

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Lloma Larga and Serra de la Venta circuit
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benissa. On small country road towards Marnes off the CV749.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	15
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	460
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.66hr 5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.67821 Long: -0.01726
Directions to Start	1 km after Pinos restaurant on Benissa-Bernia road (CV749) take right hand junction just over bridge towards Marnes. Park after 200m.
Short walk description	A walk on the flanks of the hills around the Marnes Valley. 90% wide track and good single track giving opportunity for lovely views throughout the route.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From your lay-by parking walk back down the road to the main road and turn L.	
Cross the bridge and quickly turn L up a concreted driveway, leaving this after only a few metres past the chain on the RHS to follow a small cairned path uphill.	420m, 5.5min
Zig-zag up a little to walk beside a gully on your LHS and further up abandon this to cross slightly L to find a wider watercourse which we cross and then continue uphill on its LHS.	
Once the hill starts to level pick a spot to wander over slightly rightwards to intercept a clear rocky ramp going uphill to your L.	860m, 17.5min
Follow this uphill as it becomes clearer and clearer and continue ignoring small side turnings first on the RHS and then on the LHS to crest a small hill and drop slightly to a col. (with the continuing path clearly going ahead up the ridge)	1.9km, 38min

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Here turn R at a small cairn and drop on a thin path to soon reach a track where you turn L.	
After approx 500 metres you reach a viewpoint with benches and walk ahead and slightly down on the continuing track.	
Some 50m down here take care to find a cairn on your LHS.....	2.5km, 47min
and a footpath with signs of old engineered traces which you now follow carefully as it rises across rough terrain, enters woodland and quickly arrives at a large finca on a col.	3.4km, 1hr 5min
Turn L up 2 terraces towards the house and then L doubling back along a terrace on an improving path which soon crosses a chain and joins a track going off to the R.	
Follow this around the hill to a second col with track junction and keep R. (now with views out to the R towards the Ferrer ridge)	
Further ahead as the track doubles back to the R follow this and almost immediately ignore a track back off L and then a little further along ignore a track going off to the R.	5.1km, 1hr 29min
Descend now to reach tarmac and here turn L soon passing a large villa on the RHS and then along its high garden wall to the end. At end of wall turn immediately R along old terraces keeping close to Solar panels ,at far end of panels trend R onto original well walked path with paint marks.	5.7km, 1hr 36min
From here continue ahead on a footpath soon turning to the R.	
Follow this to dog-leg L and then R around a ruin and soon keep R at a fork and then a little further on repeat the action of keeping R at a fork (this one somewhat clearer!)	
Now climb steadily with wide views to the RHS and eventually reach a small patch of woodland. Walk through this and emerge at a large building under construction (Apr '18) and continue across the track to find the continuing path ahead which descends to cross a barranco and swing L across terraces to pass a large deserted finca.	8.2km, 2hr 17min
Continue ahead ignoring a track going uphill to the RHS and walk around a barranco and uphill on the far side of this.	
At the crest of the hill reach an open area (which is actually a camp site) and continue ahead past the BBQ building to reach a junction where at a cairn a footpath continues directly ahead and descending.	
Reach an open area with a set of buildings directly in front of you. Ignore the track leading down to these and instead continue L on a descending footpath soon reaching the car park for a large restaurant – Refugio Vista Bernia.	9.2km, 2hr 32min
Walk around this to the L and across the remains of the car park to join a track which soon descends in zig-zags and becomes a footpath beside a small casita and leads into a dramatic valley with crags on the L and soon reaches a track.	
Turn L along this and rise up to a spur with a large house on the LHS which we ignore and continue ahead to descend on the track.	10km, 2hr 46min
As you descend you cross a patch of gravel which has been laid to make driving easier on this track and then a little later a second patch of similar gravel just before reaching a	

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crest where there is a house in front of you with solar panels.

Just before the crest look out for a small cairn on the RHS and descending footpath from here.

Reach a track driveway and turn R for a few metres but before reaching the house continue ahead (slightly L) onto a stone flagged descending path which soon becomes concreted and descends to the bottom of the garden before turning R to cross a terrace.

