

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	L'Encimera de Cordilleras de Almadich
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benichembla. CV720
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	17 Kms
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	840 Mtrs.
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	5.5 hrs 6.5hrs
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/C/Scr
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat. 38.74888 Long. -0.10316
Directions to Start	From CV720 Parcent to Benichembla at approx. Km. 36.8 (before Km 35) on an acute LH bend turn L beside a white wall onto a narrow surfaced road (with 10t sign) continue directly up for 200m and park near a small junction.
Short walk description	A circular walk with scenic views from the high level traverse above the Almadic valley. Incorporating some original paths of 'Dr Geoofs'
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Take the L tarmac fork and continue up (ignore the next L turn)and continue until seeing a large yellow arrow on RHS wall	497mtr. 10 min
Turn R on a track and continue, ignore next R turn	1.17kms 15min
Ignore a R turn to bird feeders and and continue up to the last house on the hillside, trend R on the main track, ignore a L fork and then ignore a R fork with yellow circle	1.9km. 28Min
Follow this grassy track which soon after turns R (cairns) along a terrace	2.06km 32min

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Within a few metres take L fork (cairned) and start to wind upwards (cairns) at an obvious 'cairn gateway' turn R	2.47km 45min
Aiming across towards pines and some boulders, keep to the R of pines and see ' Dr Geoffs' yellow dots, immediately after pines	2.67km. 50min
turn up L and back on ourselves and start to wind upwards (cairns and yellow dots), at next small junction (cairn) turn up R and wind up again (yellow dots) to level off near a large cairn	2.86km 1hr13min
Continue on path to reach a small group of holly oak at RHS	3.75km 1hr20min
Passing these holly oak then look for cairn leading R down a freshly cut (2017) path, almost immediately start to wind down L aiming for a large pine in gully junction	4.17km1hr41min
Rise up to the L of the pine then wind R behind the pine onto an old path which follows the shoulders round (undulating) cresting a contour and seeing Cocoll fire tower in the distance	5.68km2hr25min
Take the L fork (cairn) and wind across to a small rocky ridge, wind along the LHS of a gully on a cairned path, contour round to reach next gully to wind R and reach a very large cairn	7km 2hr50min
Now start to trend L across to a rocky /large boulder area	7.6km.3hr5min
Turn R and pass to RHS of boulders on path along the rocky ridge, follow this winding path until reaching another 'architectural' cairn with a rock face to front	8.89km3hr47min
turn L and wind up to visit a large ivy clad cave	9km
retrace steps and almost immediately begin to scramble L up to this rocky ridge (cairns) to just below the summit, cross over the ridge and descend down to a grassy area, turn R near a holly oak (cairn) and follow this small ridge almost to far end (cairn) to turn L through a few holly oak to reach a grassy plateau with old baths	9.83km4hr28min
Turn L then almost immediately R (near first small bath) to lead across and round a wall edge of lower terrace onto a rocky path leading along LHS of Almadich valley to reach a junction with finger post	11.3km 5hrs.
Reach a broader level area with a small junction	11.8km5hr3min
Take R fork (cairn) and follow this path (with tall pines to front), continue ahead now trending R over a small rise to reach a ' threshing era '	12.6km5hr20min
Continue and meet a broad track	13.3km5hr33min
turn L on this track and within a few mtrs.ignore R turn, to reach a T junction	15km5hr55min
take the L fork,ignore first track at RHS, soon after pass a large impressive rock/boulder at RHS and soon after reach a track on RHS	15.6km4hr5min
Turn R down this track and reach a water culvert on LHS of track	15.8km

