

## COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Benicadell summit ridge	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Mas de Serreta Porróna above Beniatjar on a forest track.	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	11.5	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	485	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3.25hrs 4.5hrs	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	MS/B/Scr	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 38.840577, Long:- -0.408511	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	<p>Car shuffle needed.</p> <p>Follow the A7 from the south to jnc 429 and exit. Take the second cami and drop down the hill to find a car park and notice boards. Park one car here.</p> <p>Continue northwards on the A7 to the next exit and follow the CV615 around Atzaneta, through Carricola and onwards through Beniatjar. At the second major bend to the L there is a forest road going straight ahead. Follow this on its primary line (and around a major zig to the R) to reach Serreta Porróna – a large house with a gate preventing you from going any further. Park here.</p>	
<b>Short walk description</b>	An ascent of a rocky summit followed by a grand promenade along a great ridge.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>		<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
<p>From the Serreta Porróna walk past the gate and uphill on the track.</p> <p>Ignore a turning to the L and drop down hill a little to follow around to the R.</p> <p>After several hundred metres find a footpath on the L going uphill in zig-zags. (Y/W)</p> <p>This has some new fenced areas intended to prevent a more direct descent and to minimise erosion.</p>		900m, 14mins

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<p>Much later just after you start walking directly towards the summit, you turn away and reach a junction with a fingerpost where you turn L directly aiming for the summit.</p>	2.9km, 50mins
<p>Take care to follow the zig-zags to lessen the slope and minimise erosion. From a col just below the summit you clamber up some easy rocks to begin and the have to scramble more roughly over exposed rocks to reach the summit trig point.</p>	3.8km, 1hr 10mins
<p>Retrace your steps back to the junction with fingerpost and this time continue ahead uphill along the flank of the ridge.</p>	
<p>Soon after this there is an unmarked and rougher footpath going steeply uphill to the L and this leads directly to a nevera (ice house) in good condition and with no guard rails!</p>	4.9km, 1hr 31mins
<p>Continue along the ridge on a good path and at a junction continue ahead.</p>	
<p>At a junction with a path going to Gaianes continue straight ahead and on the R flank of the hill.</p>	5.7km, 1hr 43mins
<p>Just as you pass under an electricity pylon there is a path going R towards Otos. Ignore this and keep straight ahead.</p>	7.2km, 2hr 7mins
<p>The path steadily widens out and then enlarges to become a track.</p>	
<p>When this reaches the Casa san Miguel turn L onto a footpath.</p>	8.3km, 2hr 22mins
<p>Pass a ruined nevera above you to your L and continue down the path on the L bank of a barranco.</p>	
<p>After some time trend L and emerge at a junction just after a stream crossing (can be dry) with fingerpost and here turn L.</p>	10.2km, 2hr 50mins
<p>After a pleasant wander on a gentle line you reach the cami and car park where you left your first car.</p>	
<p>All that remains is to drive around and collect the car at your start point – a round trip of about 1hour.</p>	
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	Need 2 cars for a shuffle.



Route followed is outlined in red

