

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Castell de Castelles circuit to Arc de Xorquet
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Castell de Castells. Village car park
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	16.5km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	675m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hrs 5 mins 5hr 40mins
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.723848, Long: -0.194751
Directions to Start	Castell de Castells. 38.723848,-0.194751 Take the CV720 from Parcent and Benichembla to 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.
Short walk description	A walk from Castell de Castells which takes you up to the Aixorra ridge but below the summit. You head in the direct of Tarbena before returning in an anti-clockwise direction, passing by the Arc de Xorquet. And then a gentle return back down into Castell de castells. Fantastic views of the coast and Cocoll along the way.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Turn R out of car park and straight on into Calle de Les Escoles. (do not turn R again down to the main road). Continue to the edge of the village, go L and down, cross a barranco and up the other side to a main road.	6mins/450m
Turn L and after a short distance go first R onto a country road signed "El Castellet" (5mins, 480m). Continue on the road uphill until you reach several building and the campsite. There is a toilet block and a walking map on a board.	14mins/1.1km
Go to the R of the notice board and follow the Y/W marked track signed PR CV 149 with	

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wooden sleepers on your right hand side. At km 1.6 the track becomes a path at a junction, marked ahead with R/W cross. Turn L and follow up a zig zag path until you reach a track. Go L, signed "Castellet 1.8km".	40mins/2.4km
After 450m turn onto a path going up on your Right hand side which after 20m is marked with a Y/W cross confirming you are on the correct path. Continue on the path for 200m until it joins a concrete surfaced road. Go R and after 40m turn L at a cross tracks signed PR CV 18 "Cim De La Xorta" (if you go straight on at this point there are wonderful views of the Guadalest valley on the other side)	50min/3.1km
You now climb on this track for 3 km until you reach a junction with a 30km road sign on the L fork. Turn L.	1hr33min/6.1km
Continue on this track a short distance to a ridge. Here, on a clear day you will get great view towards the coast and slightly left over towards the airfield and lookout post at Cocoll. You now meet a concrete road and start to descend around a couple of zig zags. On the second left bend you will see a track on your Right hand side. Join the track.	1hr 38min/6.6km
This track descends for 50m and then turns L. On this bend you are now looking for the second path off on the R which is marked by a small cairn. Turn R.	1hr39min/6.65km
You are now on a path in a small valley with the path on the right side of the valley the path descend gently and then contours round to the right following the line of the cliffs of Penya Alta Aixorra (1220m) that now tower above you. The path now meets a track which you take L.	1hr58min/7.9km
The track zig zags downhill before it flattens out. You are now looking out for a track on your L just after a lone fir tree. Turn L.	2hr10min/8.7km
Head down the track for 50m and then look out for an indistinct track/path on the R. Take this path that takes you to a field. Walk along the field to the bushy tree at the end and pass behind the tree and follow the animal track onto the small rise and just over the rise joining the track and turn L.	2hr13min/9km
Descend down the track to the field and cross the field to the cairn on the other side. Join the path and follow the cairned path. This path now takes your around and down in a left direction. The path will now drop steeply into a valley until you reach a flat area.	2hr26min/9.7km
The path now U turns and descends a further valley but not as steeply. You should shortly spot the lone arch of Arc de Xorquet up and on your R. Continue to follow the path down into a cultivated valley. The path joins a track which now leads you to a road. Turn R onto the road.	2hr44min/10.8km
You should now follow the road slightly down initially but after a L turn you will start to climb until you reach a building on your R. You are now at a T junction with a track. Turn R.	2hr55min/11.6km
The track now leads you down to the CV 752. At the main road turn L and then almost immediately R onto a track.	3hr2min/12.2km
After 200m you arrive at a junction where you need to bear L. After a further 100m bear R at a Y junction marked R/W and then after a further 500m look out R for a further track on your R marked R/W and turn R. The track shortly becomes a path	

