

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Benimaurell circuit to Barranco del Infierno	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benimaurell Large car park in the upper part of the village opposite Bar Jalisco and below Bar Oasis.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	490	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 4.5hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B/X	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.773696 Long: -0.127234	
Directions to Start	From Orba find the CV721 leading you steeply uphill through a succession of small (and awkward) villages to arrive at Benimaurell. Avoid entering the village and take the R turn to just pass the "coach" garage and follow this 100m to merge on an improved road with a large car park on the RHS opposite Bar Jalisco.	
Short walk description	An interesting walk dropping down and returning from the Barranco del Infierno with a challenging and exposed path along and above the barranco for some 2/3 kilometers which requires a steady head and great care.	
Full Walk Description	<div> <div> Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far </div> <div> <p>From car park walk down (East) the surfaced road and take the third L down a steep concrete road, which bears L and then R to pass a Font & Lavadero on your RHS. Continue along this rather charming and unfrequented winding country lane to a lavadero on your LHS just before Fleix.</p> <p>Now turn round and go back a few meters to find the path on your RHS going down. (<i>PRCV 147 to Juvees D'Enmig</i>). This soon turns into the magnificent, beautifully engineered, ancient mozarabic mule path which zigzags down to the usually dry river bed.</p> </div> <div> <p>20 min, 1.6km</p> <p>1hr 7min, 3.7km</p> </div> </div>	

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Turn **L** along the streambed which is almost always passable it is rough and there are paths alongside, which alternate from side to side of it. Start off on the **LHS** path, (southern side), and switch sides, marked by cairns, about 5 times (or alternatively, stay in riverbed all the way) until at the last crossing from **RHS** to **LHS** find two cairns on the LHS which mark the start of the path up to Benimaurell.

1hr 39min, 5km

Take the steep, rather poor, path up on the **S** side of the gorge. ***Beware this path is steep and has suffered from erosion and is very narrow in places. Take care.*** This rather precarious path zig zags steeply up and continues below great cliffs on your **LHS** and the Barranco Racons below on your **R**. Ignore any feint paths off and carry on to where path merges with a very obvious and wide old mule path as it curves around the **V** of a barranco.

7km, 2hr 39min

Turn **L** up the mule path (signposted Benimaurell) and follow the zigzags up fairly easily to the heights above. **(NNE)** The path now levels and reaches the surfaced road.

9km, 3hr 25min

Now turn **L** down the road and as you reach Benimaurell take the **LH** fork and then **L** again and bear **R** to the car.

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

The middle section on the path rising up above the barranco requires great care to avoid a fall. Be aware that this route descends in the morning and ascends to return to the car park.

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red

