

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKS

SIERRA AITANA RANGE – SANXET CIRCUIT

R44

ALMASERAS—SANXET—CASA LA CARRASCA—COLLADO DEL LLAM-- CASA DE DIOS—ALMASERAS

WALK SPECS: DISTANCE 9km - **WALKING TIME** 2 ½hrs. - **ASCENT** 426mtrs. – **GRADE** MS

(Walking time only add time for breaks and lunch)

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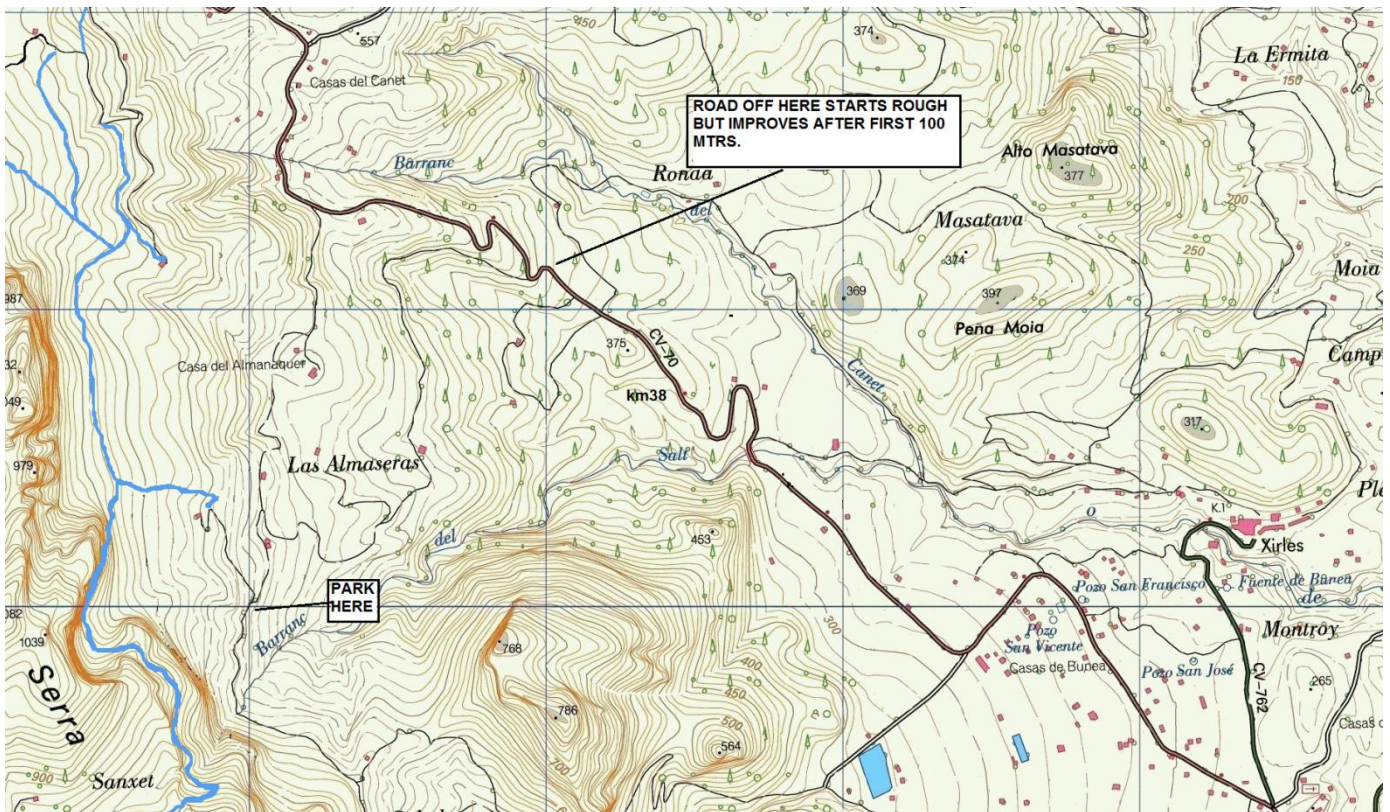
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WALK DESCRIPTION

A very good circular walk introducing the eastern end of the range and two of the six main passes, Collados Sanxet and Llam. Views of stunning cliffs, a glimpse of the Buddhist Colony, visit to a large farmhouse, high up and spectacularly sited. This is also the starting point for the optional ascent of Sanxet, (1184m). Like many circuits it is almost as successful done the other way round which has the difference of an easier but less interesting start followed by a rather long haul up to Collado del Llam.

TO THE START

From La Nucia drive along the new CV70 road towards Guadalest and Benimantell. Go to the KM38 sign and continue for a further 0.7 km and at the start of a cutting turn off **L** up a concrete surfaced road. Drive approx 2.7 kms, to the junction with a track going up right with chain across. This is the starting and end point. Parking for 3 cars, more on verges down the road.



