

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

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Mijhorn summit & Bco de la Cueva dels Corrales.
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Xixona
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	10.1 km
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	+717, -800
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	Walking time 3hr 40m Total time 4hr 30m
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/B/Scr
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 38.5464, Long: -0.52244
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From Alicante, pass Xixona on CV800 to roundabout to La Torre de las Macanes (CV- 780). Stay on CV 800 for 600m and turn left (route km 18.7 approx) where there are recycling bins. Ignore "No Entry" sign. After 200 m road turns sharply right. After another 800m downhill just before road turns very sharply left leave at least one car on unsurfaced road to the right. Continue driving for 250m and pass by road junction to the right. After another 700m turn left at tee junction and follow road around steep bend to right. After another 500m pass by junction to right. After another 160m turn right up narrow asphalted road marked with yellow/white footpath signs. Drive uphill for 500m and park where asphalt ends (not blocking driveway to house).
<b>Short walk description</b>	A one way route (involving car shuttle) to the summit of Mijhorn (1226m), the cliffs of the Collado de Clot and a descent down the steep gorge of the Barranco des las Corales.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Walk uphill following yellow & White markings PR CV-212	0 min, 0 km
Turn left onto narrow track (PR CV-212)	8min, 500m

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Turn left uphill onto broad track (PR CV-212)	15 min, 850m
Turn right onto narrow track (PR CV-212)	1km. 19min
Stay on track as it rises up to a spectacular col. Perfect place for a break	2.3km, 53min
After the col the path (PR CV-212) still marked with yellow and white crosses the flank of the mountain and rises up towards another col near to the summit. Some scrambling is needed here and there is exposure to the left. Follow the signs and cairns as there is no "path" until you get nearer to the col.	
At the col turn left	2.6km, 1hr 4m
Continue to the summit and its spectacular views	2.8km, 1hr 8m
Descend the way you came up for approx 60m until the junction finger post (PR CV-212) Turn left here and descend.	2.9km, 1hr 9m
At the bottom of the descent is a junction with a narrow path. Turn left here. We will return here after visiting a viewpoint near Collado de Clot	3.3 km, 1hr 19m
After approx 100m the path skirts the rim of a sheer cliff from which there are impressive views and often vultures soaring. A good place for lunch!	3.5km, 1hr 21m
Return to the junction and turn left	3.6km, 1hr 22m
Follow this marked path and pass a ruined farmhouse (which can make a sheltered lunch spot in inclement weather)	4.4km, 1hr 35m
Continue to finger-posted junction on a ridge.	5.4km, 1hr 51m
Keep right and follow the marked path down hill until the path turns very sharply right.	5.6km, 1hr 54m
From this point we will not be using defined paths. Follow the ridge to your left and keep as close to the crest as you can. We follow the ridge using animal trails and natural vegetation breaks to get close to a lonesome pine tree on the ridge crest about 800m away.	6.4km, 2hr 11m
As you get closer to the tree look for faint trails that lead down into the barranco to your left. There are lots of fossils here. Some scrambling may be necessary to get to the watercourse.	6.6km, 2hr 18m
Once in the barranco we head downstream. There are no defined paths. Stay in the barranco watercourse while you can. There are a series of "dry" waterfalls to negotiate which involve taking bypass paths. Look for cairns to help you. Most of these bypasses are on the right had side of the valley. Some of these bypasses are quite steep and have loose stones.	
As the barranco gets deeper the bypasses are trickier. After 2.5km there is a bypass to the right which has a well defined path – but it leads to a set of caves. Turn left off this path soon after the waterfall down a steep sloped path trail into the barranco watercourse.	7.8km, 2hr 50m