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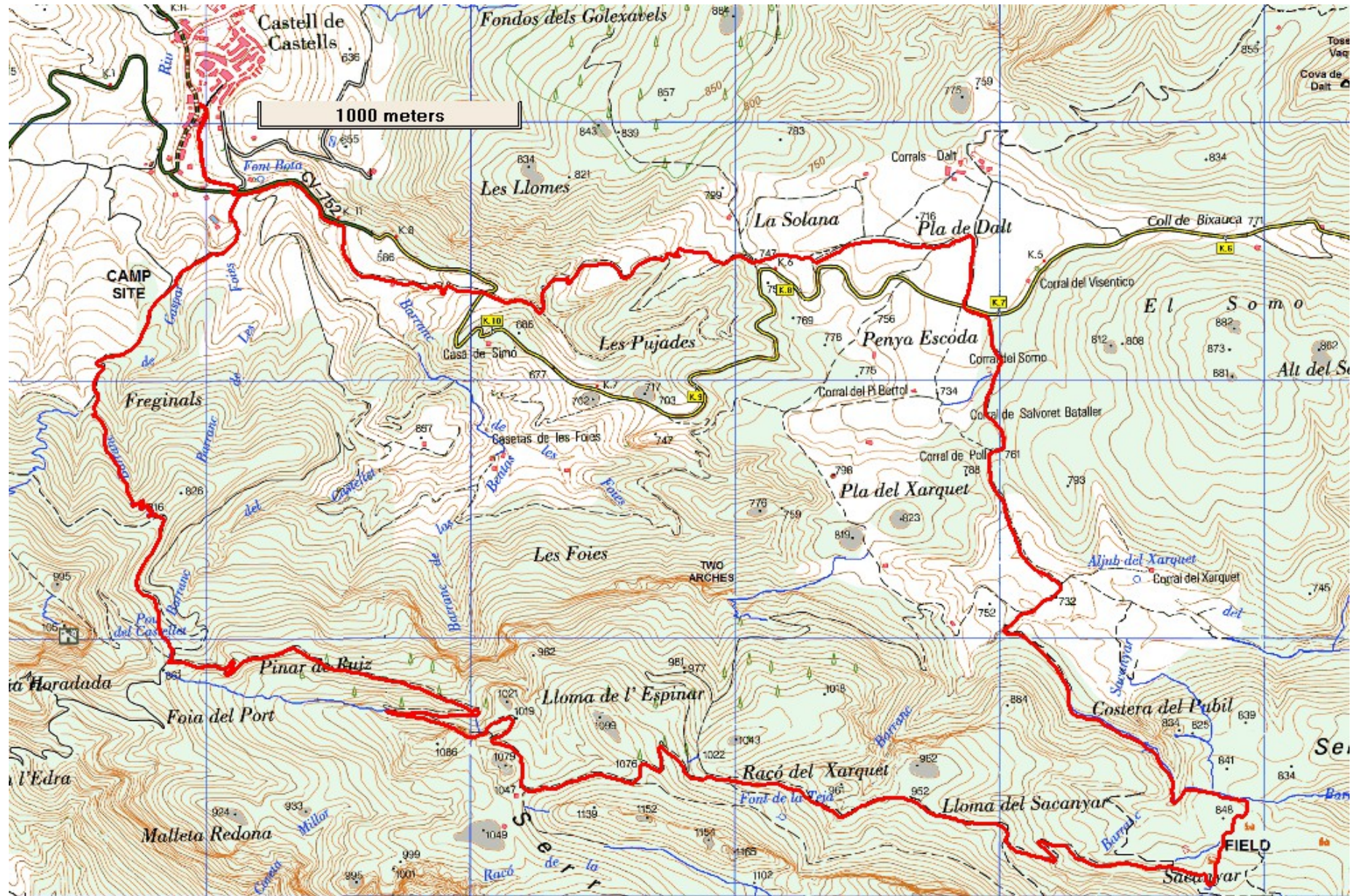
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before emerging at a track junction. Go straight over the junction.	3hr20min/13.5km
After a further 200m at another track junction turn R on a path marked Y/W. You now keep descending on the path/track until it meets the main road.	3hr42min/14.8km
Cross directly over the road and join a track/path marked R/Y/W. Follow the obvious path down until again you meet the road.	3hr52min/15.6km
This time join and follow the road down until you reach the village of Castell de Castells. Retrace your original path into the village and back to the car park.	4hr5min/16.5km
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	NIL

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