

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Castell de Castell Rural North	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Castell de Castells In the village, immediately opposite Hotel Serrella (on the RHS) turn L. After 20 m. turn L again into Calle Jose Antontio and then almost immediately L again down a ramp into the signed parking area.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	430	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.33hr 4.33hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/A	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.715545, Long: -0.160783	
Directions to Start	Take the CV720 from Parcent and Benichembla to Castell de Castells.	
Short walk description	Over and around rural tracks and paths yielding great views of the surrounding mountains without need to climb a peak.	
Full Walk Description	<p>Exit the car park and turn L slightly uphill towards the village.</p> <p>At a T-jnc turn R and follow the road around to the L and then straight ahead passing the Ayuntamiento (town hall) on your L.</p> <p>Once past this take the 2nd turning R uphill (opp. House number 15) which soon becomes a track.</p> <p>Follow this as it swings around to the L and onto a terrace. At the end of this cross a gully and continue ahead to join a track rising steadily up to the R to eventually join a road where you turn R.</p> <p>Pass a large house on the LHS – Masia Verdu – and about 130m beyond this look out for a track descending to the L. Take this.</p>	
		<p>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</p> <p>750m, 11min</p> <p>1km, 16min</p>

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Drop down a little to cross a small valley and then ascend on a footpath soon rising steadily in zig-zags.	
After some time climbing this arrive at some terraces and then join a track where you turn R.	2.8km, 50min
Quickly pass a hunter's casita on the LHS and then swing around L rising to reach a junction where you turn R.	3.1km, 54min
Follow this up now ignoring a track going off to the L (3.7km, 1hr 3min) to reach a col with sweeping views and from here descend still on the track.	4.5km, 1hr 15min
700m alter just opposite a partially completed house on the RHS take a track to the R opposite.	5.2km, 1hr 26min
(It would be possible to descend a little further and take the next track L after another 70m and join the point at 5.7km continuing ahead)	
Follow this until it runs out onto a terrace and then continue to the far side of the terrace and turn R downhill keeping to the LHS of the terraces.	
Once these become tricky (after about 200m) swing over to the RHS of the terraces and here join a track where you turn L.	5.7km, 1hr 35min
At a jnc turn R (away from the house) and now head S to meet another T-jnc where you turn L.	6km, 1hr 40min
When you reach a junction with a finger post turn R and at the road turn L for about 100m and turn R at a large sign board up a very broad track.	6.9km, 1hr 51min
Swing around to the R past a house under construction (good spot for lunch?) and then ahead passing a junction and starting to descend.	
When you reach a further junction where there is concrete directly ahead turn R on a track with Y/W and follow this out to the road once more where you turn L.	8.3km ,2hr 11min
Continue until just before the chevrons of a LH bend and here turn R dropping down a track to quickly join a partially concrete track and follow this downhill.	
The "safe" way to continue now is to reach a track joining you from the L and turn back along it. (If you are observant then about 50m before the junction you will see a small footpath dropping L to cut the corner and once on the track below you turn L.)	8.6km, 2hr 17min
Continue ahead now ignoring side turnings and when the track swings slightly L and uphill look out for a footpath continuing directly ahead and take this.	
Follow this gently uphill to reach a col and intersection with a track and here continue directly ahead on a track descending.	9.4km, 2hr 27min
Only a few metres down this take a signed footpath down to the RHS and now follow this zig-zag engineered path as it steadily descends, taking care to avoid paths going off onto the terraces. (Soon marked with R/W)	

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Join a broad track soon swinging across a barranco still descending and reach a tarmac road which you cross directly to continue your descend on a track.

10.7km, 2hr
53min

At a junction swing around to the R still descending and soon reach the tarmac road once more where you must turn L.

11.5km, 3hr 5min

Once you pass a junction on the LHS with a sign to El Castellet, take the R turn after this to walk around a barranco and then slightly uphill and into the village and your car park.