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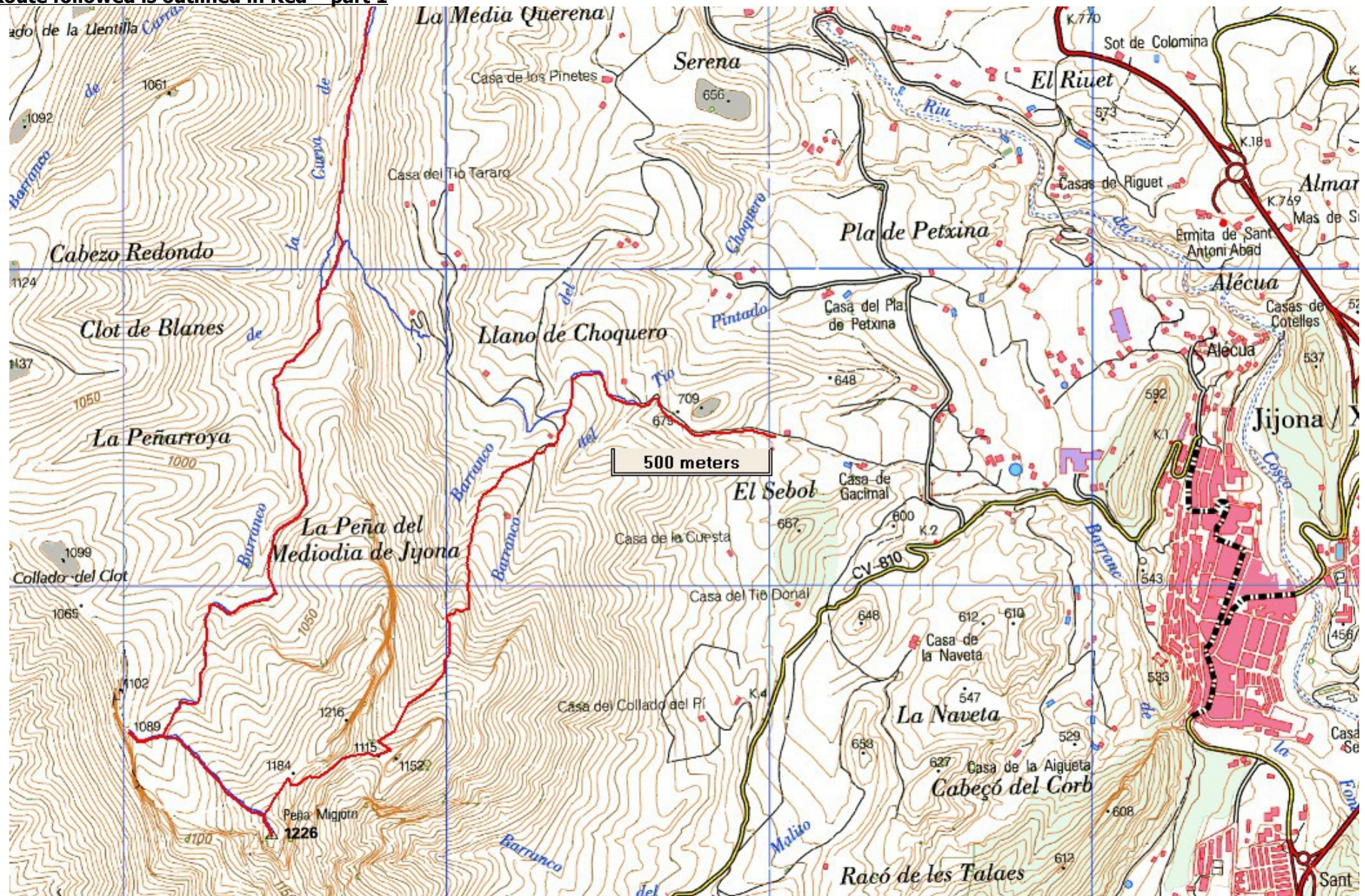
As you get towards the end of this section of the barranco you will see that it is joined from the left by another deep valley. Before reaching the junction there is a path to the left that climbs out of the barranco avoiding the last deep waterfall.	8km, 2hr 55m
Follow this track and it joins marked trail PR CV 112. Turn right.....	8.2km, 2hr 59m
follow PR CV 112 back down into the barranco watercourse and continue downstream until the path leaves to the left. Continue in the watercourse.	8.4km, 3hr 6m
We pass a cave to our right and then we have to go to the right hand side of a dam across the watercourse.	
As we approach an old hydro electricity installation, there is a path leaving the barranco to the left. Take this path which before long returns us to the barranco bed.	8.9km, 3hr 20m
Stay in the barranco bed and get to Font de Roset.	9.8km, 3hr 35m
We continue to follow the watercourse down stream along a series of paths that eventually bring us to the parked car and the end of our walk.	10.1km, 3hr 40m
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<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	Do not do this walk if heavy rains are possible. Walk should not be done alone and at least 2 people with cars are needed for car shuttle. Do not do this walk in very windy conditions as approach to the summit is exposed and difficult.

