

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Marnes Dos Barrancos
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benissa Remote location 8.9km along CV749.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	12.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	500
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3 hr.40 mins 4 hr 30 mins
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat. 38.67821 Long. - 0.01726
Directions to Start	On Benissa to Bernia road (CV749), 1 km after Pinos restaurant take RH junction (Marnes) just over a bridge. After 200 mtrs park on LHS layby
Short walk description	An adapted version of Charles Pye's ' Tres Barrancos ' walk. The route goes up to Bernia campsite and from there winds round and up towards EL Cau before returning via barranco L'Aspre. Excellent views .
Full Walk Description	
From the car park looking towards Bernia drop onto a path (large cairn), continue to meet a junction.	765 mtrs.
Take L fork (cairns) and continue passing 'Refugio Marnes', almost immediately walk onto a concrete ascending drive, and pass to RHS of a white house.	1.05km,22mins
Within a couple of metres turn L on path up hillside (red arrow on rock) and emerge at a gravel track.	27mins
Turn L, the track becomes rougher, ignore any turnoffs to reach a LH bend	3.3km.56min
Turn up path at RHS (cairn) and continue to reach a newly erected high metal fence.	3.8km.1hr.13min
Keep to RHS of fence and forwards up a stoned slope to trend L and meet a track , continue and reach 'Refugio restaurant'.	4.1km.1hr 20min

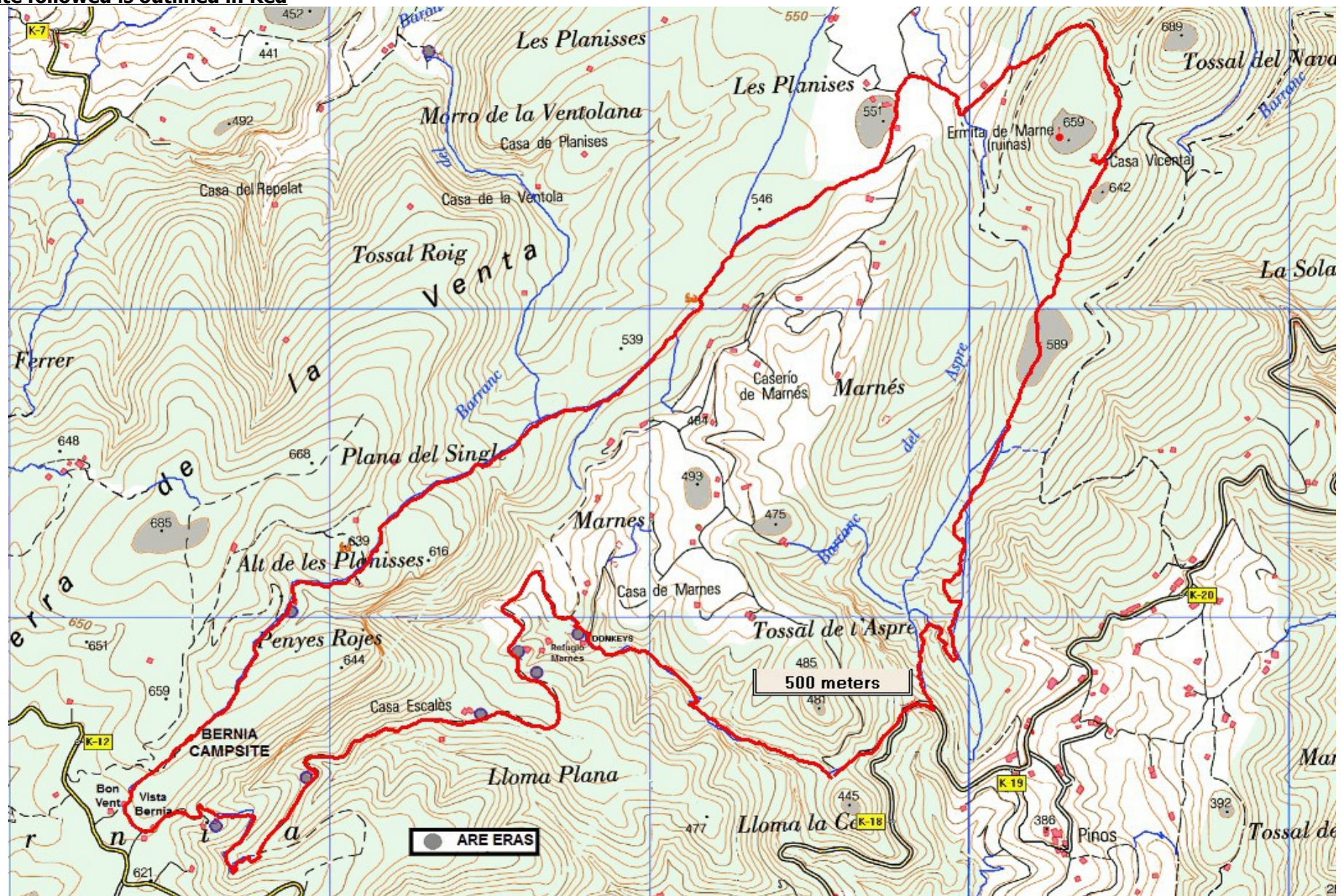
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Walk at LHS of restaurant to far corner and onto a path (red and yellow paint) continue and meet a broader path within 30 mtrs. And trend R to reach a campsite where you turn L across the campsite and onto a path (cairn) continue to a junction near a ruin.	5.08km.1hr33min
Take R fork around front of ruin (yellow arrow) and follow path to meet a gravel track in front of a building 'under construction'.	5.4km.1hr 38min
Cross over and almost immediately turn R onto a path (Y/W, cairns) ,continue to meet a cairned junction.	6.45km.1hr55min
Take L fork and soon after ignore a fork going off to R.	6.75km.2hr 2min
Continue to reach a junction with obvious cairn and blue paint.	7.12km.2hr 6min
Take R fork and continue, pass solar panels and emerge on a surfaced road near a white wall.	7.68km.2hr15min
Turn L and pass high white walls and soon after see track at RHS (cycle post).	7.98km.2hr19min
Turn R up track and soon after reach a junction.	8.2km.2hr23min
Take L fork and continue to reach a junction on a RH bend.	8.43km
Ignore first path on L and take rocky path steeply ascending to reach a track	8.7km.2hr30min
Turn L continue and ignore a L turn.	8.96km
Trend R to reach an old ruined finca (ideal for lunch stop)	9.25km.2hr40min
Retrace steps back to junction near ' fire access track ' and onto path immediately R of ' fire track ' ,continue to meet a junction	9.9km.2hr 52min
Ignore R fork and continue to next junction	10.3km.2hr58min
Take L fork and continue on this rock strewn path, ignore a fork to L (cream arrow)	10.7km
Soon after stay on well walked path trend L and soon after reach a junction.	10.9km.3hr10min
Take R fork through a small pine copse and continue to next group of pines	11.2km.3hr19min
Take R fork (cairn ,red paint dot) and undulate R around RHS of barranco to meet a cairned junction	11.4km.3hr23min
Turn L (cairns) and descend down LHS of barranco aiming towards a bridge on tramac road (CV749) and reach a ruin	11.7km.4hr 9min
Pass to LHS of ruin and drop onto a concrete track, turn L and emerge on tarmac, turn R and after bridge take R fork (Marnes) to return to cars	
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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