

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Embalse de Guadalest
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Central car park in Beniardá
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10.3 km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	220m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2hrs 30 min
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.68231, Long: -0.21688
Directions to Start	Take CV 70 from Benimantell towards Alcoy. At approx km 30.5 turn right onto CV757 and drive down into village of Beniardá. Just past Restaurant La Mezquita, park in public car park on left-hand side of the road.
Short walk description	A simple-to-navigate tour of the Guadalest Embalse (Reservoir) on good tracks and quiet lanes
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Leave car park, turn left downhill and walk past restaurant Ca Gloria to a small square where there is another Bar "L'Era". Both of these establishments can supply pre walk coffee or other refreshments!	0km, 0 min
Turn left, then after 20 m turn right and head towards the village church.	100m, 2 min
Turn left then right again at the corner of the church into Carrer Sant Francesc.	150m, 2.5 min
Follow this street downhill, under an archway with a shrine in it, out of the village. From here you get panoramic views of the reservoir. Continue downhill until you cross a bridge and reach a tee junction.	1km, 16 min
Turn right onto lane following signpost to "Presa Guadalest 5.9km"	
Ignore road to the left and continue ahead on asphalted lane following signpost to "Presa Guadalest 3.9km"	3km, 44 min

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Follow lane to the Dam at the end of the reservoir.	7km, 1hr 35m
Cross the dam and turn right onto unpaved track on the Southern side of the reservoir.	7.2 km, 1hr 40m
Continue along this track. Ignore path to the left to Vivod Landscape Hotels	8.7km, 2hr 1m
At fork in the tracks turn left towards Benimantell ignoring sign to Beniardá to the right. (The path to the right does go back to the village but you have to cross a stream which can be slippery and muddy after rains).	9.1km, 2hr 6 m
At next fork in the paths ignore left-hand option signposted to Benimantell and keep right.	9.2km, 2hr 8 m
At Tee junction take broad track to the right.	9.8km, 2hr 17m
Follow the broad track which crosses the stream over a culvert and turns back along the valley side. Take the concreted path to the left which rises up towards the village. This path is characterised by many manhole covers – probably giving access to a drain below.	10km, 2 hr 19m
The path zig-zags upwards and connects with village street Carrer Jasmin. Turn left and before long you will be back in the square near Bar "L'Era" perhaps ready for refreshments and close to your car.	10.3 km 2hr 26m
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	The availability of restaurants in the village of Beniardá make this walk a good candidate for a "lunch walk"

see map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red

