

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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| <b>Last Updated</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> March.2020                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Title of Walk</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Aixorta and Cova de Cirer circuit                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>                                                                                                                                                           | Bolulla<br>Remote location below Bolulla castle.                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 12.5                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 720                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>                                                                                                                                                       | 4hr 10min<br>5hr                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | S/C                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Lat:- 38.6941, Long: -0.12804                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Directions to Start</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | On CV715 Bolulla to Tarbena road, just N of Bolulla at Km 45.7 turn L up surfaced camino and continue for some distance up and park at end of surface near col below Bolulla Castle ridge. |
| <b>Short walk description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | A tranquil walk through some picturesque rugged countryside with extensive views and a visit to an interesting cave.                                                                       |
| <b>Full Walk Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>                                                                                                                                                |
| Turn L from col onto a cairned (Y/W) path which swings R ,continue to reach a junction (cairn, red paint)                                                                                                                                         | 800 mtrs.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Take L fork on intermittent path (blue paint ,cairns) descending forwards towards a barranco ,trend R onto a mozarabic path (blue paint ,cairns) continue round a spur (ignore a smaller descending path at a fork) and keep level through trees. | 1.3km. 25min                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Now clear of trees turn up R (cairns, blue paint) and continue to reach a small junction                                                                                                                                                          | 1.58km.32min                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Take L fork (cairn) and follow up to reach the ridge.                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1.9km. 45min                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Walk onto the ridge (cairns) and soon after take L fork (cairn) and follow for a few metres                                                                                                                                                       | 2.13km.51min                                                                                                                                                                               |

