

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Senija to Penyes Blanques
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Senija, Beside a small, children's play area with an electric sub station next to it.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	8
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	390
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.25hr 4hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.729233, Long: 0.042244
Directions to Start	From CV-745 enter Senija at the eastern end along Avinguda de les Corts Valenciana which bypasses the village centre. Park on the side of the road near a play area for small children, which has an electric sub station next to it and a road crossing opposite (There is another large play area further up the road).
Short walk description	From Senija over the rolling hills to the north and on to the summit of Penyes Blanques. Returning back along the undulating ridge to reach the cross of Senija and the descent to the village. The route is a mini rollercoaster as it crosses five tops. Paths and tracks, mainly good but with some rugged sections. The route passes through lovely countryside and there are fine and varied views.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Opposite the small play area there is a road forming a 'T' junction, go over the road and up it to enter the village, ignore a road on the L and continue to a 'T' junction. Turn L, pass the church and turn first R beside "Casa Manola". Go uphill ignoring side roads to arrive at a traffic island with twin pines and a bench seat, beside a sports complex.	400m, 5min

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Continue up to a three way junction and go straight ahead onto a concrete track, which soon becomes gravel. About 20 metres before reaching the gates of a Finca turn R up a rough footpath. It winds uphill then passes between old walls and over the crest of a small dome, covered with terraces, then descends zig zags down to the level of a small finca on the R. The path turns L, then descends to a concrete track beside steel gates. Turn L, go down to a bend where a track goes L. It has a signpost "Cami Vell de Lliber" and a R/W route marker.	1.46km, 25min
Turn L along the track, pass behind terraces and a finca and head up towards a saddle (ignore a path off L) pass an information plaque and head between old walls and in a few minutes reach the col. On the R beside a stone wall is a path with cairns (red arrow plus blue and yellow dots) ignore this and continue for about 9 metres to a less obvious path on the R.	1.89km, 30min
Follow this path passing beside a group of small pines (heading initially north west). In a short distance ignore a path on the R and bear L to reach a shoulder where a hunters path goes L. Turn R on the main path to climb over another dome to terraces at the top. Then, down towards a col and a 'T' junction with a broader path (blue cross and dot on rock). The path to the R leads directly back to Senija but turn L and in a few metres reach a cross roads of paths with signpost (you will return to this junction on the descent).	2.67km, 47min
Turn R signed to "Alt de la Creu & Cova de la Garganta" Follow the path for about 100m to a junction (purple arrow & paint dots on rock on main path). Take the L fork (if you miss it the path forks L again in about 20m, in front of a bancal, yellow cross on rock). Continue to a junction near a finca (blue dot on rock) swing R and follow the main track passing terraces, then pass a watering hole on your right and two ruined finca's on your L. the track continues straight ahead beside a wall to a 'T' junction.	3.6km, 1hr 02min
Turn L to reach a junction on a bend (blue dot on rock & wall). Turn R (basically straight ahead) towards a semi ruined casita, where the track reduces to a path. Follow it uphill, it soon turns L (beware bee hives off to the R). It winds up through bancals to reach a plateau (blue dot on rock) and soon reaches a minor top (382m). The final summit along the ridge can now be seen ahead. Descend passing the right edge of a couple of broad terraces on the col and continue up the path onto the summit (388m). Where there are wide ranging 360 deg views.	4.73km, 1hr 19min
Return along the ridge re-cross the saddle, passing along the L edge of the terraces and back over the lower top, keeping L at the plateau (blue dot on rock). Descend (beware bee hives on L) bearing R via the small casita and follow the track back to the junction on a bend (blue dot on rock & wall).	5.61km, 1hr 33min
Go L, ignore paths on the L and the track on the R (which was your outward route) then a path with red arrow on the L, (stop here) where immediately ahead there is a lay-by/turning place, beyond which the track becomes a surfaced road. Before reaching the lay-by there is a path on the R (yellow & green dots). Follow it up through bancals. Just as the angle eases look for a branch going L (purple arrow on rock pointing back downhill). Step up L and follow the top of a bancal which leads in a short distance to the Cross of Senija and fine views towards the sea (407m the highest point on your route).	6.33km, 1hr 45min

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Continue ahead past the cross, then down to a junction with a path (just to your R there is an interesting well enclosure). Turn L downhill passing a ruin on your R. At a junction (yellow cross on rock on R, this leads to your outward path) turn L downhill and continue to arrive back at the signposted crossroads of paths, which you visited on your outward journey.

