

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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| Title of Walk | Font Major circuit from Castell de Castells |
| Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description) | Castell de Castells Car park in village centre |
| Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km | 16.5 km |
| Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m | 830 m. |
| Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops | 4hr 45min 6hr 20min |
| Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system) | VS/C |
| Grid reference of start point (if known) | Lat: 38.723848, Long: - 0.194751 |
| Directions to Start | Take the CV720 from Parcent and Benichembla to Castell de Castells . In the village immediately opposite Hotel Serrella (on RHS) turn L. After 20m.turn L again into Calle Jose Antonio and almost immediately L down a ramp into signed parking area. |
| Short walk description | An anti clockwise route through some spectacular and extensive mountain scenery. A mixture of paths, forest tracks, a low ridge, a ruin and a font . |
| Full Walk Description | Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far |
| Turn R out of car park and walk round to join CV720 and turn L, continue to junction, cross road and turn R (signed Famorca, Facheca) walk on LHS of road and within a few metres turn L up a surfaced cami, continue past houses and pass an orchard. | 590m, 10min |
| Turn up discreet path on LHS, wind up through terraces and emerge at a concrete road, almost immediately turn L and continue up to a campsite. | 1.35km, 20mins |
| Take centre path through campsite and take R fork (signed Castellet) (Y/W and red)continue and emerge on a track at a junction with a PR post. | 2.65km, 50min |
| Turn R and almost immediately turn L up LHS hillside, follow up this winding path to emerge on a track, turn R and within a few metres reach a feint crossroad. | 3.02km, 1hr5min |
| Turn L towards a ruin, at RHS of ruin turn R past a tree and work forwards around the | |

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| RH base of a rocky knoll (cairns) then aim L towards some old terraces and rejoin path. | 3.06km |
| Continue forwards along RHS of barranco aiming towards a large pine tree, now drop down and R across a burnt/scree area (cairns) to emerge on an old track. | 3.65 km, 1hr26m |
| Turn R to visit the ruin (Pla de Blancon) | 4.1km |
| Retrace steps back to track and continue onwards, ignore any L turns and follow track around the RHS rocky base with 'castle' on summit to reach a rocky outcrop. | 5.07km, 1hr.55m |
| The track then begins to descend at LHS of outcrop and meanders round to emerge on a concrete road. | 5.42km |
| Turn L uphill for several metres and reach a LH bend with a hunting sign at RHS. | 5.85km, 2 hr20m |
| Turn R onto a path (cairn) 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 far end. Trend L (cairn) and descend to a col. | 6.55km |
| 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. | 6.85km, 2hr50min |
| Keep L of pine tree then immediately (cairn) start to descend into gully bottom, go directly across on path and begin to rise. Ascend a rocky spine and follow ridge to far end (near 2 pine trees) (at this point a small white casita (Tio Alcoia) can be seen across terraces to far L) descend to RHS of meshed terraces to the bottom terrace | 7.6km, 3hr20min |
| Turn R on a path (cairns), cross the valley bottom and turn immediately L and follow the RHS of valley bottom, to reach a small forested area at LHS of valley. | 7.96km |
| Cross to LHS and wind up then trend R through the trees (cairns), move forwards and as the path levels off it turns back on itself... | 8.16km |
| Start to descend on eroded path and reach a font (Font Major) near a large boulder. | 8.98km, 4hr19min |
| Trend slightly L of boulder and start to rise up a hunters /animal path, zig zag up and reach a track. | 9.26km, 4hr25 |
| Turn L and continue passing to RHS of white casita spotted earlier and reach a junction with metal chain across. | 10.2km, 4hr46min |
| Turn L on forest track and continue to reach a crossroads on a col. | 12.8km, 5hr15 |
| Turn R and continue down surfaced road to reach a junction. | 13.2km |
| Take L fork onto a track (Y/W) which narrows and winds down to next junction (visited earlier) with signpost. | 13.85km |
| Turn R downhill on a zig-zag footpath to reach the campsite. | 14.9km |
| Walk to RHS of campsite and follow surfaced road down to emerge at tarmac (CV752) | |

