

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Cerro de las Atajadores, Cerro de los Pinos and Penon Borondo
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Burunchel Paso del Aire, on the A319 road. Leave one car here. Drop another at a remote location on the continuation of this road. See below for location.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	11
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	730
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.66hr 5.66hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	For main parking Lat:- 37.946888, Long: -2.941322 For remote start. Lat: 37.928249, Long: -2.949393
Directions to Start	From the A92N motorway which runs between Puerto Lumbreras and Granada take the A315 going N and then the A319 to arrive at Cazorla. Continue on this road into the heart of the park, through Burunchel and on up to the Puerto de las Palomas which is the first car park.
Short walk description	A great ridge walk followed by an amble around an engineered path on the W flanks of the ridge line.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Assuming that you are starting at the remote location and not the pass, then find the eroded track that climbs steeply up to the W in a few zigzags to reach a col.	500m, 12.5min
Here there is a R/W marker to reassure you, but you quickly follow the path line that leaves this to the SW and moves up to the L of a parallel small barranco on your R.	
When you can cross this to the R easily then do so and now find the easiest line up the scree slope in front of you to crest the ridge line. (now going slightly N of W)	900m, 25min

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Just before reaching the top of this the small top at the end of the ridge is obvious and you move to the L of this and continue along the ridge line, now going S and then SW again.

Working along this ridge is exhilarating and challenging and demands a willingness to explore routes through the rocks and boulders to find the best line but with perseverance you will gain great pleasure from this walk which has panoramic views all around.

You soon pass a small trig point and then a large cairn and about 5 minutes after this there is an inviting looking deer path sloping off downhill on the RHS. Ignore this and instead seek out a line to the L of the ridge which alternately opens up easily and provides more challenging navigation.

During this section a more hidden cairn appears in the rocky section that is above you on the RHS.

Generally it is best to keep L and this applies for some considerable time although you will rise and fall quite a lot.

Eventually you will have to scramble a little awkwardly up to the R to find the final open summit which is in open ground and after visiting it, turn L to continue along the ridge.

A little way down this you need to walk down a broad barranco for a short while until you can see an easy way to turn L and continue below the ridge line on your LHS.

Only once near the end of the ridge line do you transfer to the R side and then awkwardly across steep slopes and rocks to regain the ridge on easier ground.

Finally you emerge at a col where you join a broad footpath at a bend.

3km, 1hr 14min

Take the RH line dropping steadily and follow this down in zig-zags to a junction where you turn R.

3.4km, 1hr 22min

(There are occasional R/W markers, but don't rely on finding one when you need them!)

After a considerable descent you approach a meadow with a stone building standing proudly in it and about 15m before leaving the trees look out carefully for a path/track junction where you double back to the R.

4.6km, 1hr 45min

Now follow this along the flank and towards the end with some steep climbs until you reach a finger post with a R/W marker and you take this to the R deserting (thankfully) the track which descends steeply beyond this.

6.8km, 2hr 19min

Curve around to the R still rising and soon have the col from the start of your day in view.

8.2km, 2hr 46min

When you reach this turn slightly L with R/W markers, thread your way easily through rocky ground and out onto the open hillside, soon walking through a gate.

When you reach a post with a R/W cross ignore this and continue ahead up the ridge to finally reach the summit of Cerro de las Atajadores.

9.8km, 3hr 16min

Walk over the summit and descend steeply to soon have your parked car at the Paso del Aire in view. Part way down you join a track which appears on the R and walk through a

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set of gates to reach the col.

Option A:-

If you park at the "end" of this walk – the Col de las Palomas (Paso del Aire) you can walk up the ridge a short way (S) and then take the continuing track along the flanks to the L. When this ends turn R uphill to join the ridge and then L a short way to the col mentioned at the 500m mark of this description. Then you can follow this description as written to finish back at the Col de las Palomas.

