

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

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| <b>Last Updated</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018                                                                                                       |
| <b>Title of Walk</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Cazorla hills and castles                                                                                                            |
| <b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Cazorla<br>Plaza de Santa Maria.<br>Track starts at approach to town at junction of A319 and A6204 towards Santo Tome.               |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 12                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 590                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3.25hr<br>5.5hr                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | MS/A                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Lat: 37.908987, Long: -3.000226                                                                                                      |
| <b>Directions to Start</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | From the A92N motorway which runs between Puerto Lumbreras and Granada take the A315 going N and then the A319 to arrive at Cazorla. |
| <b>Short walk description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | A delightful round of the nearby hills directly from Cazorla town with the opportunity to explore 2 of the castles in the area.      |
| <b>Full Walk Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>From this street junction walk up hill away from the Hotel Limas and take the first street R opposite a Panaderia (bakers).</p> <p>Follow this uphill to the 3<sup>rd</sup> junction on the RHS where there is a Coviran supermarket and here turn R down Calle Cerezuelo towards a bridge.</p> <p>Before crossing the bridge drop down on the L to reach the river bank and turn L up beside it.</p> <p>Continue up this charming path until you reach a set of steps climbing on the L away from you,</p> <p>Follow these steeply uphill and turn half R at the top to emerge at the edge of Plaza Santa Maria. <b>(Best place to start and finish the walk)</b></p> | <p><b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b></p> <p>330m, 5.5min</p> <p>1.1km, 17min</p>                                           |

