

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Circuit from Castell de Castells on the flanks of Alfaro	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Castell de Castells Sheep farm and rubbish dump on minor road outside of village.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10.5	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	460	
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/A	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.73095, Long: -0.201737	
Directions to Start	Approaching Castell de Castells on the CV720 immediately past the village sign double back to the R on a minor road. Follow this until you reach a fenced compound with bins on the RHS and a large building in front of you (the sheep farm) at a junction. Park on the L.	
Short walk description	An easy way to walk up on the flanks of Alfaro for fantastic views of the Serrella range and the mountains nearer the coast. Paths, forest tracks and farm building access roads.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p style="color: red;">Note – the gps track with this route is “constructed”. Currently there is no “as walked” track available and therefore no times for each segment.</p> <p>Start by walking ahead on the road passing the sheep farm on your LHS and rising steadily.</p> <p>This road curves around to the R and drops towards a minor barranco. At the bottom of this and before you start to climb out on the far side, look for a footpath leaving the track and dropping to cross the river bed on your RHS.</p> <p>Once across you reach a finger-post where you turn L</p>		520m

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Follow this path through a bamboo jungle and then rise steadily up on the footpath. As this becomes a broader track you are directly below a concrete retaining wall on your RHS and just before you reach the main road (CV720) find a track on your LHS and descend this to reach and cross the river, now below a large dam.	1.3km
At the far side of the river turn R and walk past a finger-post now zig-zagging to follow the rising footpath with Y/W marks.	
Reach a tarmac road with a resting finger-post where you turn L and uphill.	2.7km
Soon zig-zag up more steeply with buildings to either side and when you pass above a white house with pallet fencing and below its corresponding barn (?) reach a less distinct track after a further 20m on the LHS and take this.	3.3km
After shortly turning L around the head of a barranco ignore a track descending to your L and continue uphill.	
A few metres further on and BEFORE walking onto Olive terraces look out for an indistinct track turning R and making its way uphill on the RHS of the terraces.	3.5km
As this levels out reach a track junction and turn R.	3.7km
Rise up to a further junction with unadorned finger-post and turn L rising up on a concrete track. (Note the 2 large wells off to your R. The first a concrete monstrosity and the second more distant and stone built - delightful)	4.1km
Go over a spur and drop down gently towards a barranco with a clear view of the track zig-zagging back uphill on the far side.	
As you reach a further junction at the top of the climb there is a speed limit sign on the track going up to the R. Ignore this and continue ahead now on gravel.	5.2km
Follow this track as it meanders in and out of barrancos along the flank of the hill with sweeping views of the Serrella range off to the L and views out to the ranges nearer to the coast over your L shoulder!	
Reach a T-junction with a finger-post pointing back the way you have come signed to Les Espetles. Continue ahead now descending on concrete.	6.4km
Follow this main track down a short way before it rises up a little again and then continues its plunge down the mountain towards Castells, now sitting in the mid foreground.	
After a knee crunching descent pass the barranco where you abandoned the road and continue ahead to reach your parked car.	

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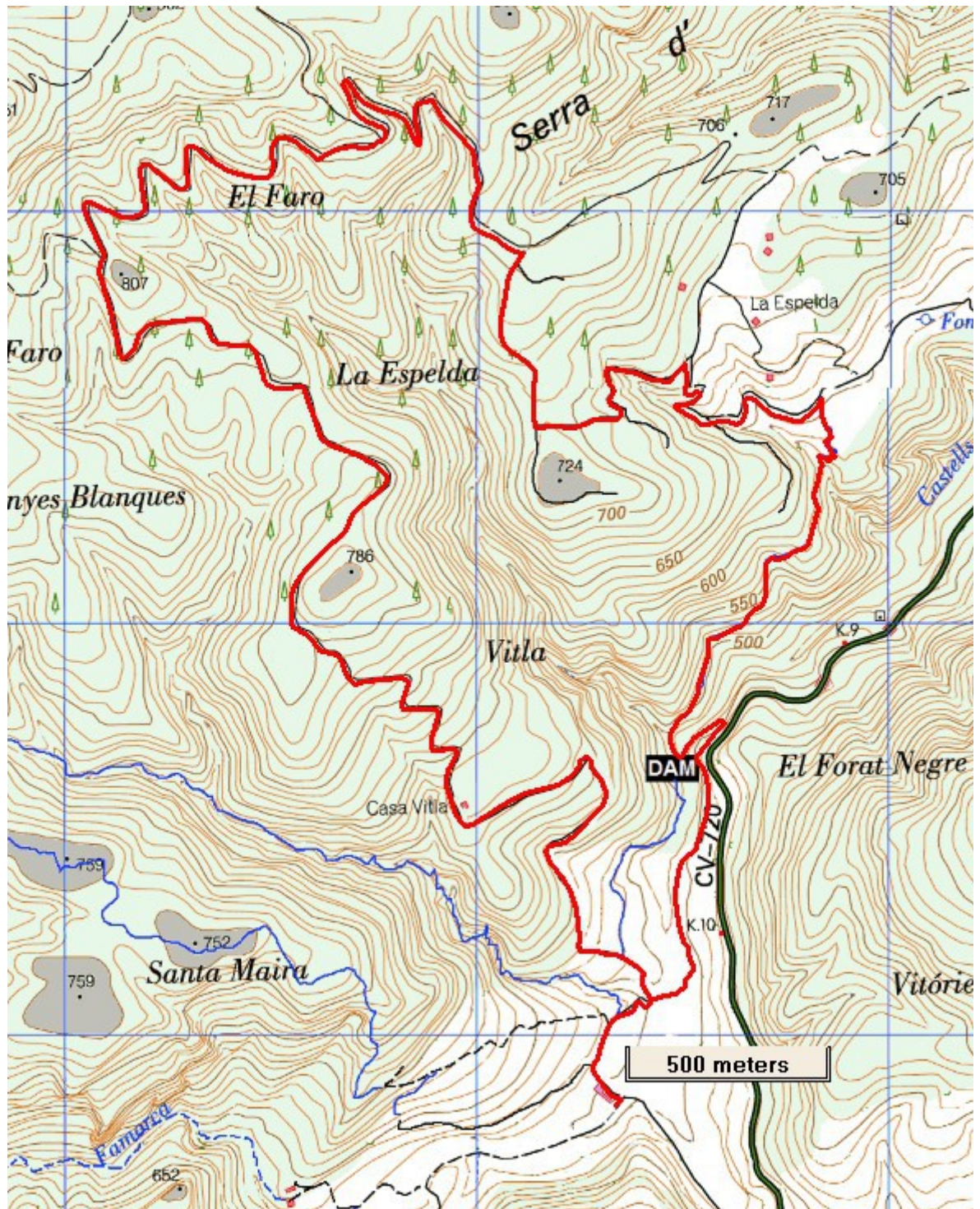
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None. Possibly better to do this route in reverse.

see map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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