

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Serra de Besa circuit from Jalon
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Jalon The remote start is some 1.5km from the tourist info office in Jalon. Reach Jalon on the CV750.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	8
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	290
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.25hr 2.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.735589, Long: -0.020085
Directions to Start	From Jalon tourist office, cross the main road directly to drive up a small lane and follow this to for 1.1km to reach a complex junction where you turn directly L. Follow this for 500m to reach a large water deposito where there is parking for 1 or 2 cars.
Short walk description	A pleasant pre-lunch stroll over a small but deserted hill with panoramic views and a return through woodland.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the water deposito continue uphill for a few metres on tarmac before this degrades to a gravel track.	
Follow this ahead for some 400m and look out for a footpath leaving uphill on the L with a red paint waymark.	575m, 11min
Continue on this until you reach a junction (re-joining the track you left) where you turn L to pass a cleared ruin.	770m, 14min
Walk into the edge of a barranco level and turn hard R still on a very clear slightly elevated footpath.	

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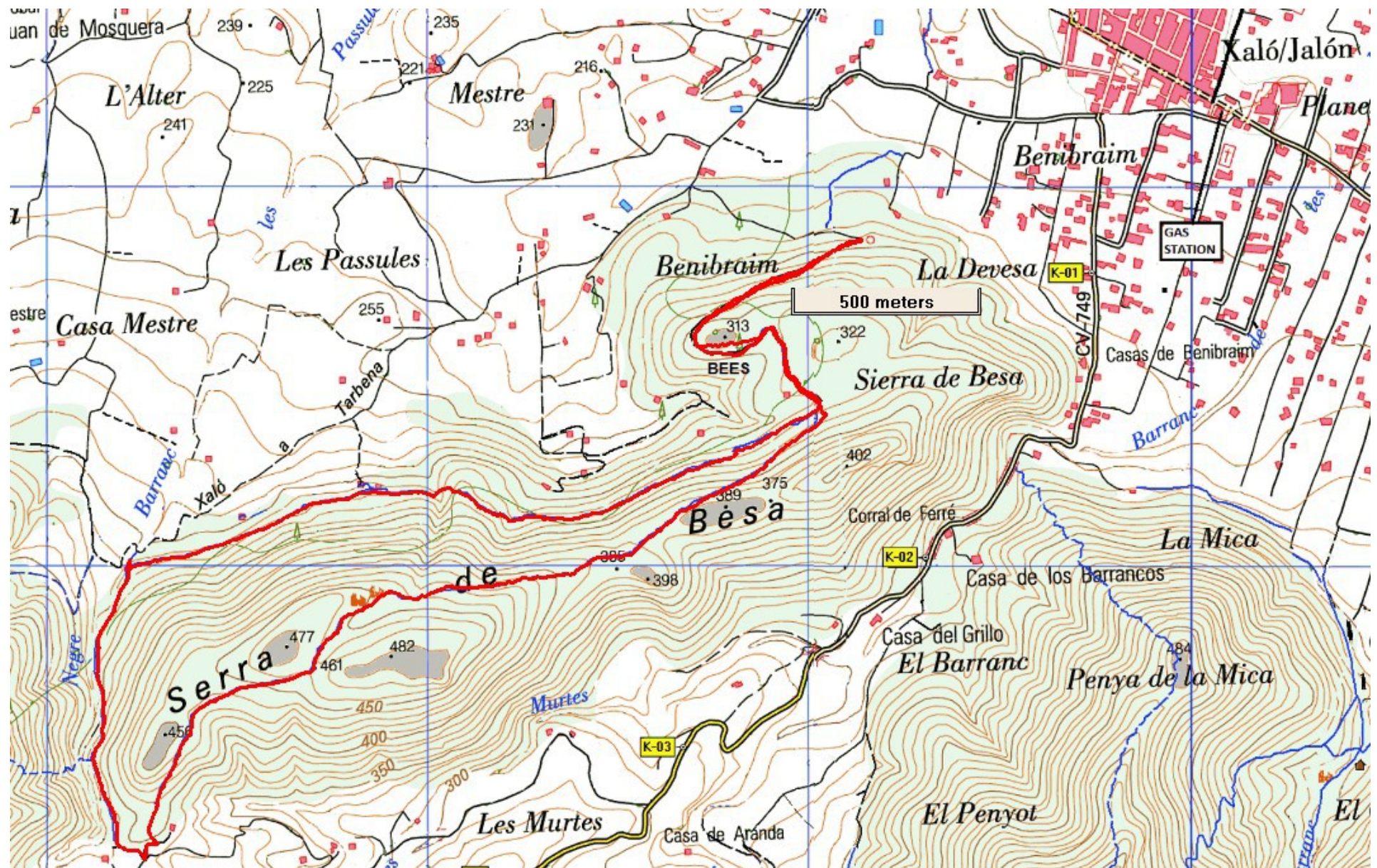
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Now you walk level around a barranco descending on your RHS keeping to the main path until you reach the far side of the barranco facing the ridge of Serra de Besa where the path turns abruptly R. (and less clearly L)	1.1km, 18.5min
Ignore this and instead climb more steeply on a path directly ahead into the woods which soon turns R and continues level.	
This now climbs steadily for some 2km on a clear path (cleared 2019) to arrive at a set of ruins in an open plateau.	2.5km, 47min
Pass these on the LHS and drift off to the L now following the descending path	
This continues generally SW now to pass through a shallow col and then continue ahead on the LHS of the ridge line soon descending to reach a track.	3.4km, 1hr 3min
Follow this down to a junction where you turn R, join tarmac and reach a T-junction. Here turn immediately R onto a footpath with mountain bike sign.	3.6km, 1hr 6min
Follow this down with the barranco below you on your LHS and after passing 2 black and white hunting signs descend to reach a footpath junction just as your line widens out.	4.4km, 1hr 22min
Here turn R on the less distinct (but still clear) footpath level on a terrace.	
Follow this through the trees for some time with one steep but short climb where you have to clear a descending spur to eventually reach the cross track where you turn L.	6.4km, 1hr 54min
This joins your outgoing route and now you keep ahead (slightly differently from your outgoing line) to descend on the track and back to your parked car.	
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	The water deposito from where this walk starts has only limited parking and so it may be that you have to park in Jalon and walk from there adding some 3-4km to the distance.

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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