

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	The cave art and castle of Benirrama
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benirrama Street parking in and around Carrer Major in the village
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	380
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.5hr 4.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.83047, Long: -0.196612
Directions to Start	From Pego take the CV700 up the very scenic Gallinera Valley and turn L (signed to Benirrama) on the CV7170 to reach the village. Continue into the village slightly R through a narrow street to reach more open street parking in Carrer Major
Short walk description	A meandering route visiting the caged Rock Art (Pintures Rupestres) opposite the village before climbing to the castle. Wide ranging views throughout. Just one short steep climb (30m) on the return but otherwise on easy paths throughout.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>Start by walking a few metres down the way you have entered the village and take the first R into Carrer Almassera (towards Bar Roca)</p> <p>Pass the bar and take the next L turn descending to soon pass the sewage works and then arrive at the CV700.</p> <p>Cross this slightly to the R to make your way through the split in the barriers and descend easily for a few metres before reaching a stoney gully which you follow downhill to reach the river.</p>	880m

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Cross this and take the clear footpath slightly L and rising to continue on top of a 1m wide wall.	
Just before reaching a finger post turn R on a clear track (with large white box on RHS) and follow this as it curves L and R and then descends on concrete to reach cairns on the L.	1.1km
Turn onto the footpath marked by the cairns and continue ahead soon dropping to the river again and continuing along beside it to reach a second finger post.	1.7km
Pass this and turn L up in front of a building to reach a large cairn where you turn R to pass the building. Soon you reach a concrete road which you cross directly continuing ahead with cairns marking your route.	
Climb a little to reach a fingerpost.....	2.4km
where you turn L to ascend to the gantry to view the cave paintings.	
Now return to the finger post and continue ahead dropping to curve around a building on your RHS to reach the river.	2.7km
Care is needed now as you walk up the river only 20m or so before crossing to the LHS of it and emerging on a grassy terrace from where you can see ahead of you a stony gully with walled sides climbing slightly uphill.	
Follow this to reach the road which you cross to a rising track just off to the RHS. Follow this uphill away from the road.	
Follow the principal line uphill and as it steepens you emerge onto a concrete track where you turn R and reach a tarmac road in a few metres where you turn L.	3.3km
Continue along this descending to reach a font on your R where the road splits and you take the LH fork.	
Reach the Font de la Mata and turn R uphill briefly on concrete. This steep track soon turns L and levels off affording great views out over the valley and up to the castle.	3.7km
When this track eventually ends at a grassy turning circle look to the LHS to see a footpath descending briefly before curling around to the R on terraces. Follow this.	4.3km
When this reaches a rocky spur it begins to climb again and now zig-zags up through the terraces on a clear line. Continue ascending until you reach a junction with concrete to the L and here turn L.	4.8km
150m metres ahead is a shallow col where a rougher track leaves your line going uphill to the R. Take this.	
Soon it levels out and reaches a second spur and then you have views out towards the sea, Montgo and Segaria for the first time with a zig to the R in front of you.	5.4km
Take this for 20m or so then then abandon this wide track for a less well defined one doubling back to the L and level.	

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<p>Reach a sign and fence from the “wrong” side telling you that you are not allowed to proceed. Pass this easily and if you are sure footed 15 m further on there is a poorly defined path climbing briefly to the R to rejoin a second better path where you turn R. (If you prefer you can ignore the poorly defined path and continue ahead to an easier junction where you double back to the R ascending.)</p>	5.9km
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<p>Walk up this path to a col and broad track and turn R towards the castle.</p>	6.3km
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Immediately fork R avoiding a track with gate and continue to the R. 50m down take a footpath to the L which rises briefly to a col directly in front of the castle ramparts.

Return to the track and turn L descending.

Follow this as it rounds a spur and the views open up of the valley and the village of Benirrama perched high on a spur.

<p>Pass a viewpoint with rudimentary benches and continue descending</p>	7.1km
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<p>Continue for 1km and as you round a gentle bend to your R keep your eyes peeled for a steeply ascending foot path leaving the road to the L and climbing up a few terraces. This is challenging if wet but fortunately ends after only 30m as it arrives at an indistinct track where you turn R.</p>	8.3km
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Now follow this ahead either level or descending until you reach a concrete junction where you take the R fork still descending to soon arrive at the outskirts of the village.

Turn L into the village to quickly arrive at the car parking area.

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	
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Route followed is outlined in Red