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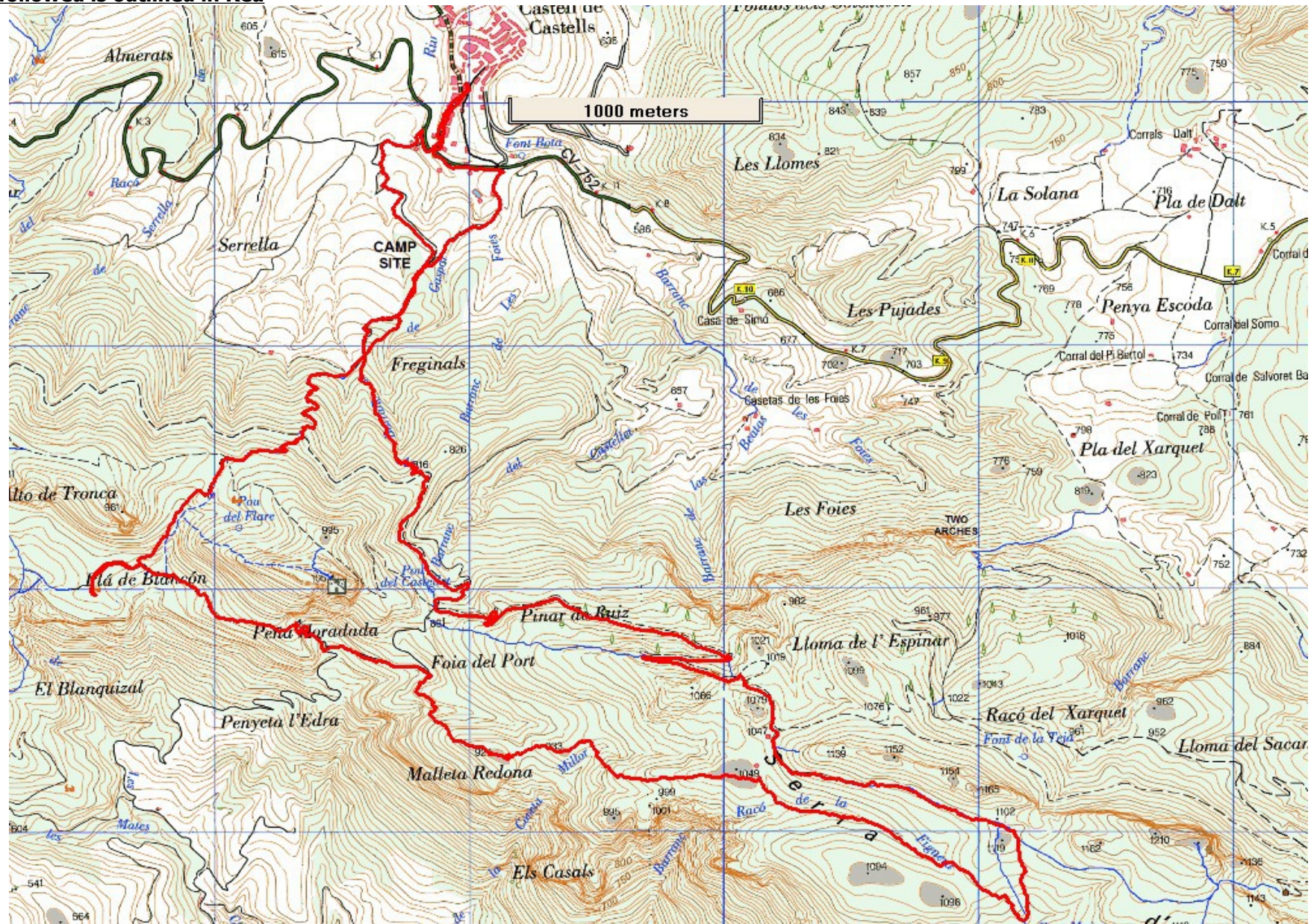
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| Turn L and continue to junction, cross road and turn R to return to car park. | | 15.7km |
| <small>Spanish maps included within these descriptions are provided courtesy of the Spanish IGN and remain © Instituto Geográfico Nacional</small> | | 16.2km |
| Walk Recommendations or restrictions | Although graded VS, the walk only just reaches this category and can be completed in faster time if not taking such a leisurely appreciation of the views. | |

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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