

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Canillas de Aceituno to Sedella via El Saltillo and Puente Colgante
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Canillas de Aceituna. Parking is available on the way into the village from the Competa direction and in an underground car park in the middle of the village.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	11km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	690m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B/Scr
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 36.87466 Long: -4.08288
Directions to Start	From the Competa direction arrive at the outskirts of the village of Canillas on the MA126. At the first roundabout encountered turn R and pass large parking areas on the LHS. Thread your way through the village streets to arrive at the Cementerio parking. If no spot is available there continue on the main road to find underground parking on your LHS. The walk description starts from the Cementerio.
Short walk description	An exhilarating walk along a water channel, up to the source of the water at a waterfall (not always spectacular) and then across a gorge to climb and scramble your way up to easier ground and tracks to drop down to Sedella.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the start point return along the street your drove in on and take the first "alley" on the LHS climbing steeply to meet a road. Here turn R and then take the second turn L into a small square (plaza).	
At the top of this turn L now following finger posts for "El Saltillo" and thread your way up to arrive at a notice board advising you of the dangers of continuing.	780m, 13min

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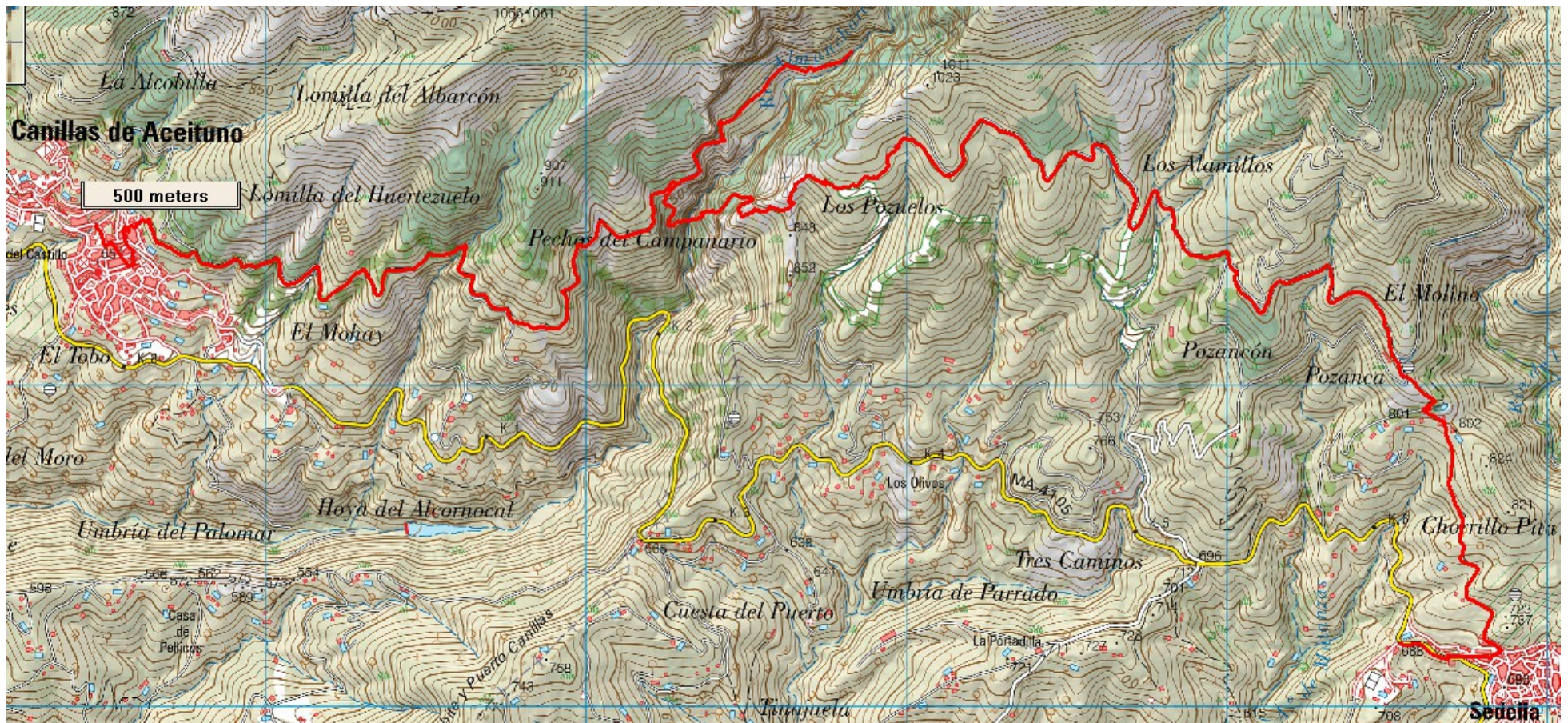
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Follow the R/W markers now using the water collector as a path.	
This weaves in and out of barrancos and passes a large holding tank to eventually arrive at a small hut used by the workmen to construct the walkway ahead of you.	3.1km, 1hr 5min
Immediately after this you round a corner to the L and can gaze down at the cable bridge far below you (constructed in only 2020).	
Continue ahead to a junction and now keep ahead to follow the precipitous path that eventually drops into the barranco at the source of the water flow.	4.1km, 1hr 27min
Now return to the junction and turn L to drop steeply down on oversized steps to reach the hanging bridge which you cross.	5.2km, 1hr 49min
At the far side follow the R/W zig-zags steeply up often with rock steps and chain protection to emerge at a sign board on more open ground.	5.5km, 1hr 58min
Here turn L still following the R/W markers and ascend in zig-zags to eventually join a track.	6.5km, 2hr 29min
Turn R and follow this as it passes a couple of examples of rural construction in the form of a vulture viewing platform and overnight shelter for forest workers.	
Continue along this to arrive at a junction where there is a finger post to Sedella pointing to the R. Ignore this and continue ahead.	8.1km, 2hr 59min
After rising up a little the main track continues L and uphill but we take the lesser track which continues R and initially level before starting to drop.	8.3km, 3hr 2min
Step over a chain where there is a notice indicating that the track can only be driven by authorised users and a little below this look for a finger post indicating a footpath going off to the L.	9.2km, 3hr 17min
Follow this steeply down and around to the R and then zig-zag down past a water deposito to find a clear track which starts just below the water mill used for making flour.	9.4km, 3hr 23min
This track soon zig-zags down to the outskirts of the village and at the first houses you take a steep set of steps down to the R to meet the main village road.	10.3km, 3hr 37min
Turn R along this to pass a bar on your RHS and under the magnificent arch marking the entry to the village.	
Just beyond this join the main road and turn R uphill a little to find a turn on the L leading to the Recinto Ferial – a large open area used for events and parking your collecting car!	
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	This is a challenging route with scrambling and exposure. There are "warning" signs at either end of the most challenging sections.

See map below.....

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Route followed is outline in Red



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