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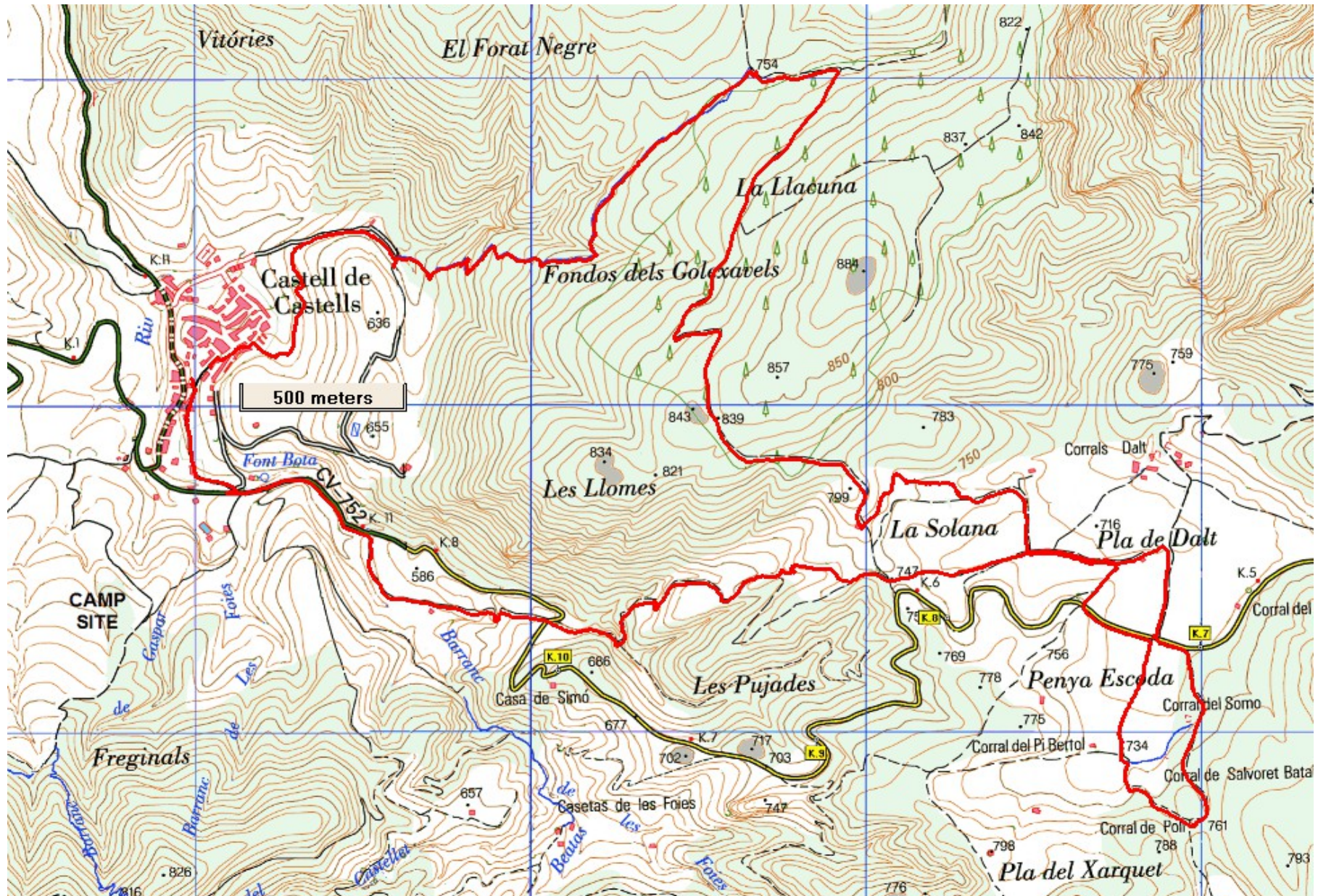
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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