

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Castells Combo
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Castell de Castells Car Park opposite Hotel Serrella.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	19 kms
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	750 mtrs
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 45 min 6 hr.
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat. 38.723848 long. - 0.194751
Directions to Start	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 into Calle Jose Antonio and then almost immediately L again down a ramp into car park.
Short walk description	A circular walk combining parts of Foyes valley, Castells South and east circuits and the foothills of Aixorta. A mixture of forestry tracks, marked paths, mozarabic paths and a few rough paths
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Turn R out of the car park and walk directly forwards onto Calle les Escoles, follow this to the end and emerge onto CV752 (tarmac road), turn L for a couple of metres then cross road to a PR signpost (El Castellet)	480m, 7 mins.
Turn R up camino signed 'El Castellet', almost immediately reach a junction near a stone building, take the L fork and continue up to reach a campsite	1.05km, 12 min
Take centre path through campsite PR149 (red, white and yellow markers) ascend up here to emerge on a broad track at a junction with a PR post	2.3km 40 min
Take L fork and continue to reach a concrete road	3km 50 min
Turn R and continue up to a crossroads	3.2km

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Take the L fork and continue on this track to reach a R fork with a chain across	6km 1hr 30min
Turn R over chain,pass a small white casita then almost immediately turn L up a path on LHS of track,continue to reach a junction with a cultivated plateau to the forefront	7.8km 2 hr
Take the L fork along LHS of plateau, trend L aiming towards a rocky ' gateway ', ignore a L fork (leading up to the summit).	8.2km 2hr5min
Pass through this ' gateway ' and descend a rocky path to reach a wooden refuge hut	8.45km 2hr12m
Pass to the LHS of the hut and forwards to reach a junction	8.57km 2hr15m
Go directly across,ignore R fork and continue to reach another junction	9.4km2hr26min
Turn R, ignore a track to the L and continue to reach an animal feeding station	9.95km 2hr24m
Drop onto a path at the LHS and descend a steep, rocky path to level off near semi – cultivated terraces	10.2km 2hr44m
Turn L then almost immediately R (large cairn) across the terraces,pass to the RHS of a ruin and reach a ' scrubby ' area (cairns) continue to reach a junction	10.6km 2hr52m
Turn L and continue through scrubland and descend down towards a riverbed, cross over and turn R and follow along LHS of riverbed,as the path emerges from the valley it becomes a track which leads to a surfaced camino with a signpost	12.1km3hr20min
Turn R then trend L and continue to reach a renovated house	12.9km3hr32min
Take the L fork and continue passing almond terraces and emerge at a surfaced road	13.3km3hr40min
Turn L and pass to LHS of a finca,slowly ascend (Y/W) to meet a junction with a PR post ' Peña Escoda '	14km. 3hr48min
Turn R and continue to a junction with an information board	14.3km3hr54min
Turn L gently descending through a valley to reach a junction	16.3km4hr16min
Take the R fork, continue and pass between 2 stone building,the track narrows into a path and just before reaching the valley bottom (riverbed) take the L path,ignore the next small path to R (cairns) and continue along LHS of riverbed until it leads down to the riverbed (cairns),soon after rise out of riverbed to LHS (cairns)	16.8km 4hr22m
Trend L away from riverbed along old terraces then drop back down into riverbed (cairns) and walk L and R along riverbed rising out at LHS of a dam	17.2km 4hr26m
Continue forwards to reach a junction	17.5km 4hr30m
Take L fork and continue to a forestry track	18km 4hr36m
Turn R and continue to tarmac (CV 752). Turn L and cross road and take 2 nd . R turn to return to car park	18.3km 4hr40m
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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