

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

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Dos Fuentes - Arechinos circuit
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Benimaurell, El Collau Restaurant
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	10 kms
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	550m.
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3hr 35 min 4hr 10min
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	MS/C
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat. 38.768538 Long. -0.151607
<b>Directions to Start</b>	On entering Benimaurell village take first R and follow round edge of village, past Bar Les Rogetes (Oasis), L at bins then R and continue up to Col and park near bar/restaurant.
<b>Short walk description</b>	Spectacular views from this popular ridge, then descend down a reopened path, visit 2 Fonts, pass 2 ruins before ascending to reach and scramble up the rock strewn Arechinos and return across scrubland to the cars.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Turn East (Y/W) and pass to the LHS of an animal enclosure with old metal gates, follow path and pass to RHS of a house (with caravans and varying animals) continue to reach a Y/W fingerpost	700m. 5mins
Take path signed 'Cavall Vert' and continue along ridge (Y/W) enter between some pines with Y/W on rock underfoot, look for feint path at RHS (cairn).	1.3km, 12mins
Turn down here and wind down (cairns) pass to LHS of a large house and reach a track, go forward across chain and trend L on surfaced track, within a few metres (before reaching a small casita).	24 mins.

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Turn R across a rocky knoll, cross to far side and drop onto a path (cairn) with a finca near the bottom, meander through trees keeping L of finca and reach some flat rocky boulders, walk across these (cairns) keeping reasonably close to LH ridge edge, pass to LHS of 2 large pines and nearing the next large pine start to descend to the R.	1.9 km, 30min
Drop down RH corner of an old terrace and walk across towards a concrete block fire pit, keep just L of this pass through a gap in the stone wall onto a path, follow this through trees and emerge on a track near a ' hunters retreat ' (wooden house).	2.12 km, 34 min
Turn L on track alongside terraces, at 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Terrace turn R to far side and reach a clear path (Y/W) . Turn L on Y/W and continue and pass Font de Carrasca, soon after ignore a concrete track at LHS.	3.25km, 48min
Soon after pass to the rear of a ruined finca and start to wind up (Y/W) path, pass through a house with a BBQ and reach a surfaced road.	3.7km, 1hr 3min
Turn L and pass a house (Nui de Garga) and within a few minutes, reach a fingerpost (Y/W).	4.08km.
Turn R (signed Col de Garga/Font de Mata) continue and pass the Font, loop round and follow path (now G/W) to reach a ruin with G/W paint on corner wall.	4.92km, 1hr12min
Take path to RHS of ruin along terraces and wind down and along the valley through trees, emerge out of the forest path and ignore the path leading L and walk down passing 14 terraces.	5.75km, 1hr36min
Turn R across this terrace to far side and join an old track, turn L and pass to RHS of an old farm/barn, follow across to another old farm /barn.	6.05km
Pass to the rear of this on a feint path which leads across a terrace, reach a large olive tree growing on top of the terrace at RHS (cairn).	6.17km
Climb up and now follow cairns to spiral up abandoned terraces and turn L behind a renovated house, pass an old abandoned vehicle and reach a stony track.	6.4km, 1hr55min
Turn R and follow up hill to reach the entrance to a property /small holding.	6.8km, 2hr7min
Turn L (cairn) on feint animal/hunters path (to avoid going through private property) work across the ridge to far side on an intermittent path to reach an old terrace wall at head of a gully.	7.05km, 2hr20
Trend L along the old terrace and look for hunters path leading up the hillside (cairns), follow the cairned route passing just to RHS of the first rocky outcrop, continue and spiral up and pass to RHS of second rock outcrop, work slightly L and aim to LH edge of ridge, stay reasonable close to edge and level off.	7.8km, 3hr6min
Join an animal path and aim across to a small young pine on opposite hillside, walk behind this pine now on a clearer path, rising slowly follow this path several metres below a rocky ridge on RHS to the next ridge edge in front, level off and trend R to join a track.	8.1km, 3hr15

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Turn L and reach a water deposito.

