

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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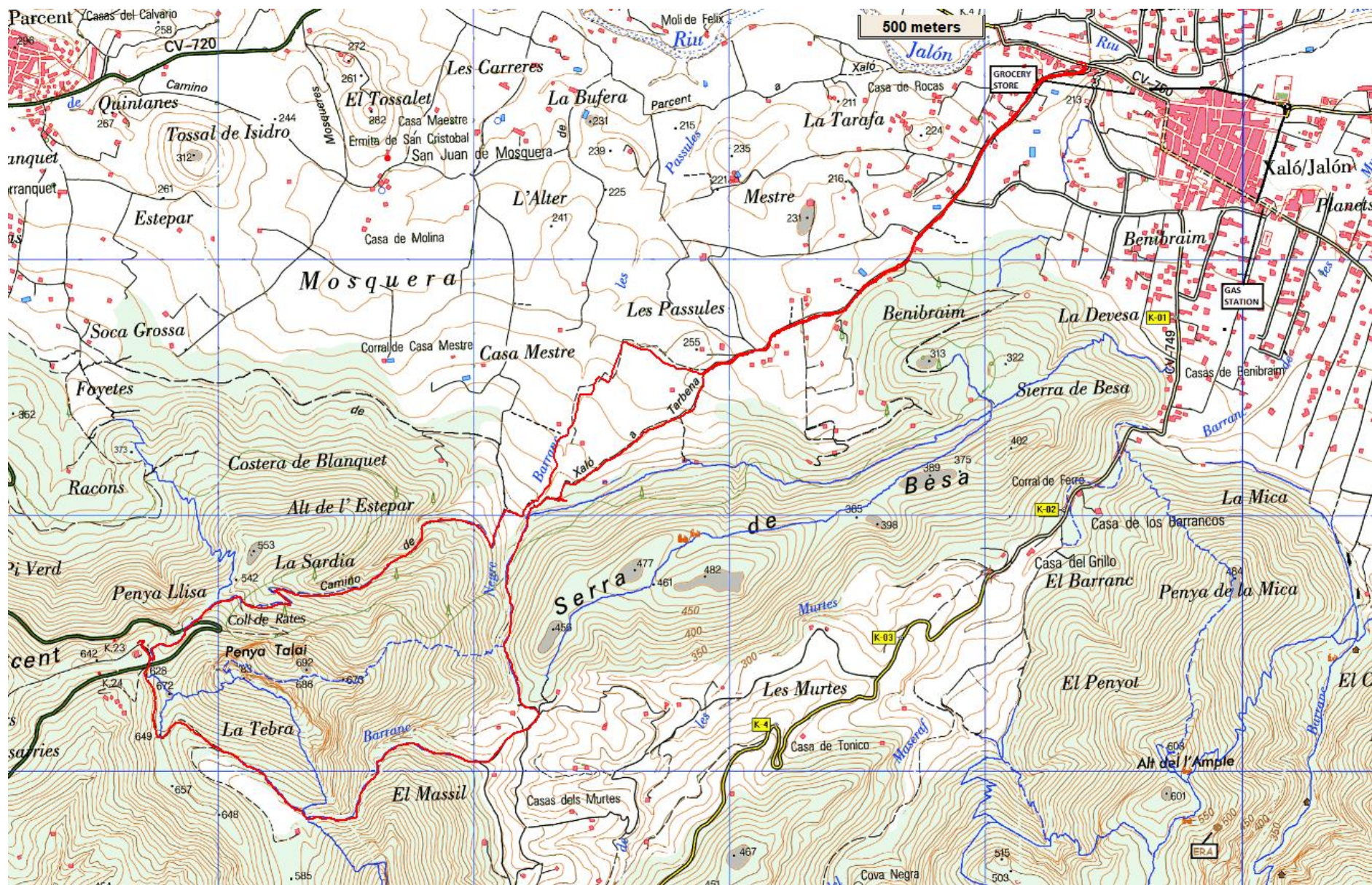
Walk description originally prepared by:-	Eric Ferguson, CBMW, Jan 2025	
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Title of Walk	Spring Festival, Jalon to Col d ´Rates Circuit	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Jalon, Main Car Park.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	12.50 Km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	450m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hrs 4hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/A	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.744176, Long -0.01766	
Directions to Start	Rastro site on the Alcalali side of the town CV750. Park in the car park under the trees opposite Aleluja bar and close to the Tourist Office	
Short walk description	Route mainly on tracks, some country roads, and mainly marked paths and tracks. Magnificent views from the Col d´Rates.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Cross the road from the car park and pass the Aleluja bar on the RHS. At the corner between the bar and Centre Commercial La Teulera turn R and after 20 metres R again into Camino Segador. Marked G/W		1min, 50 metres
Continue on this road, ignoring any roads/tracks joining; bear R at km 1.16, just after passing "Caseta Piera" and L at km 2.12 at a fork and on to where the road ends beside a forest area where you turn R onto a track. Signposted SL-CV119 Mirador Col De Rates (2.1K)		34mins, 2.93km
Proceed along this wide rough track to where the track swings to the R and a path joins from the L.		35mins, 3.06km
Take this L path (ignore the crossed G/W sign near start). Continue up, running parallel to Barranco Negre, ignore two paths that join on your LHS after 70m, and continue to ascend along this lovely path. Eventually you will pass groves and a house on your RHS to join a country road.		53mins, 4.00km

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Turn R onto this road until a LH bend where you bear R/straight on up another road.	55mins, 4.07km
Proceed up this road, past a small building after 80m, and at a sharp LH bend turn R onto a path.	59mins, 4.33km
