

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Serra d'Aixorta - Barranco Mates, Raco de la Figuera and Font Major circuit
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Beniarda / Guadalest Remote location
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	15 kms
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	900 mtr
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	5 hr.27 min
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat. 38.697732, Long: -0.211448
Directions to Start	From Guadalest on CV70 through Benimantell and turn R at next junction to Beniarda. Drive through village and continue (narrow road) and turn L near PR finger post, cross ford, ignore R fork, reach next junction and park hear at LHS. (alternately take CV755 from Callosa then Turn R at sign for Embalse de Guadalest and follow along RHS of reservoir to reach PR sign)
Short walk description	A beautiful tranquil walk on good paths with excellent views of Guadalest reservoir, down to the coast, across to Aitana and varying interesting features
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk L up the surfaced road and pass to LHS of a ruin	860 mtr
Continue to reach a LH bend and trend L onto an unsurfaced track	1.2 km.17 min
Continue and just before reaching the remains of a ruin.....	1.35km
Take the path at RHS (cairn), the path becomes rocky and winds up the LHS of a barranco (bco.Mates) and reach an obvious crossing point on top of a waterfall	2.24 km. 36min
Trend L for a metre then scramble out of barranco at RHS (cairns), emerge out at	

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RHS of old terraces.	2.4 km 42min
Follow up feint path at RHS of terraces which turns into a grassy track and reach a ruin (Pla de Blancon)	2.58km.47min
Visit the ruin and viewpoint then retrace steps back to track and continue onwards, ignore any L turns and follow track around the rocky base with 'castle' on summit to reach a rocky outcrop.	3.55km 1hr10min
The track then begins to descend at LHS of the outcrop and emerges onto a concrete road.	3.9km 1hr 18min
Turn L uphill for several metres and reach a LH bend with a hunting sign at RHS.	4.33km 1hr23min
Turn R onto a path near hunting sign and meander and undulate (cairns) around the head of a barranco to reach a small ridge, follow at LHS just below ridge top (cairns) which levels as it reaches the far end. Trend L (cairn) and descend to a col.	5km.1hr 48min
Walk directly across the col and ascend onto the next ridge, walk forwards on this flat ridge top and aim for a large pine tree at head of a valley/gully.	5.3km.1hr58min
Keep L of the pine tree and start to descend (cairns), follow path down into gully bottom, go directly across and begin to rise, ascend a rocky spine and follow to far end (near 2 pine trees) (at this point a small casita (Tio Alcoa) can be seen across terraces to the L) descend along the RHS of meshed terraces to the bottom terrace.	6.05km2hr20min
Turn R on a path (cairns) cross the valley bottom and turn L and continue along RHS of valley bottom (cairns) to reach a small forested area at LHS of valley.	6.95km2hr 35min
Cross to LHS and wind up and trend R through the trees (cairns), move forwards and as the path levels off it turns back on itself.....	7.15km
Start to descend and reach a font (Font Major) near a large boulder	7.5km.2hr 52min
Trend R away from the font and follow a clear path which spirals down the hillside, as it nears the bottom turning into a track and passes a house and emerges on a surfaced road.	11.4km.4hr 8min
Turn R and follow surfaced road (Y/ W) to reach a LH bend with a PR signpost	13.9km4hr38min
Turn R (PR18), walk across a ford, soon after ignore a R fork and continue to reach the cars.	14.7km 4hr45min
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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