

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Competa to Canillas de Albaida circuit
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Competa Hotel de Balcon de Competa.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	8
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	320
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hr 3.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 36.835097, Long: -3.978023
Directions to Start	Hotel Balcon de Competa is situated on the W side of the town high above the town hall. Best located using google maps or similar!
Short walk description	A pleasant excursion offering extensive views across the lower hills of the Axarquia with a stiffer ascent in the second half.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk NW past the hotel and start to curve around to the R once past the Ermita to find a "roped" track with R/W post leading off to the L. Follow this along to join a narrower footpath which soon reaches a road where you turn R. Soon after passing a concrete block platform on which stands a pylon (on RHS) look out for a footpath leaving the road on the L. Take this. Join a broad track which we join and continue to a bend where we turn L. Descend gently to reach a junction with an Ermita in the middle of the road and above you. Keep to the L of this and at the next complex junction keep ahead on the L road descending (Calle de Aguas).	

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From here you are free to explore the village streets which are delightful. When satisfied make your way back to the Ermita to complete the second half of this description.. Note that the gps track descends to a viewing platform over a deep gorge before returning.

Now continue up beyond the Ermita and keep up to the L beside the water deposito following signs for El Mosquin.

A short distance above reach the camper van parking area – El Mosquin – and now continue ahead on a stoney footpath to join a tarmac road where we turn L.

Follow this up a short distance and when it turns to the L look out for a footpath going off R.

Take this and look out for the zig-zags which offer the easiest ascent line.

When you reach a clear footpath junction keep L and ascend to join a gravel track where you turn R.

Soon reach the head of a barranco where there is a turn to the R (descending) which we ignore and follow the “primary” track uphill.

Now follow this as it gently rises curving in and out of barrancos to eventually reach a R/W past marker where there is a descending path to the R. Take this and soon aim down for the football pitch.

When you reach a track junction turn R aiming for a large greent circular water deposito and a just before this take the continuing footpath to the L.

This arrives at tarmac and now you descend in zig-zags.

When you reach a road joining you from the R (and running beside you) cross this to the R of a small triangle of land with a large statue of a deer.

Now continue ahead and downhill to reach some stainless steel bins where you turn directly R and level into Avenida de Canillas.

Turn R and continue ahead to pass the Coviran supermarket where you double back to the L rising slightly.

Now continue ahead to eventually round a bend to the L where you can see your “roped” path from the start of the day and quickly reach the Ermita and the hotel.

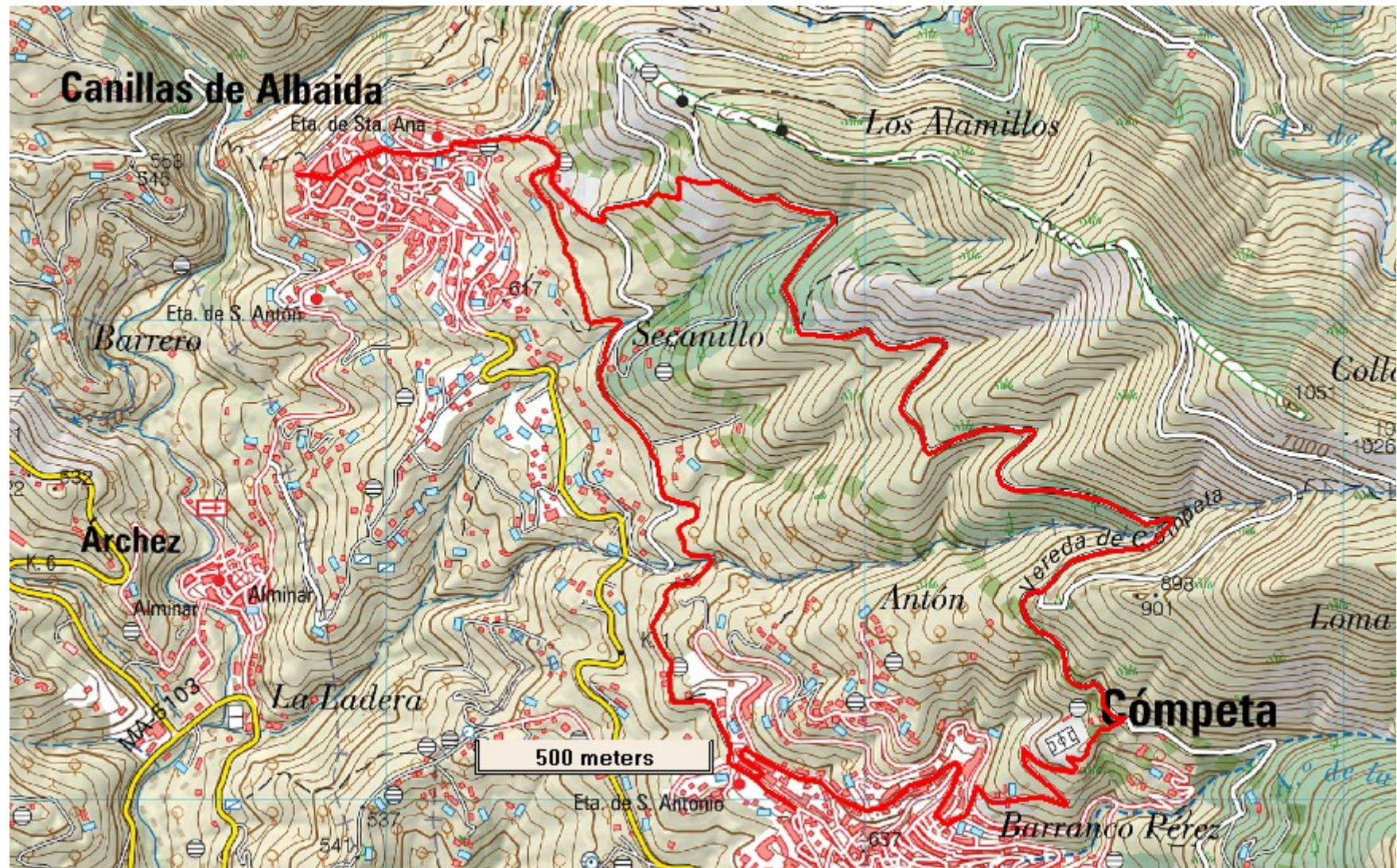
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Done in reverse would deal with the major ascents when fresh.

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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