

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Circuit around the flanks of Benicadell
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Beniatjar. Parking at side of C' Cementerio near children's play area.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	9
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	498
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.5hr 4.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.84974 Long: -0.41693
Directions to Start	From CV-60 take CV-622. At roundabout at edge of Beniatjar. Turn 1st R into C' Cementerio and park at side of road.
Short walk description	A circuit across the lower slopes of the magnificent peak of Benicadell. Visiting caves with paintings (note; gates were locked at the time of writing) and a ruined castell. Mainly good easy paths though some are steep both up and down. Fine views over the countryside.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk back to the roundabout and cross straight ahead up into the town along C' San Roc. Continue straight uphill to reach a walk information board on the right just after a font. (Note; this is an alternative parking place).	9min, 520m
Continue straight ahead signed to 'Abrics del Barran de Cabonera'. Ignore a surfaced track on the left, continue to a triple junction with signpost.	11min, 667m
Turn R, signed to 'Abrics del Barranc de Cabonera'. Follow this part surfaced track to a junction with tracks on the left at a signpost.	30min, 1.8km
Turn L, but keep R on the main track signed to 'Abrics del Barranc de Cabonera'. Ignore side tracks (G/W post markers). At a signpost marked also as a parking place, turn L up a surfaced section, then soon reach another signpost where the tarmac surface ends.	37min, 2.3km

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Ignore tracks on the left and go straight ahead between cliffs. Signed 'Abrics del Barranc de Cabonera'. Continue up through pine woodland, to reach a signpost at a junction.	46min, 2.8km
Turn R signed 'Abrics del Barranc de Cabonera 50m.' Visit the caves painting site and then return to this junction.	50min, 3km
Go straight ahead on a footpath signed to 'Castell de Carbonera.' The path winds steeply up to reach a plateau with picnic benches. Go straight ahead to reach a signpost at a junction.	1hr 6min, 3.6km
Turn R signed to 'Castell de Carbonera.' After visiting the castell ruin return to this signpost.	1hr 19min, 4km
Go straight ahead signed to 'Casa de Penalva.' Climb the path towards the mountain to reach a junction with a wide cross track at a signpost.	1hr 22min, 4.1km
Turn L signed to 'Casa de Penalva' Follow the track which climbs very gently to eventually reach an obvious path descending to the L at a signpost.	1hr 50min, 6km
Turn L signed to 'Casa de Penalva.' Go down across the hillside to reach the ruin of said Casa. Pass around the building, ignore a path on the left and go L across its front to reach a signpost.	1hr 57min, 6.5km
Turn R downhill signed to 'Corral de la Penya Roja'. After descending several zig zags a junction with signpost is reached.	2hr 10min, 7.2km
Turn R signed to 'Beniatjar.' Follow the track, passing a pumping station, where shortly after a broad track joins from the right. Keep L downhill and soon reach a X junction with signpost.	2hr 17min, 7.7km
Go straight ahead, ignore a track cutting back left and in a few metres take a path which branches off L at a Y/W marker post. This path winds down to a junction with a broad cross track at a signpost.	2hr 23min, 8.1km
Turn L signed to 'Beniatjar.' Go along the track, the surface becomes concrete and soon reaches a junction with your outbound route at a signpost. Continue downhill to re-enter the town. Go past the walk information board and alternative parking place. Continue straight ahead keeping right to reach the roundabout and beyond it the parking place.	2hr 37min, 9.1km
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

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Route followed is outlined in Red