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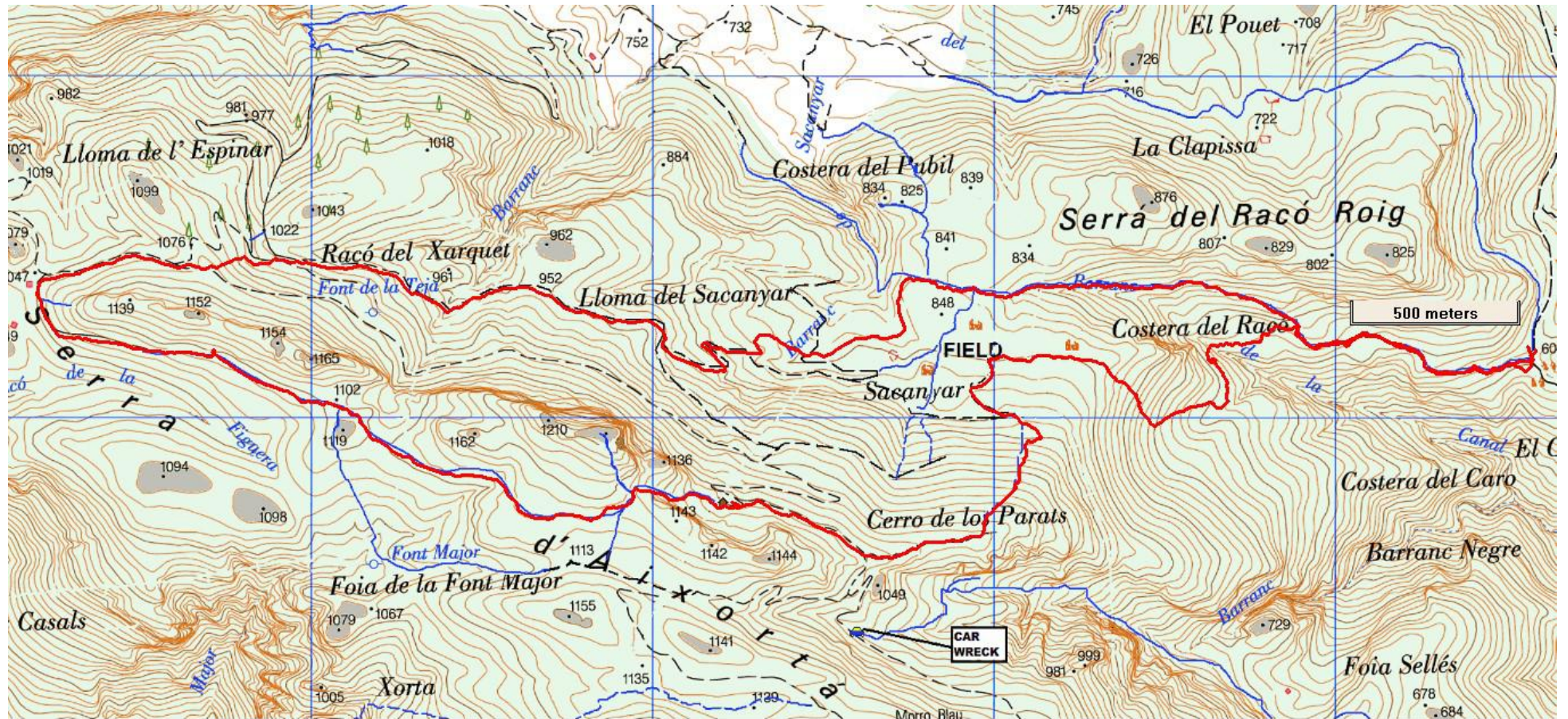
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| Take feint path to L (cairns) continue and reach a level cultivated area and walk along LHS of this for a few metres to reach a path (prominent cairn) ascending L, turn up this through trees and continue to emerge on a track, take L fork and reach a junction. | 2.55km. 58min   |
| Keep L ,within a few metres this narrows into a path (cairns) continue and approach a rocky buttress.                                                                                                                                                               | 2.7km. 1hr2min  |
| Trend R along base of buttress (cairns) soon after this trends L uphill (cairns) through trees to emerge on a track.                                                                                                                                                | 3.12km.1hr15min |
| Turn R and continue to reach a gravel track.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3.47km.1hr23min |
| Turn R and continue to reach a junction with signpost (Y/W ).                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3.93km.         |
| Turn L (signed Cim de l' Aixorta )and follow track to reach a wooden refugio, walk to rear of hut onto a Y/W path ascending through trees and pass a rocky area to reach col.                                                                                       | 4.38km.1hr52m   |
| Turn R onto a path and continue along LH base of Aixorta ridge ,passing and era and several ruins, within a few metres of reaching a white painted casita with well.                                                                                                | 6.45km.2hr25m   |
| Turn R (cairn) and ascend to pass through remains of a ruin to visit a large cave (ideal for lunch break) . Retrace steps back down to path, this turns into a track and reaches a barrier at a junction                                                            | 6.52km2hr.50m   |
| Turn R on track and continue to a junction.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 6.96km.3 hrs.   |
| Take L fork, but almost immediately turn R onto a feint path, within a few metres cut off L to work down rough scrubland aiming towards a part grassy track below to RHS.                                                                                           | 7.19km.3hr.7min |
| Turn R onto track and continue to a LH bend and take path to RHS (cairn), continue to reach a junction.                                                                                                                                                             | 8.6km.3hr31m    |
| Go directly across onto a descending track ,continue to a junction                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9.1km.3hr37m    |
| Turn L and reach a cultivated area, walk across RHS of this to far corner (cairn) and drop onto a path ,follow this and dip down and cross a small gully/riverbed (cairn at far side) trend L aiming across to some old terrace walls.                              | 13.44km.        |
| Turn L round walls to far side (cairn) drop off L at second cairn trend R on indistinct path descending forwards to reach corner of old terrace walls, turn L along top of walls onto a cairned feint path ,and continue to reach a clear path.                     | 9.91km.3hr52m   |
| Turn R and continue on well walked marked path to reach a junction.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 11.2km          |
| Go directly forwards (ignore R fork ,red paint ,used earlier in walk) and continue to reach car park on col.                                                                                                                                                        | 12.28km.4hr50m  |
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| <b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | None            |

See map below.....

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**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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