

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Benirrama Orchid Walk	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Benirrama Off CV 70 between Adsubia and Beniali.	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	6.3 km	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	360 m	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	1hr 50min moving time total time 3 hours – but longer if there are many photo stops	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	M/B	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 38.830427,Long: -0.1970108	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Drive through village and park at rear. Spaces can be difficult to find and you might have to park in one of the local country lanes.	
<b>Short walk description</b>	From Benirrama, a steep climb out of the valley up a zigzagging mozarabic path. The path is famous for its orchid display and cherry blossom in Springtime. A path along the ridge leads us to a more gentler descent with stunning views over the Gallinera valley.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>		<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Leave the carpark area at the Eastern end passing bar Miro, passing the post box, go around to the back of the building and you will get to a junction with a signpost.		0 min 0 km
Do not go down the asphalted road but go up the concreted path following the signposted route "R3" towards Passet de Benirrama. You will follow the "R3" signs around this walk		
After 50 m take the concreted track to the right uphill following the "R3" signpost		150 m, 2 min
At the next "R3" sign leave the concreted track and take the footpath to the left. The path starts off level and then rises through some zigzags to reach a broader track		240 m, 3 min
Follow this track uphill until you reach another "R3" sign where there is a junction to the right. Take this narrower path uphill passing three steel poles set to prevent motorbike access.		580 m, 10 min

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<p>This path zigzags up the hillside and in season this is where you will enjoy the orchid show.</p> <p>At the top of the hill you pass through 3 more steel poles, pass some large rocks and then there is a signposted path junction. You are now at Passet de Benirrama</p> <p>Take the junction to the left Signposted Castell de Gallinera. This path parallels the ridge towards Mount Miserat (with its communications aerials on the summit).</p> <p>At the next junction with a broad track turn left, signposted "R3" towards el Castell.</p> <p>This path soon narrows and starts to descend towards the castle. In parts the path is water eroded and slippery. Continue on the path, passing beneath the cliffs of Miserat until you reach a junction to the right with two other footpaths.</p> <p>Continue towards the castle and soon you will reach a broad track which passes the gate to the castle property and continues to descend to the right hand side of the castle.</p> <p>Follow this track until it becomes roughly concreted and then it joins an asphalted road. There is a signpost here showing that the road to the left takes us back to Benirrama.</p> <p>In Benirrama you will arrive at your car and the possibility of refreshment or lunch in the village (Bar Roca)</p>	<p>1.1 km, 21 min</p> <p>1.5 km, 30 min</p> <p>3km, 1 hr</p> <p>5.5km, 1hr 37min</p> <p>6.3km, 1hr 50 min</p>
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	None

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

