

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Circuit from Mon Natura at Planes de Son
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Son, Mon Natura hostel at Planes de Son
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	10
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	480
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3.5hr 4.25hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	MS/A
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 42.618149, Long: 1.081992
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From the mid N of Spain find the C13 road heading N from Sort. Continue to reach Valencia d'Aneu and here turn L onto the Carretera de Son. In the village of Son follow signs to Mon Natura and park just outside its entrance.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A delightful round with lots of open ground and extensive views in all directions.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
From the parking outside the entrance to the hostel (space for about 10 cars) double back to the R continuing on the track.	
Ignore side turnings off and turn L at the next zig-zag continuing above this to ignore side turnings.	
When you reach the next zig where the track doubles back uphill to the R ignore this and instead continue ahead on a grassy track.	330m, 7min
A few metres further find a yellow painted post indicating a footpath going off uphill to the R.	
Continue on this for some time until just past a boggy section you zig slightly R for a few metres and then back L to soon reach the track,	1.5km, 37min

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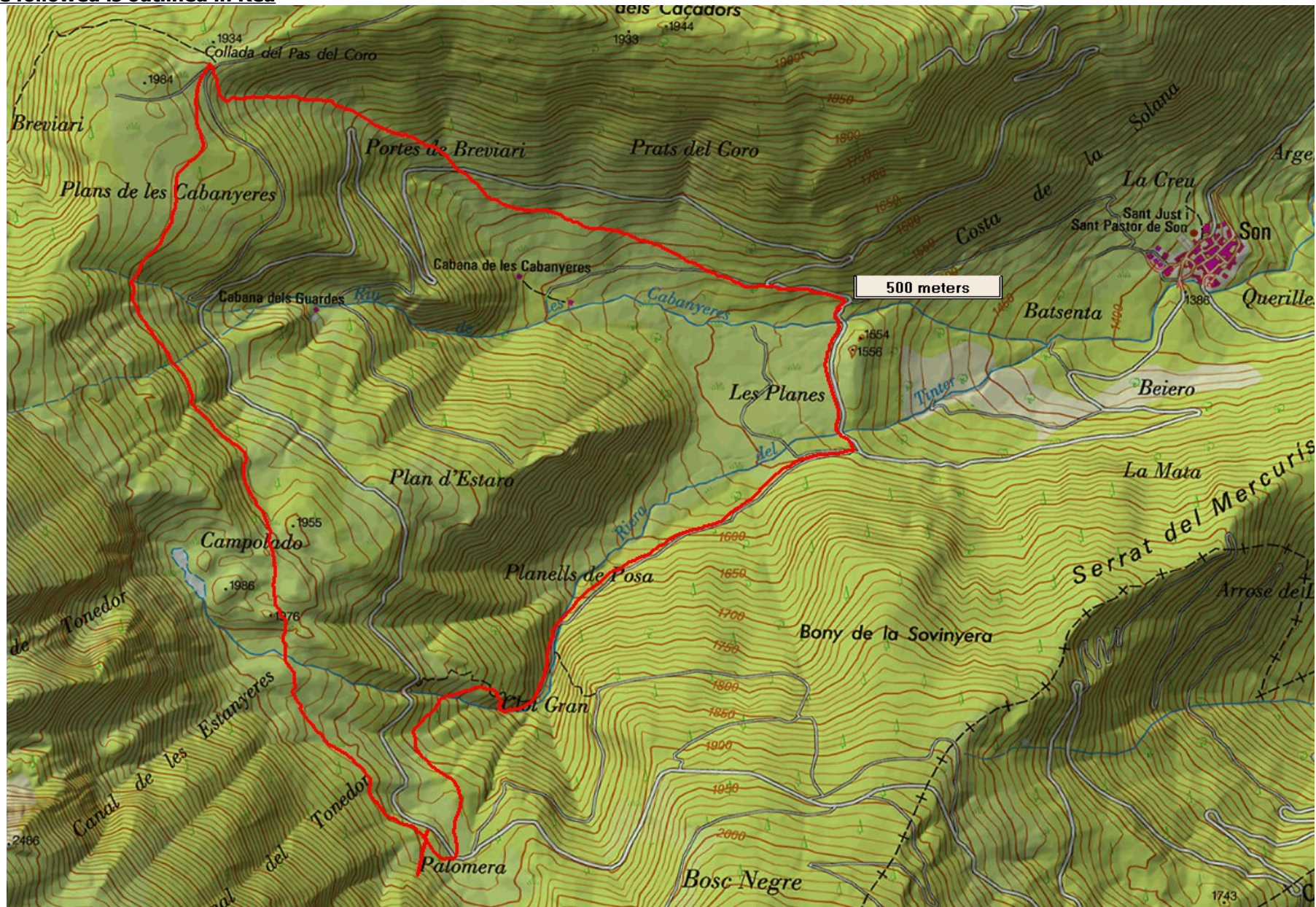
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<p>Cross this almost directly still following Y posts as the line on the ground now rises more steeply to soon follow a valley up almost directly to a col. Just before reaching this the path (and posts) curve around to the R to follow the easiest line.</p> <p>At the col there is a finger post where you turn L on a track signed to Refugio del Pla de la Font.</p> <p>A few metres down the track there is a second finger post where you turn R on a footpath now again following yellow post markers (and occasionally Y flashes on the trees).</p> <p>Quickly enter an open pasture where the line of the path may be indistinct but we curve slightly L passing a small group of rocks find the clear path again as it enters the woodland.</p> <p>Further ahead just after crossing a marshy stream there is a fork where we keep R soon finding (Y)ellow markers.</p>	<p>2.5km, 1hr 11min</p>
<p>Climb little to crest a grassy spur .....</p> <p>and here again the line is indistinct but we keep ahead passing L of a rocky knoll and then snaking down to a wide stream crossing and then follow a descending line (to the L of a corral) to cross a second stream which we then follow down for 50m before striking off R again.</p>	<p>4.4km, 1hr 49min</p>
<p>After crossing a 3<sup>rd</sup> stream the path levels and soon a track is visible below you on the LHS.</p>	<p>5.6km, 2hr 12min</p>
<p>Continue ahead until you drop down a grassy alp to reach a finger post at a bend in the track.</p>	<p>6.2km, 2hr 20min</p>
<p>Cross the track and search out more yellow posts which lead us off to the L soon entering woodland after crossing a wooden bridge in a marshy area and then a second bridge across a stream.</p>	
<p>Soon you are following the footpath down steeply beside the stream and this opens up to a broader track which you follow down until it crosses the stream and you follow it across using the bridge a few metres earlier.</p>	
<p>Continue down this track to reach a fence which you can open to pass just at a point where a track joins you from the L. Ignore this and continue 10m lower to a finger post .....</p> <p>.....where you turn L signed to Planes de Son in 10 minutes.</p> <p>Follow this track to reach your parked car.</p> <p><small>Spanish maps included within these descriptions are provided courtesy of the Spanish IGN and remain © Instituto Geográfico Nacional</small></p>	<p>8.7km, 3hr 10min</p>
<p><b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b></p>	<p>The steep descent might be better taken as ascent by doing this round in reverse.</p>

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**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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