

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Ruta del Agua and Peña Cortada
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Chelva, Parking Ruta del Agua.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	700m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	Walking time 3hr 20m Total time 5hr 10m
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	39.74584,-1.0042
Directions to Start	From Valencia bypass (A/7 Junction 324) take CV35 towards Ademuz.. After approx 60km pass through village of Chelva and cross narrow bridge then take next turn very sharply left: signposted Ruta del Agua. Drive 3 minutes downhill to parking Ruta del Agua (1.4km)
Short walk description	A circular walk along the river Tuejar passing the village Calles, the Peña Cortado gorge, Roman water channels & Aqueduct before descending through the town of Chelva back to the car park
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Leave the car park following the trail downstream on the left hand side of the river Tuejar.	0 km, 0 min
Turn right and cross the river by a bridge then turn left and follow the signs for Ruta del Agua. We climb up the side of the valley.	854m, 11 min
At a mirador turn left and start to descend quite steeply.	1.1 km, 17 min

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Follow path across river bridge	1.8km, 27 min
Path becomes wider and just before it starts to rise steeply turn right. The path has been water damaged here and you might need to cross a stream on fallen logs.	2.1km, 31 min
Turn right following signpost "Ruta del Agua"	2.5km, 38 min
The path branches to the left and soon starts to climb steeply.	2.7km, 42 min
After levelling off the path starts to descend back down into the valley	3.0 km, 46 min
At the bottom of the hill we meet a broad track and turn left.	3.2km, 50 min
This track takes us to the village of Calles where there is a riverside park and a bar. Here we leave the river and turn left up a street "Los Molinos" towards the Ermita de Santa Quiteria where we turn left, cross the main road and turn right onto the street Loma Ermita following yellow and white markers towards the Peña Cortada	4.6km, 1hr 8m 4.9km, 1hr 13m
Following the asphalted road we pass under the bridge carrying the CV35	5.5km, 1hr 22m
Ignore turning to right with car park	6.4km, 1hr 33
Pass by parking area	6.8km, 1hr 40
Broad track narrows to a path	7.1km, 1hr 44m
Our path now enters a narrow, deep, spectacular gorge. The path has been engineered with steps and safety rails – but still needs care. Follow the path markings to a viewing point where there is an information board.	7.5km, 1hr 52m
The path turns right and continues to climb. After 50 metres of ascent we encounter the Roman water course (Levada). The trail follows the waterway where possible but there are areas of damage where we have to take bypasses. Follow the route markings along the channel to the left.	7.9km, 2hr 1m
Through some fantastic tunnels and channels we finally emerge from the mountainside to cross the spectacular Roman aqueduct.	8.4km, 2hr 10m
Continue along the water course trail, which has obstacles made of fallen rocks to negotiate until the path leaves the channel and descends to a car park.	8.7km, 2hr 15m
Go down to the car park and leave by the road in the direction of Chelva. Turn left when you reach a junction with a path signposted "Chelva". The path rises to a col from where you will see the town in the distance.	9km, 2hr 18m
Ignore track to the left	9.3km, 2hr 24m
At oblique intersection of tracks keep ahead bearing slightly right	10.8km, 2hr 50m
Track descends into barranco and climbs back up again beside the cemetery boundary wall before turning sharply left towards the bull ring car park.	11km, 2hr 53m
Go across the car park to the road CV 346 and turn left	11.1km, 2hr 55m

