

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk Around and about Castells

Location of Start CV720 from Benichembla to Castell de Castells

Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km 16.7km

Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m 520m

Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops 4hrs30mins.
5hrs 40mins completion time

Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system) S/B

Grid reference of start point (if known) Lat., Long.:- 38.750619, -0.158057

Directions to Start Drive from Benigembla towards Castell de Castells on the CV720 to first bridge (km 4.5), cross bridge and park on other side on tarmac parking area (LHS)

Short walk description A varied walk with all the hard work done before a late lunch stop. Mix of old and new trails with a steep ascent out of Castells and then a fairly easy descent back to the cars along good tracks and paths with some lovely views along the way.

Full Walk Description

Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far

Cross over the road, proceed down ramp that bears to the L and enter the barranco in the direction of Castells. Proceed to where the barranco forks (house on RHS) and take the R fork (1.30km). Continue past an island then a house on your RHS to a second small island. Keep to the L of this island and exit the barranco onto a path on the L (34mins, 1.96km)

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Proceed through campo, between two houses (close to the one on the RHS) bear L onto a track and continue up to a road (2mins, 0.15km)

36mins, 2.11km.

Turn R and continue along road, past a house on your RHS, until a path joins from the L, (just before the road swings to the R under some cliffs) signed, at the time of writing, "Castell de Castells 5km" (11mins, 0.95km)

47mins, 3.06km.

Take this path (marked Y/W) to a track (10mins, 0.53km)

57mins, 3.59km.

Turn L onto track, go R and up at fork (3.66km) and turn L onto a path signed PR CV 168 (3mins, 0.22km)

1hr, 3.81km.

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After a couple of minutes go L onto a track then, after 15m, leave track on R to continue on path that takes you up to a track. (8mins, 0.35km)	1hr8mins,4.16km
Turn L onto track up to road where you turn R and up you go.(8mins, 0.62km)	1hr16mins,4.78k
Continue on road, past a pool on your LHS and turn L onto path signed PR CV 168 (15mins, 1.11km)	1hr31mins,5.89k
Proceed down this path to a barranco, up and over a dam (7.14km), past a ruin on RHS, turn R up side of this ruin, L at the back and on through the orchards, blue spots mark the way, to a track. (32mins, 1.59km)	2hr3mins,7.48km
Turn L onto this track, up a ramp to a road. (3mins, 0.22km)	2hr6mins,7.7km
Turn L onto this road and continue to an old sheep pen with green biffa bins on the LHS where you bear L (5mins, 0.47km)	2hr11mins,8.17k
Continue up to main road. Turn R and after 40m L onto side street (9mins, 0.77km)	2hr20mins,8.94k
Proceed up this street, turn L after 60m and continue straight on at a parking area outside the cemetery on LHS and out of the village. Continue up hill past a large house on LHS, named "Masia Verdu" and after about another 100m take the path on the L. (12mins, 0.82km).	2hr32mins,9.76k
Follow this path up hill to a track and turn R. (Good place for a late lunch!) (32mins, 1.64km)	3hr4mins,11.4km
Bear L/straight on at fork (4mins, 0.32km)	3hr8mins,11.72k
Continue on track to its end and take the path that lies straight ahead (20mins, 1.50km)	3hr28min,13.22k
Proceed down cairn marked path to two ruined buildings and a track (21mins, 0.88km)	3hr49mins,14.1k
Turn R onto track and back to the cars (37mins, 2.55km)	4hr26min,16.65k

Walk Recommendations or restrictions None

Route followed is outlined in red