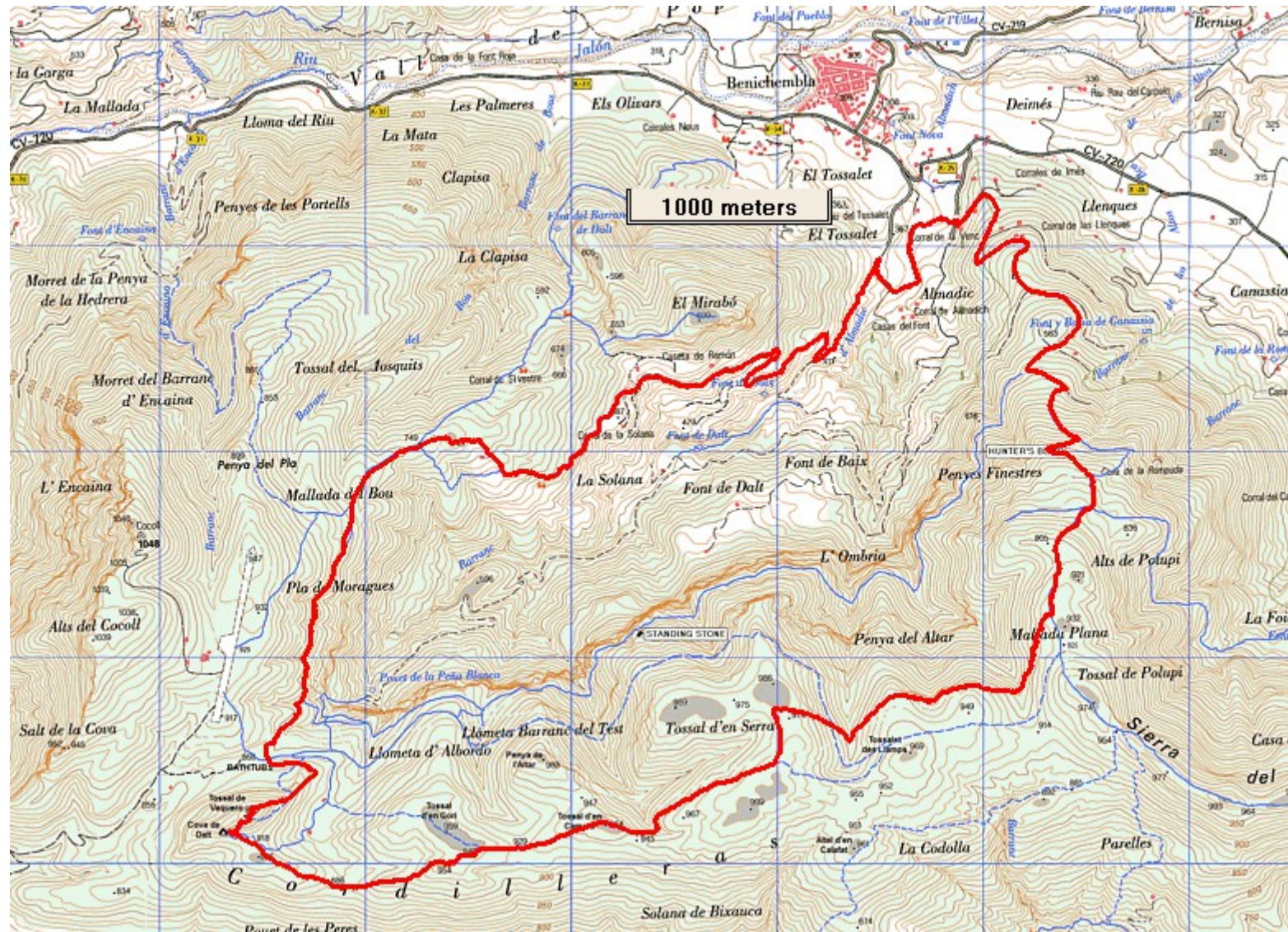
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Drop down L into riverbed and turn L, follow riverbed down to reach a cairn and yellow dot on rock to RHS	16.4km6hr17min
Rise up R on old terraces on indistinct path to level off on an olive terrace – walk directly across passing L of pumping station and up bank to cars	16.7km6hr29min
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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