

## COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Serrella – Las Freginals, Alto de Tronca and Pla de Blancon
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Castell de Castells Car Park in village centre
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	12kms
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	700m
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3hrs. 40mins. 4hrs. 35mins.
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/C
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat. 38.723848 Long -0.194751
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Take the CV720 from Parcent and Benichembla to Castell de Castells . In the village immediately opposite Hotel Serrella (on RHS) turn L . After 20m.turn L again down a ramp into signed parking area.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A long steady,early ascent on marked paths, descend down the ' canal ' and across to a ruin overlooking Guadalest embalse, continue and pass a second ruin with well preserved ' era ',then spiral back down to Castells. Spectacular views and scenery throughout.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Turn R out of car park and walk round to join CV720 and turn L, continue to junction and cross road and turn R (signed Famorca, Facheca) walk on LHS of road and within a few mtrs. Turn L up a surfaced cami, continue past houses and pass an orchard	590m, 10 mins
Turn up feint path on LHS,wind up through terraces and emerge at a concrete road.	1.35km, 18 mins
Almost immediately turn L and continue to reach a campsite Take the R fork (signed Castellet) continue for a few mtrs.	1.6km, 21 mins
Turn L on a path (cairn) through trees and rejoin track	1.85km, 25Min.
Take L fork,follow this path (Y/W) which reaches a track	2.65km, 40min

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Continue to emerge on a concrete road and turn R,continue up to the col with signpost, take the R track and continue to reach a T junction	4.28km, 1hr.4min
Continue forwards (optional visit to Serrella Castle will add approx. 30min and approx.50mtrs. Ascent) and go downhill,as track levels reach a small crossroads .	4.8km, 1hr.10min
Go directly ahead on track and ascend to reach a junction with another signpost (Confrides / Castelles)	5.6km, 1hr.25min
Take the L fork onto a path running along RHS of an old animal corral, continue on this path to reach a junction on a col.	6km.
Take L turn and spiral down (Y/W) path and trend R across a well walked 'scree' area to reach a junction with a large cairn.	6.5km. 1hr.45min
Take the L fork (R /W cross) and descend to reach some old terraces	6.9km.
At next to bottom terrace turn L along a feint path across these ' burnt ' terraces aiming for a rocky outcrop to the R,follow the path up LHS of this outcrop then trend L across to the far side of a terrace, turn R onto an old track and within a few metres reach a ruin (Pla de Blancon) (a good place for lunch)	7.6km. 2hr.10min
Keep L of the ruin on the track and aim forwards for approx. 100 mtrs. Then turn L across uncultivated burnt terraces (cairns) ascend slowly above LHS of a small barranco, keep L of a large boulder (cairns) and rise forwards slightly to reach a ruin with and ' era ' .	8.65km.2hr30min
Turn R past the ruin and continue to reach a broad track (visited earlier)	8.8km.2hr 38min
Go directly across track and onto a path (cairn), continue and meet a track	9.1km.2hr46min
Go directly across and drop onto a path and spiral down to reach a riverbed (dry)	9.8km.3 hrs.
Turn R out of riverbed and almost immediately reach a junction	9.9km.
Turn L and continue down to campsite, follow the concrete road down to meet tarmac	10.7km.
Keep R and meet CV752 and turn L to return to Castell de Castells	11.7km.3hr40min
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<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	Although qualifying as a strenuous walk because of the 700m. Ascent the distance is only 12kms. So could be high end of an MS

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Route followed is outlined in Red

