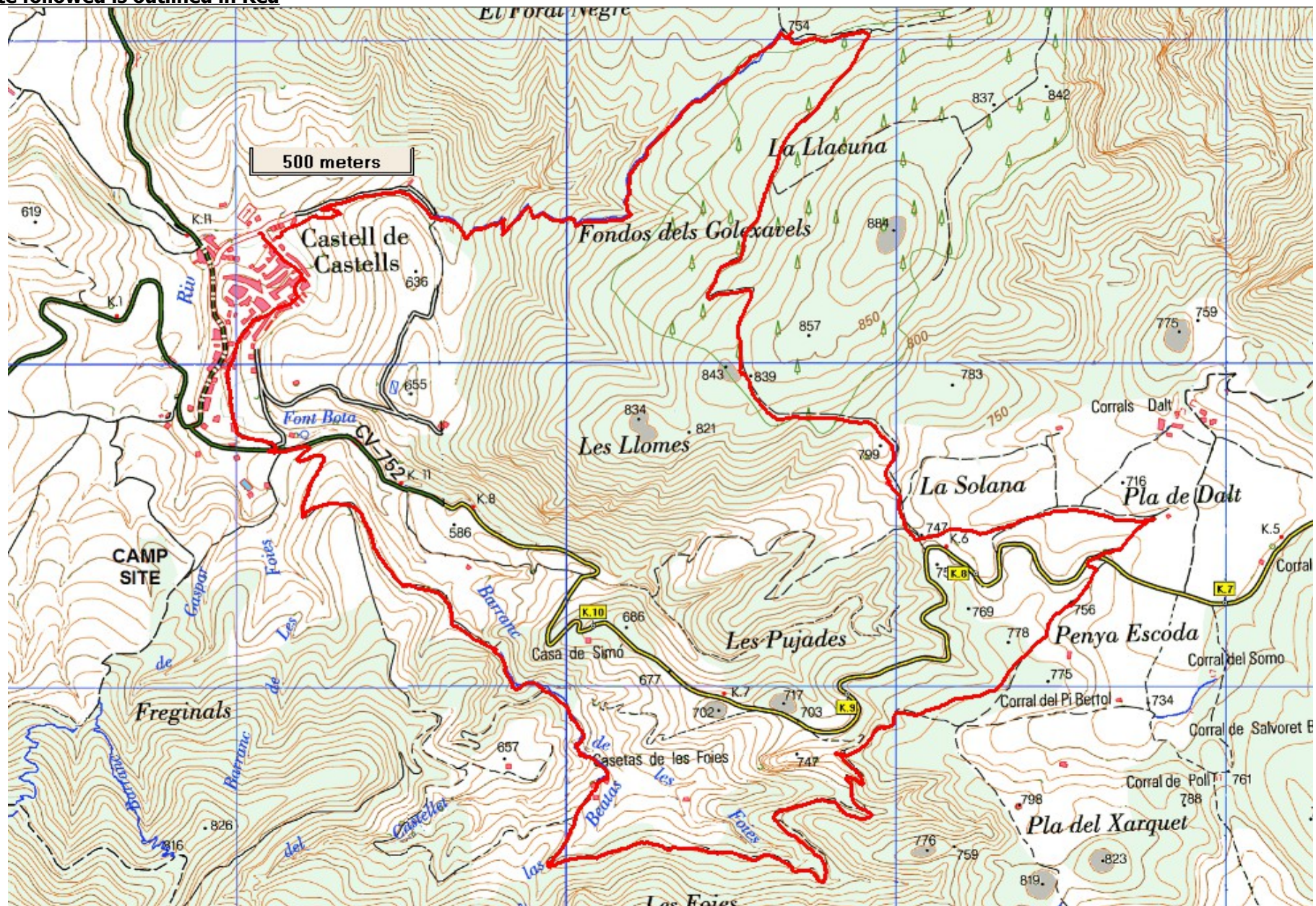
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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