

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Almond Blossom in Aspre - Bcos. Aspre ,Baron and Serra de Bernia
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Pinos. Nr Benissa / Jalon
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	17.5 Kms
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	680 Mtrs.
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	5 hrs. 5 hrs. 50 mins.
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/C
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.678865, Long -0.010424
Directions to Start	CV749 Benissa to Pinos road , at far end of Pinos park near a shrine opposite Pinos restaurant.
Short walk description	A circular trail through Pinos valley and below the Bernia ridge. Especially spectacular late Jan/ early Feb. when swathes of almond blossom adorn the flanks of Bernia.
Full Walk Description - database no 512	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Turn L down road from shrine , pass a house at RHS then turn R onto a path – almost immediately turn L down a narrow path , wind L and zig zag down through orchards then across a grassy terrace onto a concrete track – turn R downwards to riverbed	20 mins.
at riverbed turn L and along RHS for 50 mtrs.- drop L into riverbed and wind along in and out to meet tarmac	1.5Kms.
Turn R and follow tarmac to cross riverbed , almost immediately turn R onto a path Y/W , follow up and trend L to reach an abandoned dwelling ,pass behind this (red dot) Y/W and continue through forested area and across an orchard to reach a house (2a)	1.75Km, 45min
Turn L up track and onto a path up side of terraces – two terraces below pine forest turn R and walk to far end – wind slightly R and follow faint path (cairn) across a terrace to far corner – wind through small scrubby area to newly planted olive orchard, go directly across to meet broad path.	3.4Km, 1hr.15min

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Follow broad path to a small house – turn L up gravel track (Bernia ridge above) and continue upwards to reach a Y/W fingerpost ,ignore the R turn (signed Bernia Font) and continue up to a LH bend.	4 Kms.
Take R fork and wind through trees to next junction near 2 large rocks and take L fork – follow this winding path along flank of Bernia taking small detour path R to avoid crossing a private garden- continue winding along to reach Font de Bernia.	5.75Km, 1hr. 35min
Pass the Font and join surfaced road – continue and pass by Bernia Inn and reach Refugio de Bernia – turn R into car park.	7.6Km, 1hr. 55min
Follow the LHS of car park (ignore first feint path on L) and take next path on L (red,yellow dots) to meet a broader path within 30 mtrs. and trend R to reach a campsite where you turn L across the campsite and onto path – follow this path to a junction near a ruin – take R fork around front of ruin (yellow arrow) and follow path to meet a gravel track turn L then almost immediately cross over and turn R onto path (Y/W, cairn) continue to next L turn (cairn).	9.8Km, 2Hr 30min
Go down slope and turn L – wind along a narrow path with a bco.at RHS – pass a ruin and at next small junction take R fork into the bco.- go round the head of bco. - follow the winding path along RHS (blue dot) continue round and pass a ruin	11.5Km, 3hr 15min
Wind L through almond terraces ,pass a well and trend R on a broader path passing a 'shower' – keep to the R of the old finca and drop down into riverbed and turn R on path,soon after cross over and turn up RHS of bco. (blue dot,cairn) follow path which soon recrosses bco.- wind up LHS of bco. - reach brow of hill and continue to a small junction (cairn).	12.5Km, 3hr 35min
Take R fork and soon after drop down towards riverbed and follow path which soon after rises upwards to meet a track.	3 hrs. 45 mins.
Turn R ,continue through vine terraces winding R and R at next junction to meet a gravel track, turn R and follow to join tarmac.	14Km, 3hr 55min
Turn R on tarmac for 200m then turn L onto a track which soon after reaches a junction, turn L and almost immediately R on a feint path, work across to reach a metal fence, turn R along the 3rd olive terrace below scrubland,and at far RH corner find a path to walk out to a track - turn L and continue to next junction.	15.5Km, 4hr 15min
Take R fork (cairn /green paint spot and follow to next junction,take R fork upwards , at next junction take L fork , continue and ignore any paths to R ,follow this winding path to arrive back in Pinos,turn R to cars.	
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Mostly on well walked and marked paths but some navigational skills needed for start of walk.

Route followed is outlined in Red