6.85km, 1hrs 53min

Turn L (signed "Senija" Y/W) and in a few metres ignore path on the R (blue cross on rock, this was your outward path). A short distance further ignore a second path on the R (blue dot and arrow). Continue L parallel to terraces, then down around zig-zags, past a finca on your R. Finally, it goes down an eroded section to join a track. Bear L down to pass between walls onto a concrete section and on to a 'T' junction with a surfaced road.

7.68km, 2hrs 05min

Turn R, (Y/W) follow the road, bear R at a 'Y' junction then L at the next junction, go past the larger play area and continue back to the parking place.

8.12km, 2hrs 10min

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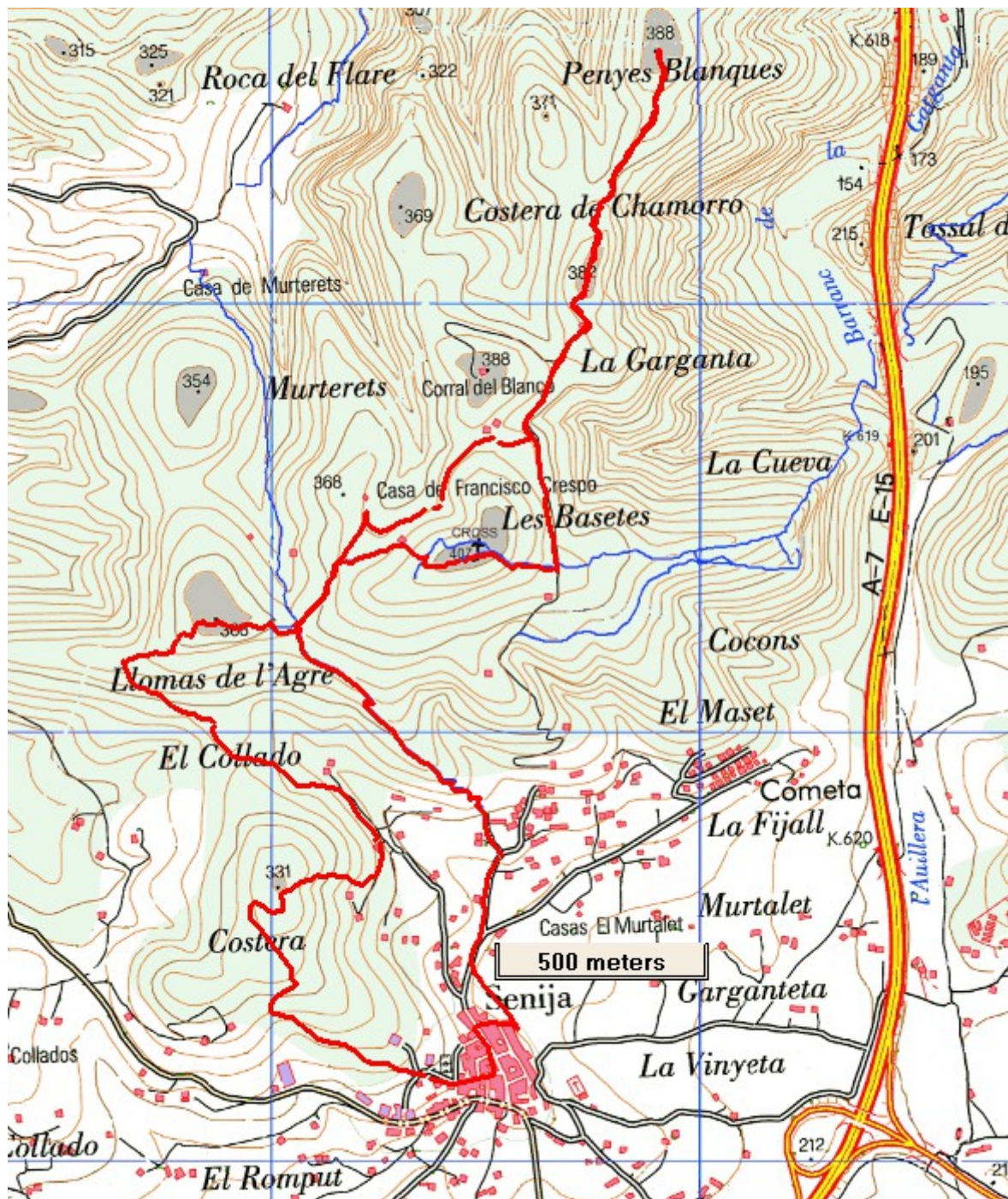
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

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