

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

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Morro Blau, Barranco Negra circuit (with 2 options of shortening the route)
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Callosa D'En Sarria remote location off the CV755
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	12.5 km.
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	900m
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3 hrs.45 min 5 hrs
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	VS/B
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 38.672417, Long: -0.134233
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From Altea direction at main roundabout in Callosa d'En Sarria take 2 <sup>nd</sup> street on R (Avinguda Jaume1) then R fork in front of Banco Santander (not a bank now) -go up hill then downhill, cross a junction and turn up Calle D'en Sarria – continue for 2.7kms on narrow surfaced road (pass Urb. Almedia at RHS) and follow to park near a concrete casita.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A demanding ascent up a woodland path to reach a fire watchtower, then a stroll around a track to reach a descending path alongside a barranco with extensive and interesting views and return through fruit terraces
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Take the track to the L of the cars and continue to pass an animal corral to RHS, almost immediately take L fork (cairn)	0.4km 6 min
Start to rise up alongside a barranco – continue and level off near a junction	1.6 km 28 min
Ignore L fork and after 150 mtrs reach a junction to take R fork. Continue ascending and reach a ruin.	2kms. 37mins
Pass to LHS of ruin and continue up to emerge on a forest track.	4.3km 1hr30min

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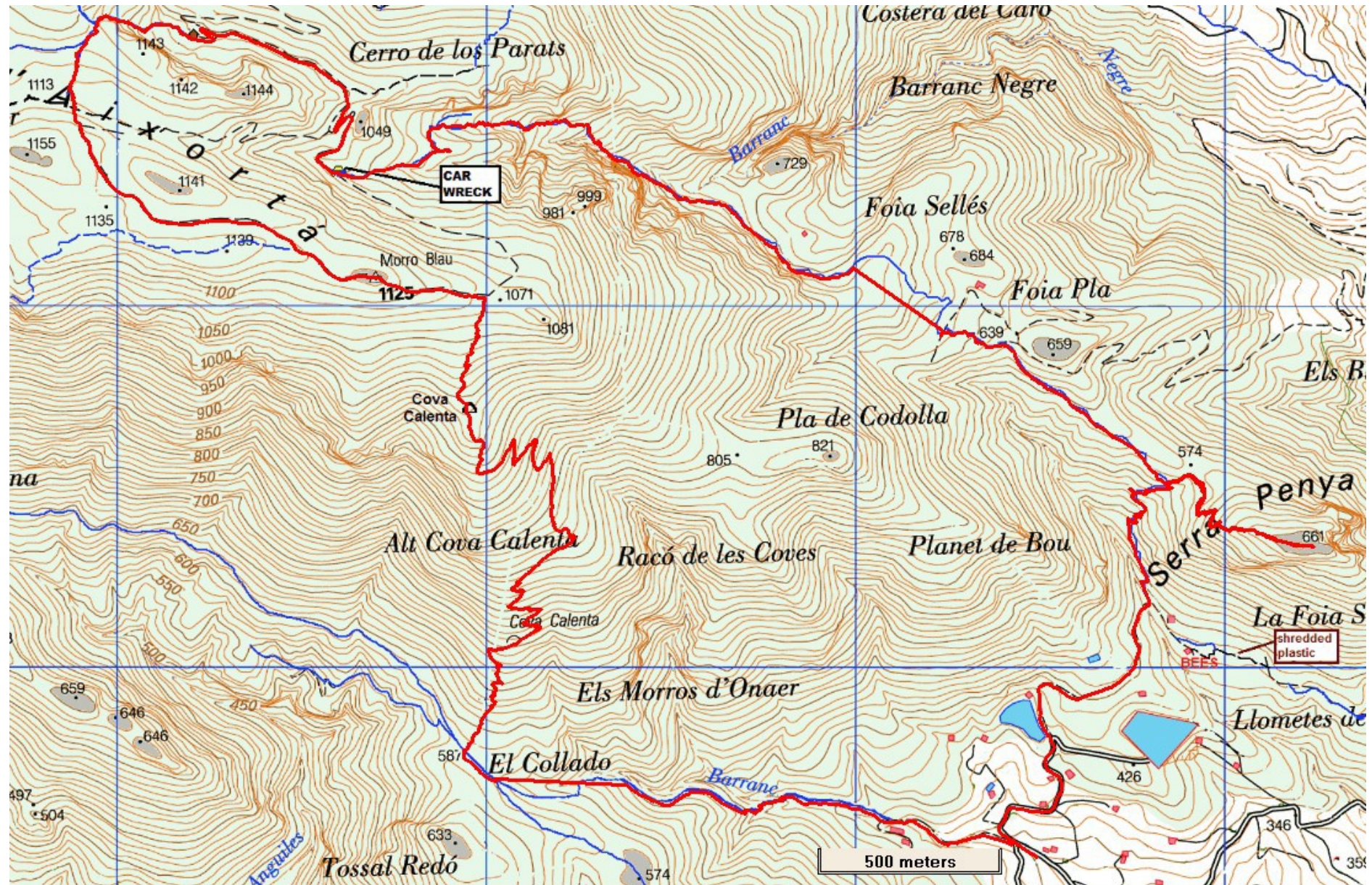
Turn L (** short option 1 * turn R and follow track for 1km to reach a path at RHS, near old rusty car – drop onto this path and follow walk description again**) and continue along track to reach a RH bend.	5.5km
Walk onto feint path (cairn) at LHS and drop down onto track below – turn L for a couple of metres then turn R and cross cultivated terraces to reach a path and slowly rise aiming for the col, walk through the col and begin to descend (cairns) to reach a wooden refugio.	6.1km 2hr10min
Pass to LHS of refugio and continue on track which turns L, (ignore a L fork), then R to reach a junction.	7km 2hr 15min
Ignore R fork and continue and after a RH bend reach a dip with old rusty car at LHS.**	7.1km
**Drop down (cairn) on a path descending alongside a barranco, pass to RHS of old baths then trend L and continue down to reach a junction on a scree area.	7.4km 8.2km 2hr40min
Take RH fork (well cairned) continue descending, cross over riverbed and continue to emerge on a track.	8.6km 2hr53min
Turn L and after 2 mtrs.turn R onto a path (cairn and paint) continue to reach a junction with signpost (Penya de L'Or)	9.4km 3hr8min
*Optional worthwhile visit on newly cut path to Penya d L'Or with exceptional views, Retrace steps to path.	10.1km 3hr20min 10.8 kms
Continue on descending path to level out at a junction below a tall spire /finger of rock 'El Frale.'	11.6km
Take R fork and continue down and through fruit farming to reach cars	
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<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	An early demanding ascent

see map below.....

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**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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