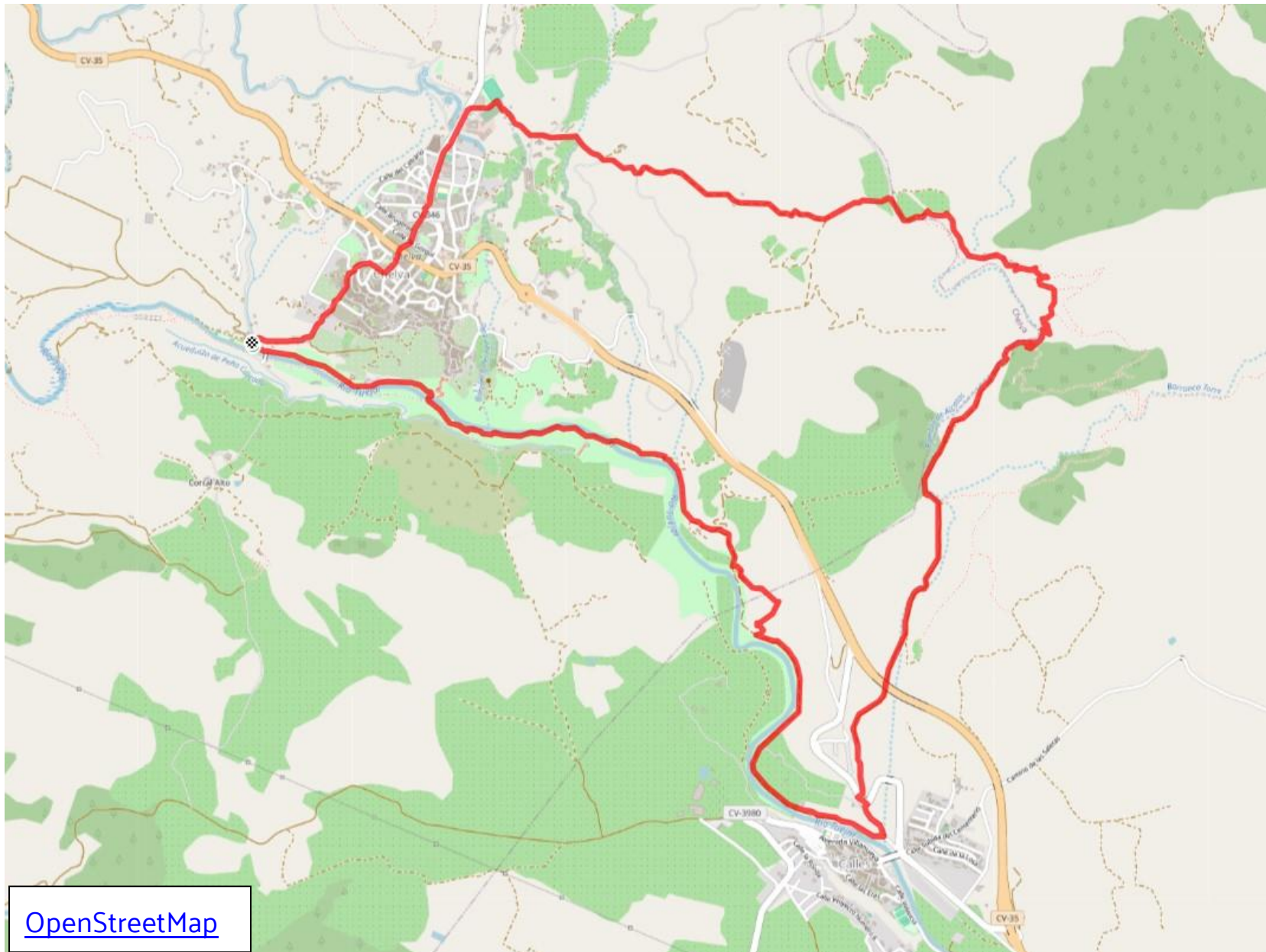
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Follow this road downhill (Av de Valencia) until it turns sharply left. Here cross the road and take the narrow road (Calle Monserate) to the right of an old ermeta ,straight on down the hill towards the town.	11.6km, 3hr 1m
At CV25 go straight across and continue to descend (Calle Matadero)	11.8km, 3hr 05m
Go straight ahead into Calle de la Pesquera	11.9km, 3h3 05m
At Tee junction turn right into Calle Chorillo and then second left into Calle Tinte	12km, 3hr 06m
Cross the Plaza Angel Valero and go down Calle San Fransisco de Asisi	12.1km, 3hr 09m
Keep ahead descending down Calle San Joaquin	12.2km, 3hr 12m
At fork keep right	12.5km, 3hr 16m
Stay on the road until you arrive at car park Ruta del Agua	12.8km, 3hr 20
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Torch useful for use in tunnels, particularly if you are tall.

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