Proceed up this steep path to where a path marked with red paint joins from your RHS a short distance from a house.	1hr 24min, 5.29km
Turn R onto this path that soon crosses the top of the small barranco and continues to ascend as you veer to the R on the other side. This indistinct path traverses and rises above orchards and cultivated land on your LHS until it joins a broad track. (Steel Beam over a small drainage gully)	1hr 35min., 5.78km
Proceed up this broad track, over the col and down to a main road.	1hr 48min, 6.43km
Cross this road, proceed up the road opposite, past a restaurant on your LHS to a semi shady area ideal for lunch and to take in the wonderful views.	1hr 52 min, 6.63km
Return the way you came back to the main road. About 10m before the road a path joins from the LHS.	1hr 56min, 6.73km
Take this path, cross the main road, go past the viewing area and continue down the rough path ahead until you soon reach a fork where you go R signed PR-CV 425 and marked G/W.	2 hrs 13 min, 7.04km
Follow the G/W path but ignore a path going L (approx two thirds of the way down). This descending path gradually widens and eventually comes out at a small tarmac road. Ignore this road and turn R, G/W sign post signed Xalo/(Jalon) SL-CV119 3.5km,1 hr	2hrs 23 min, 8.55km.
After a short distance this track almost meets another track which we used on the outward journey take "L" and pass by an olive tree grove to the LHS.	2hrs 30mins, 8.70km
The path winds around trees and soon you will see a concrete pipe on the "R" on top of a wall.. Soon you reach a wide track. Turn "R" at a T junction. There is a large fallen tree on "L" with a concrete wall beside it.	2hrs 40mins, 9.00 km
This track soon meets a tarmac road which veers L	2hrs 48mins, 9.25 km
After a short distance the road becomes a gravel track. Soon you will see a gated and fenced house with an animal paddock. You soon come to a T Junction and turn "L" G/W.	3hrs, 10.80km
Follow this road until you reach a junction with a signpost SL CV 119 Xalo 1.1K then turn "L"	3hrs 13mins, 11.73km
Follow this road back to Jalon and the car park G/W	3hrs 23mins,12.5km
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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