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| <p>Cross the plaza and walk into the ruined church courtyard (if it is open) and after exploring emerge on the R and turn L and quickly fork L signed to Molino de Faraga. Pass the casa and keep L beside the river (on its RHS) and at a sign board for El Gillillo keep L.</p> <p>At a fork where there is a bridge crossing the river to the L, ignore this and keep on the RHS of the river signed to Rio Cerezuelo.</p> <p>Ignore the first bridge where you could cross L and keep ahead but at the next bridge you must cross and then quickly re-cross the river. The going underfoot along here can be slippery and climbs and falls quite a bit.</p> <p>Just beyond a large building above you on the LHS reach a path junction where you turn R and climb steadily.</p> <p>Double back to the L and a viewpoint beside a fence which you walk around and then trend slightly L only a few metres to walk uphill beside a second fence on the L and follow this as the path levels somewhat high above a deep barranco down on your LHS.</p> <p>Sections of this section are slippery and need care as the drop off is considerable, but with diligence you will find yourself below a large white building above you on the R and here you can climb directly up to this and follow a thin track L before the building to join a wider track where you turn R.</p> <p>Follow this as it swings around passing several miradors to meet a large building (hotel) where you turn R still on the same track and walk uphill to meet a track junction. (at the end of the tarmac and beside a set of gates)</p> <p>Cross this directly to find a finger post and follow the footpath up into the trees.</p> <p>Cross the track again and continue on the footpath.</p> <p>This soon swings R and then after a while back to the L now clearly on an engineered path.</p> <p>When you meet a more major track turn R along this.</p> <p>Continue along this until you reach a gated track dropping on the RHS and take this.</p> <p>Follow this downhill and pass a finger post showing a path out to the Castillo de Cinco Esquinas which makes an interesting out and back extension.</p> <p>Follow the main track downhill soon approaching the Ermita de Monte Sion.</p> <p>Just before reaching this turn R at a finger post (2.9km to Cazorla) on a descending track which falls rapidly with zig-zags and then contours around to the R passing a building – Borbotones and keep descending.</p> <p>Eventually this becomes concrete and you reach a finger post at a T junction where you turn R.</p> <p>Keep ahead on tarmac and through several sets of traffic lights to arrive back at the Plaza de Santa Maria.</p> | <p>2.5km, 46min</p> <p>3.2km, 1hr 3min</p> <p>4.7km, 1hr 27min</p> <p>5.6km, 1hr 43min</p> <p>6.2km, 1hr 52min</p> <p>7.3km, 2hr 8min</p> |
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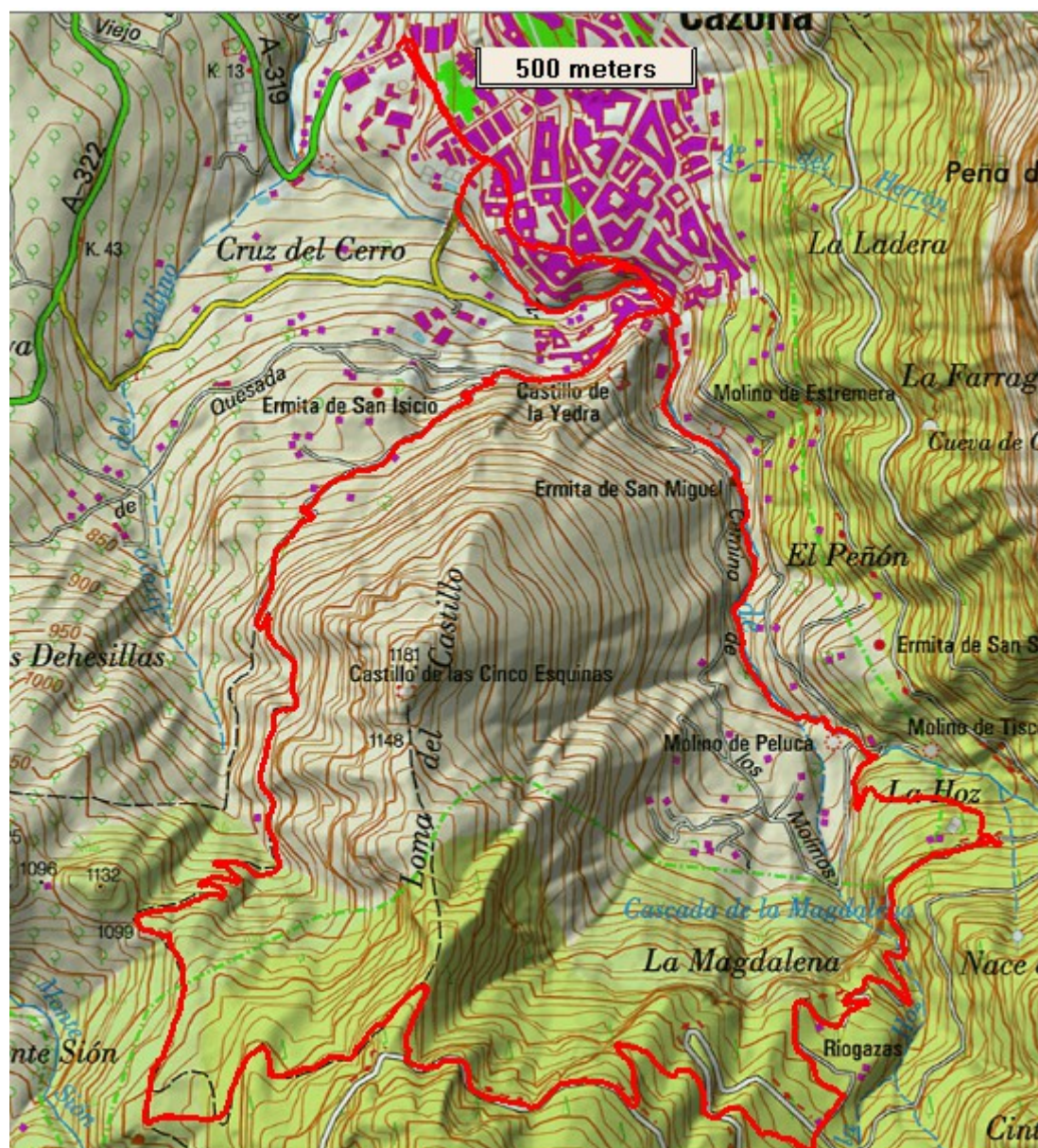
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### **Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

None.

Plaza Santa Maria is the old square in Cazorla and not the remote location used to start this walk.

### **Route followed is outlined in Red**



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