See map below.....

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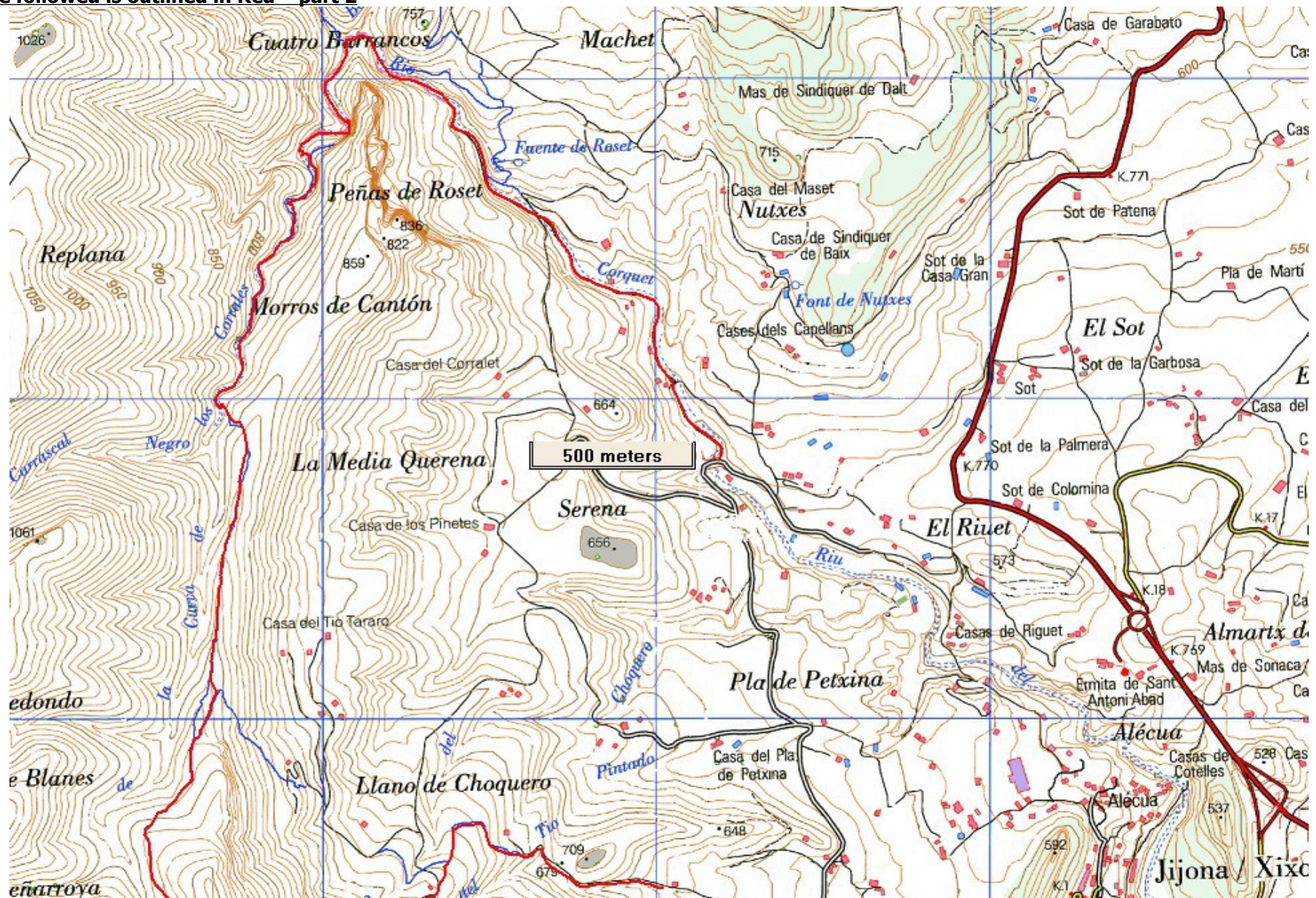
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**Route followed is outlined in Red – part 2**



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