8.5km, 3hr20min

(An easier option here is to follow the track back to the restaurant) The GPS follows this other option – Turn R onto a path and almost immediately L and work along the ridge on intermittent path to reach a goat farm/corral and join a Y/W path

9.25km, 3hr30

Pass to RHS of farm and return to car park/restaurant

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### **Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

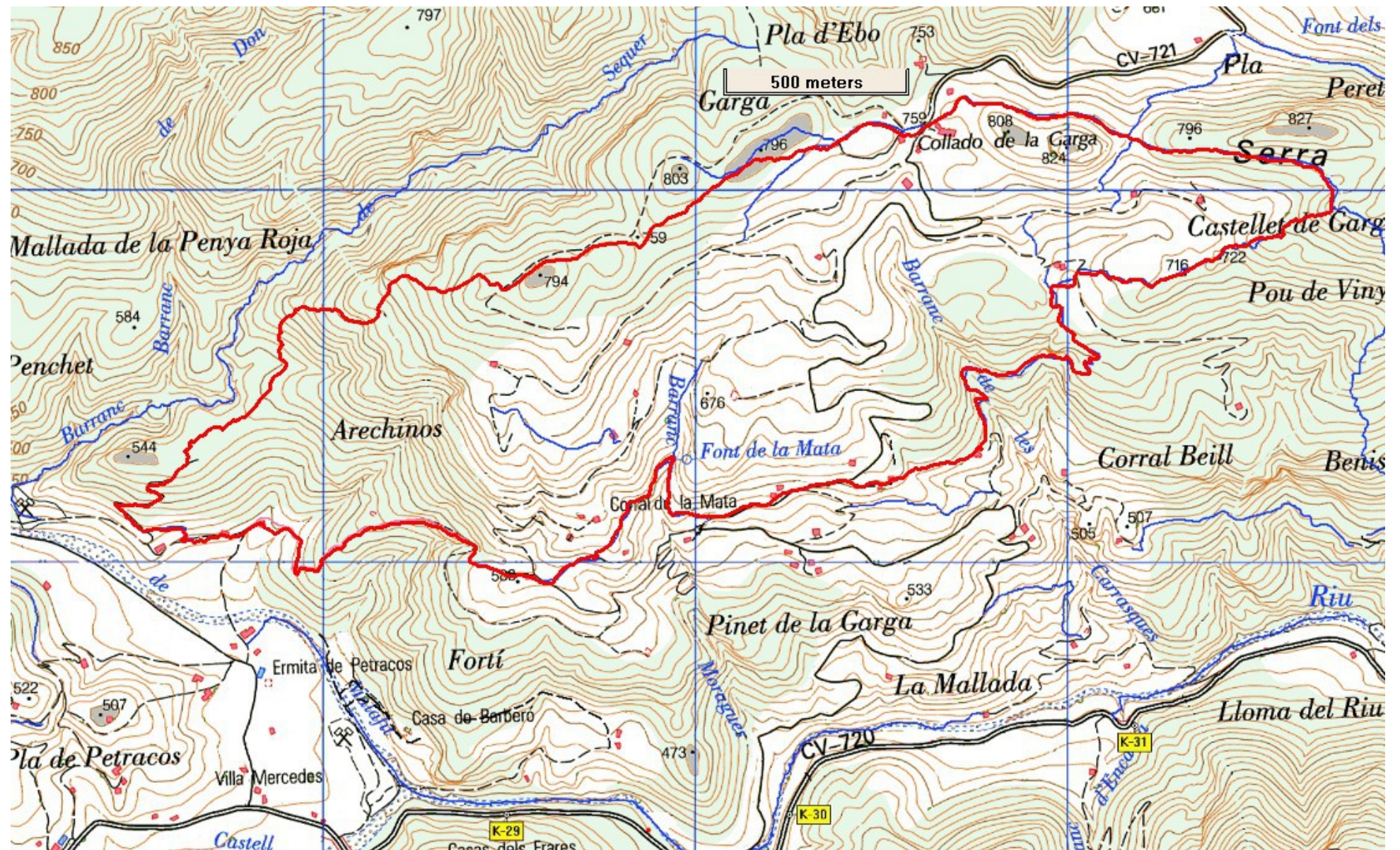
The rocky ascent and last ridge need some navigational skill.

see map below.....

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