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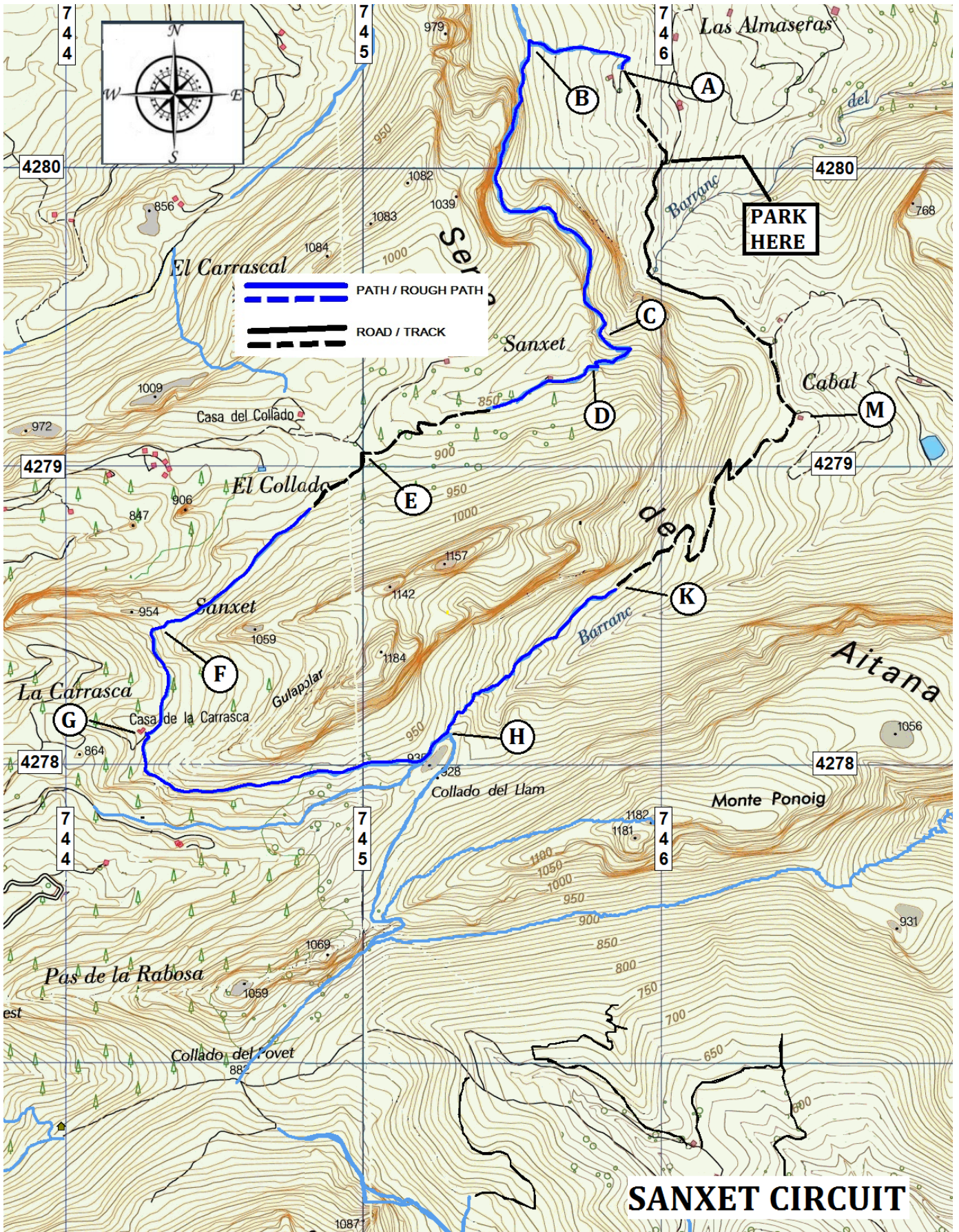
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	Total distance and %of walk completed based on total time
<p><u>Underlined letters are map references.</u></p> <p>Cross over the chain and walk up the track and find cairn on RHS of LH bend marking path off R (<i>Blue dot</i>) A. (6min.)</p>	.4km 4%
<p>Follow path to the end of the almond bancale where it turns L and climbs to pass a large cairn and ruin R. Continue up path to meet cross path and cairn B. (8min.)</p>	.8km 9%
<p>Turn L along path which ascends below impressive cliffs, (local name “Habitaciones de Dios), to reach waterfall (occasional) C. (23min.)</p>	2.0km 25%
<p>Zig zag up path, which reaches the lip of the Sanxet Pass D. (8min.)</p>	2.4km 30%
<p>Continue along path to pass a ruin on RHS. From ruin the path turns into an overgrown, rough track. Continue along the track to meet a cross track near a mast with a large house nearby E. (12min.)</p>	3.3km 38%
<p>Turn L along track, which ascends along the S side of the valley and becomes a path. Pass through a rocky dell soon after which the view opens up to the R and you can catch a glimpse of the small “Stupa” of the Buddhist Colony in the valley below. Continue to reach the shoulder of the ridge F. (From here see the Sella Valley with Pena de Sella and Divino to the W, the remarkable crescent of Monte Castellet to the SW and the towering peak of Puig Campana to the S. (12min.)</p>	4.2km 46%
<p>Continue straight on down. The path veers L aiming for a large Casa across a small valley to the SSW, your next objective. Follow this clear path to the Casa La Carrasca G which is normally unoccupied and makes a shady stop . (10min.)</p>	4.6km 52%
<p>From Casa La Carrasca turn L and find a path going up and traverses around the base of Sanxet before reaching a cairn with a path,(which you ignore), going down R. Continue straight on bearing L to arrive at signpost H. (22min.)</p>	5.8km 67%
<p>Continue down the path (<i>direction Polop</i>) with the massive cliffs of Sanxet on your L and the bulk of Ponocho on your R to join a track K. (15min.)</p>	6.7km 77%
<p>The track winds down to the house of Casa de Dios M (<i>At present painted blue</i>). (20min.)</p>	7.9km 90%
<p>Here you join the main track and turn L down to reach your car(s). (15min.)</p>	9.1km 100%
<p>Note: <i>This rather dull walk down a paved road can be avoided by spotting a car at this point.</i></p>	



SANXET CIRCUIT