

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Serra de Besa circuit from Jalon cemetery.
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Cemetery carpark Jalon
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10.5 km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	343
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.25hr 4.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.737537, Long: -0.009366
Directions to Start	Find the petrol station at the E end of Jalon on the road towards Benissa and turn up a minor road beside it. Park a few hundred metres up this on the RHS in a large parking area.
Short walk description	A circular walk which climbs up through trees to the deserted hill of Besa with panoramic views.. Returns through woodland. All on good well marked paths.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Turn right from cemetery carpark up road.	
Turn right onto the Bernia road.	870m, 14min
In 1 minute take the wide track off left between the well and house 22.	
Very quickly this becomes a single track with green and white markers on the trees climbing upwards through pines.	
At the end of the flat path having stones on both sides reach a crossing of paths in an open area where you turn left uphill, marked with a large cairn and green paint.	2.1km, 43min
CLIMB STEEPLY ON A PATH INTO the woods which soon turns R and continues on the level.	
This now climbs steadily for some 2km on a clear path (cleared 2019) to arrive at a set	

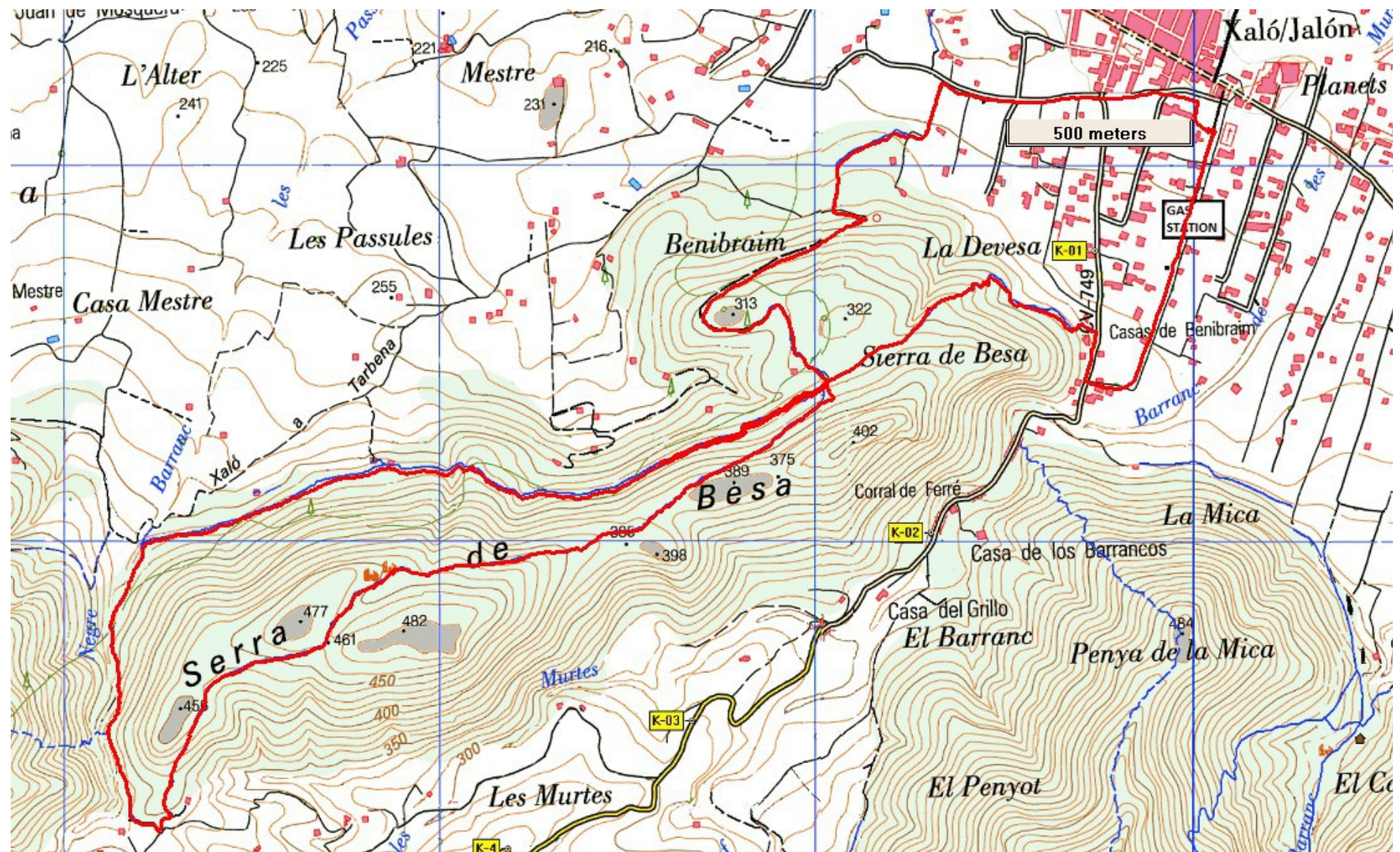
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of ruins in an open plateau.	3.6km, 1hr 12min
Pass these on the LHS and drift off to the L now following the descending path This continues generally SW now to pass through a shallow col and then continue ahead on the LHS of the ridge line soon descending to reach a track.	4.4km, 1hr 28min
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.	4.6km, 1hr 27min
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.	7.5km, 1hr 48min
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 RETURN TO the cross track where NOW you turn L.	8.4km, 2hr 20min
This narrow path quickly becomes a wide track. Follow this down to the water tower, and onto the tarmac road. In 1 minute take narrow stone track first right and follow water pipe downhill to a large house. Turn left downhill on tarmac.	9.7km
At T junction turn right and continue straight on and along gulley and road back to Jalon.	
Just before carpark, you turn right at the end of wall opposite apartments to follow wire fence into the back of the carpark.	10.5km, 3hr 5min
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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