

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Alt del Ample Circuit from Jalon	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Jalon (Xaló) CV749 from Jalon, 600m after Km1	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	8	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	370	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hrs 4.5hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/A	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.73034, Long:- -0.01541	
Directions to Start	Jalon. Take CV749 Jalon to Bernia road. Parking area 600m past Km1 marker on RHS, just after cemetery road, opposite side to a large villa.	
Short walk description	A magnificent walk around the upper slopes of Alt del Ample with panoramic views of surrounding sierras	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Turn R from parking area along CV749 past house (Casa Bytrees) and turn L onto tarmac single-track road.		450m, 5mins
After further 450m take wide track going gently uphill on LHS marked by a cairn.		900m, 13mins
As track ends, after 5mins, continue straight on (marked by another cairn) along a flat path to another cairn marking the uphill footpath.		1.4km, 21mins
Turn L. This footpath is well-defined and zig-zags gently uphill for 30mins. Ignore path on LHS and carry on straight ahead. Path flattens towards top with expansive views west (RHS) across to the Ferrer Sierra.		3.1km, 1hr 1 min
After a further 10mins you will meet a Y-junction marked by a cairn and a blue dot.		3.5km, 1hr 11min
Take the right fork (straight ahead) where the path widens and gently inclines across a plateau with excellent views of the Bernia Ridge ahead. Reach the highest point in 10mins (570m elevation) and potential banana break.		

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Retrace path back to the Y-junction but now turn R along the footpath to rejoin the circular walk. Initially through scratchy holly-oak, after 8mins pass through stone ruins (with blue arrows pointing in the direction you have come and orchids in the Spring) After a further 12mins the path flattens then narrows upwards behind another stone ruin with views on RHS across the Barranco de Cau and Cau ridge beyond that.

After a further 10mins along this path arrive at a path on the LHS leading up to the Alt del Ample summit (a 10mins footpath and 4m scramble). Ignore this path as just ahead is a natural stone bench (560m elevation) for a lunch break to admire views across the Jalon valley and Montgo in the distance.

5km, 1hr 51mins

The path now descends in a zig-zag fashion (steeper in the 1st 20 mins) and then flattens on a straighter course allowing views across the barranco and Jalon valley. Another 30mins of sharper zig-zags and longer straight sections takes you to a flat track going left through trees to a fork in the road. Keep L (straight ahead) on a level terrace for 5 mins.

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7km, 2hr 46mins

turning R downwards over a buried cemented pipe and 20m ahead to a cairned track bearing sharp left.

Follow this level track for 500m, which then threads with minor dips to the right and eventually between buildings for another 400m, onto a gravel track and then a concreted road down to the CV749 (Jalon-Bernia Road).

8km, 3hrs.

Turn L onto the main road to cars parked 90m on the RHS.

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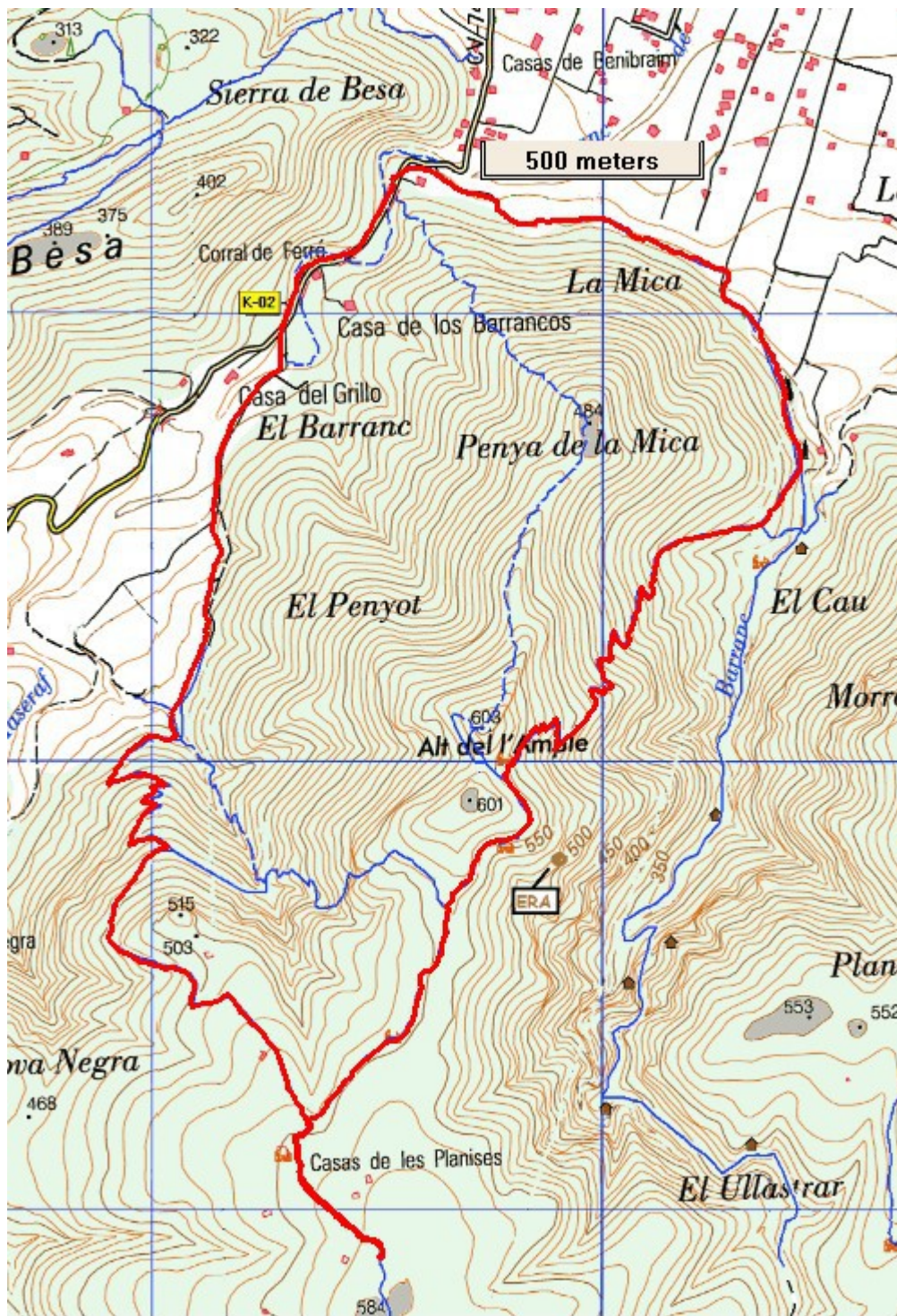
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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