

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Puente Colgada from Zona Recreativa de Sedella
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Sedella Layby on main road from Sedella at bottom of access route to Zona Recreativa.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	7
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	420
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2hr 3.25hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B/Scr/X
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 36.86616, Long:- -4.03989
Directions to Start	Follow the MA126 as it passes the villages of Salares and Sedella and continues in the direction of Canillas de Aceituno. There is a layby opposite the marked access road up to the Parque Natural with space for 6/7 cars. Park here. A car should be taken to the finish point at La Rahige (36.87207, -4.06415) to ferry walkers back to the start point.
Short walk description	A delightful start along the flanks of the Maroma massif leads on to a dramatic descent to a rugged gorge with chain handrails and steep exposed steps with suspension bridge and a tricky barranco descent back to a remote spot for a car shuffle.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Cross the road and walk up the concrete track signed to Parque Natural – Sierra de Tejada. Pass by a building on the RHS to reach a large water deposito where a rough track with R/W marker turns off L and zig-zags up the hill.	

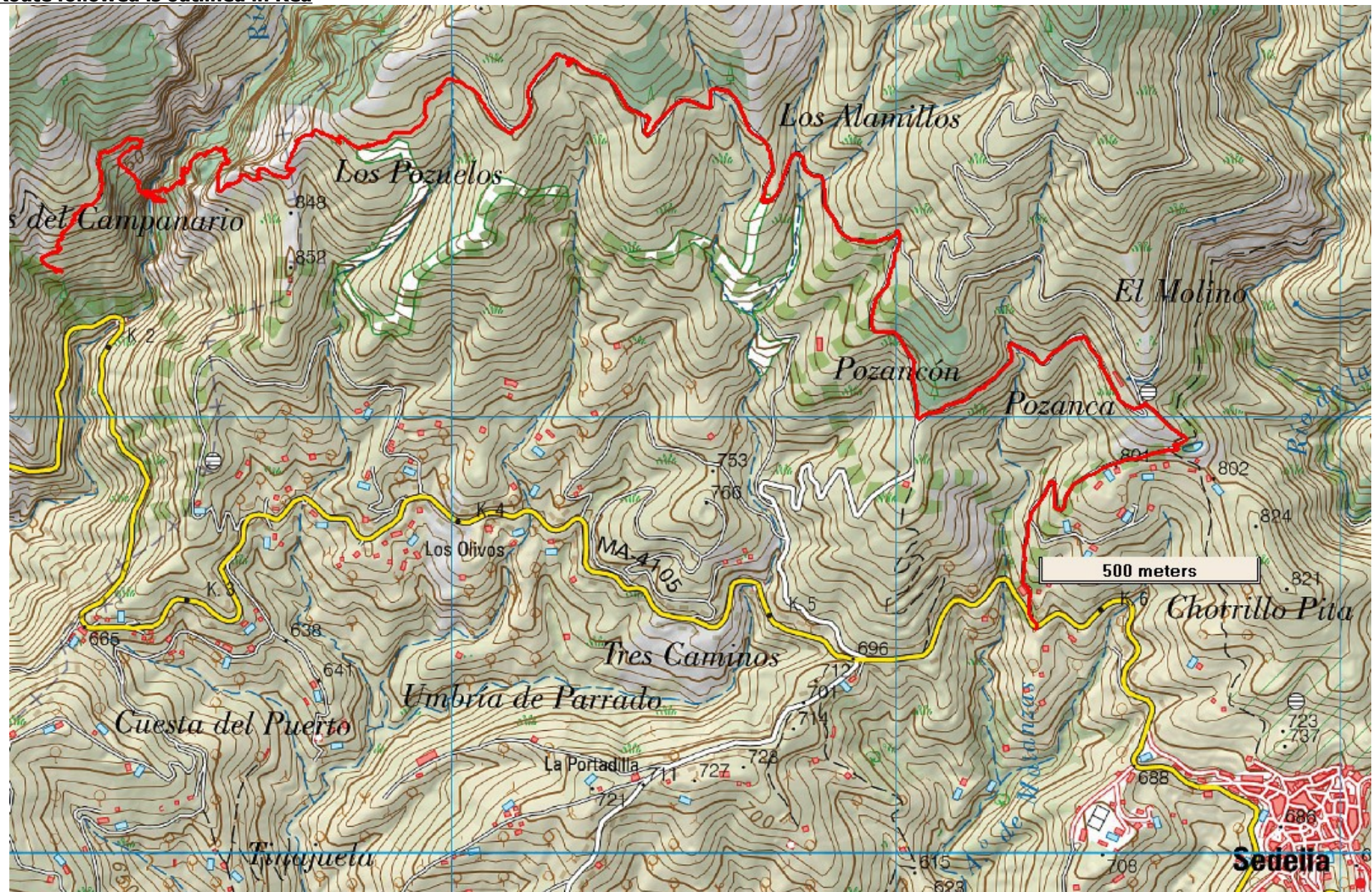
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Join a track at a second covered water deposito.....	970m, 20min
.. and turn L to follow the track dropping briefly before contouring out and along the flank of the hill to reach the Zona Recreativa with locked toilets, car parking and picnic tables.	1.7km, 31min
At the junction of tracks here turn R crossing a chain and starting to walk uphill.	
Keep L at a junction.....	2.2km, 40min
..... and then pass a hide (for vulture watching!) and walk around a barranco before curling uphill to the R.	
Pass a lime kiln -La Calera de Pozuelo – with info board and then soon after a further info board warning of great dangers to come! Here drop a few metres to find a footpath continuing below and initially parallel to the track. Follow this.	4km, 1hr 8min
Zig-zag down soon passing an indistinct path junction with small cairns indicating a path going back uphill (worth turning around for the views of La Maroma) to the R which we ignore and continue descending.	
Soon we are descending more dramatically to reach a path junction where there is a path going out and along a ridge.	4.8km, 1hr 23min
Ignore this and continue to follow the R/W marked path around to the R soon dropping more steeply to reach a signed corner with warning signs of the dangers ahead.	5.1km, 1hr 28min
Turn R here using the chain protection as a hand rail if necessary and rugged steps to aid progress as you zig-zag down towards the valley bottom. At this point you can easily see a path on the opposite side which you will eventually join!	
After a dramatic descent you reach the Hanging Bridge (Puente Colgante) which you cross and then start to climb on high steps!	
Reach a path junction.	5.9km, 1hr 47min
To the R you could follow the path to a waterfall, but this walk will not go there instead turning L and along a dramatic engineered pathway.	
You follow this for only 230m or so and on rounding a corner to the R you can see a set of rough paths dropping off to the L towards a steep barranco.	6.2km, 1hr 51min
Take this and hunt out the easiest line which zig-zags down rather than plunging down the eroded slope. This is not an easy section but the end point is the road where it crosses the barranco and with care you can find a manageable route down with occasional glimpses of good path! Eventually emerge at the road and your parked car.	
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	The seemingly easy start hides the dramatic and challenging finish which is for only the most experienced with a good head for heights and experience of scrambling.

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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