

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Charco Azul
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Chulilla
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	4.6 km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	147 m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2 hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	E/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 39.659523, Long: -0.891334
Directions to Start	From Valencia bypass (A7/E15) take C35 towards Ademuz for approximately 44km (30 minutes) and leave C35 at Loso Del Obispo. At roundabout pass under C35 and follow signs for Chulilla (CV 394) passing though Loso Del Obispo. After approx 6km you will arrive at Chulilla and park in car park before entering village near urbanizacion Sta Barbara
Short walk description	A circular walk on good paths along SL CV-74 to the Charco Azul (blue lagoon) in the Turia River gorge
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Leave the car park and walk south towards the centre of the village along CV 394.	0km, 0 min
Opposite the main square (Plaza de la Baronia) turn right and take the staircase downhill following signs "Charco Azul SL CV 74" marked with green/white signals. Pass "Horno Esteve" and follow street, turning left past Hostal El Pozo, then right into Calle Turia.	400m, 7 min
Follow Calle Turia past the school and its zig-zags to the bottom of the valley and having past the aromatic sewage farm turn right following the signpost to the Charco Azul.	880 m, 14 min
Just before the second river crossing is a path to the left which is signposted as an escape route in case of sudden flooding. Follow the route across the river.	2km, 29 min

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Follow the path as it passes through an archway in huge fallen rocks	2.8km 40min
You will soon reach the end of the trail at the Charco Azul, a man made lake, where there is a floating walkway out to a pontoon which makes a fine location for a refreshment stop.	3km 44 min
After taking in the dramatic views of the charco, turn back towards Chulilla and take the first trail to the left which crosses the river on stepping stones. The trail turns right and ascends a staircase to the side of a concrete canal . Before going this way you might want to explore the short trail to your left which leads to the now disused (and dangerous) cantilevered walkway around the side of the charco. It must have been fun to use it once upon a time!	3.1 km 45 min
Follow "SL-CV-74" signs along the path alongside the canal passing an intake/filter house until the canal enters "Tunel 2"	3.3km 51 min
The path continues along the side of the valley. In parts this path has been rain damaged and needs care. Continue to rejoin the canal ignoring paths to the right until you reach canal "tunel 3" where we say goodbye to the canal and the path turns left and climbs steeply up to the village.	3.8km 1hr
The path up to the village is marked with green and white signals. The trail passes though a tight squeeze before you reach the first village street.	4.1km 1hr 7 min
Next to a water hydrant take a short flight of steps up to the next street, Turn right then next left continuing to ascend. A further right turn the a left will bring you to the main square "Plaza de la Baronia" where refreshments can be enjoyed.	4.2km 1hr 10min
We now retrace our steps back Northwards along CV 394 back to the car park	4.6km 1hr 17min
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Water taps are located in the village at the start & finish of the walk

This route is prone to flash flooding. Do not attempt it if heavy rains are expected. If the river starts to rise rapidly – follow the marked escape routes to higher ground.

The route passes though the village at the start and end of the walk and passes several bar/cafes should you require refreshments.

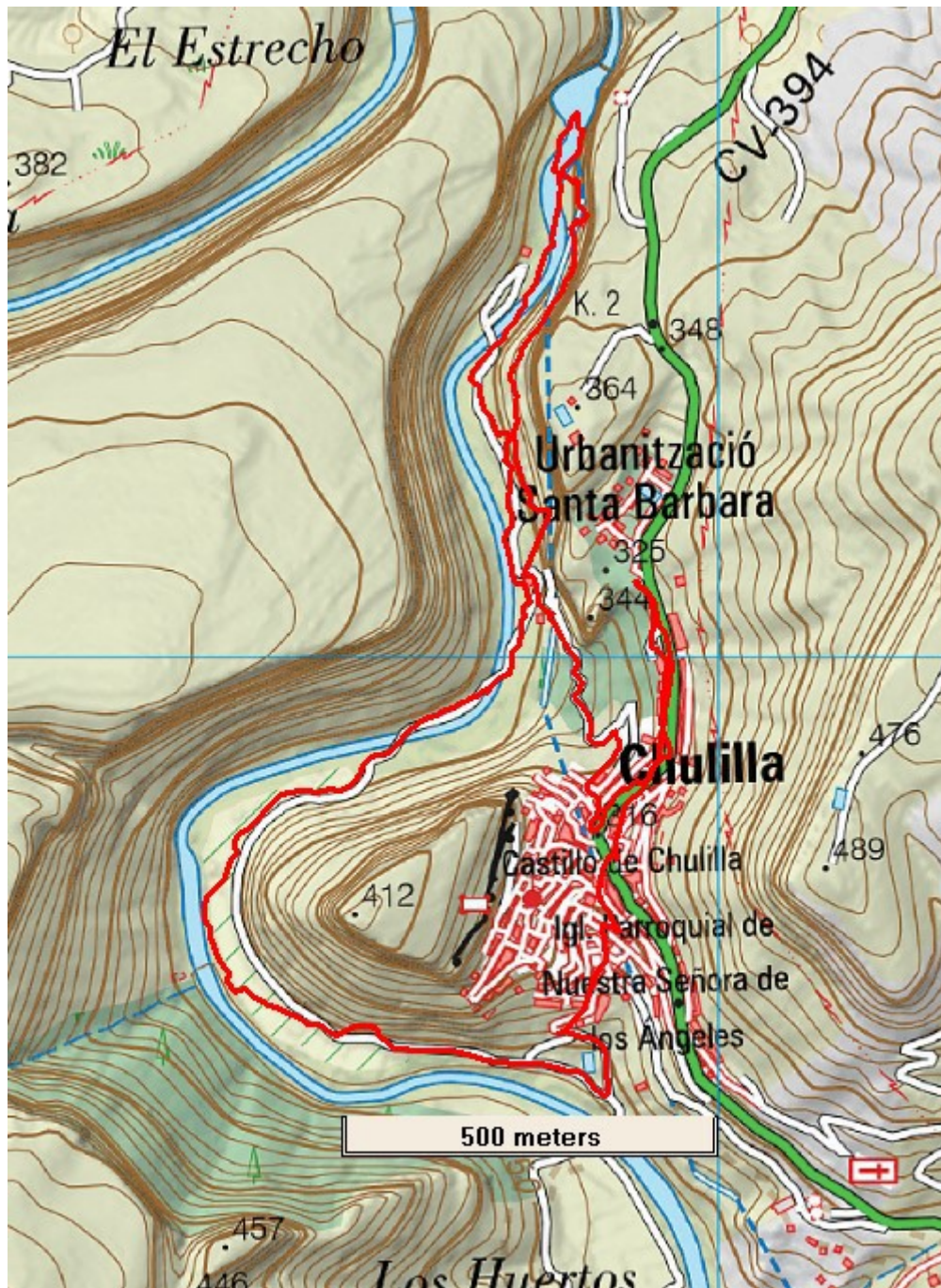
This is a very popular walking area and weekends should be avoided if you like tranquillity.

This route can be combined with the walk to "La Cruz" to make a longer outing as both trails go through the village centre on the way out and back.

see map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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