Follow the path L past a fenced enclosure and just beyond this ignore a footpath going R and instead go ahead to climb in indistinct zig-zags a few metres to just below a large wall where you turn R and continue below the wall on a level path.

This descends a little and then leads back to the road and your parked cars.

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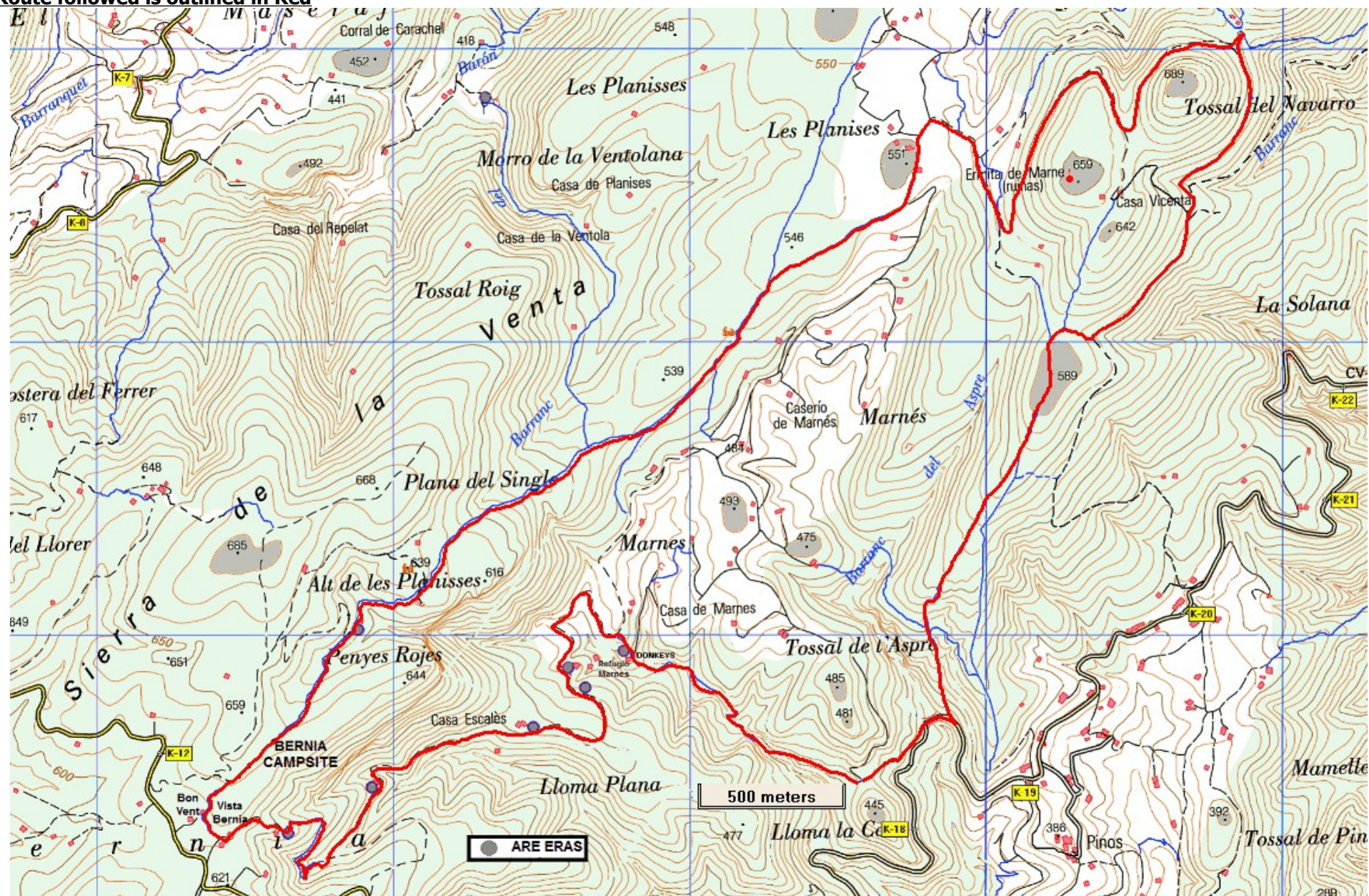
12.1km, 3hr
17min

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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