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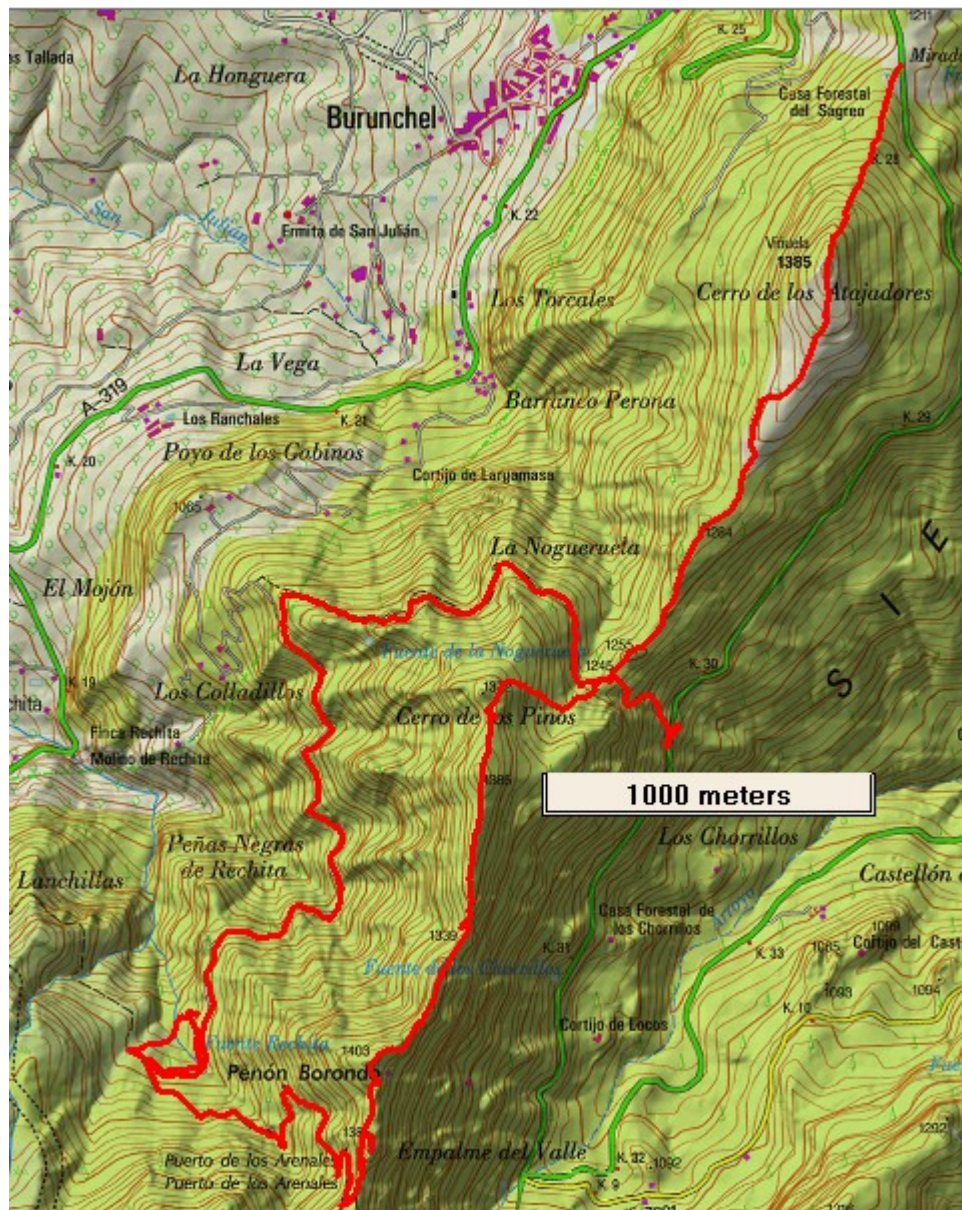
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Car shuffle needed. A willingness to explore routes through the rocks and boulders to find the best line is necessary!

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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