

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Segaria western exploration
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benimeli Cami Olivars signed Pou de Baix from the CV729 from Beniarbeig to Sagra
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	7
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	400
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2hrs 2.5hrs
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.821688,Long -0.04225
Directions to Start	Benimeli Cami Olivars signed Pou de Baix from the CV729 from Beniarbeig to Sagra
Short walk description	Segaria is the rough diamond in the crown of jewels that make up the mountains of the CB. Its rocky slopes can be hard work, but here is an opportunity for a pre-lunch workout that avoids the worst of the rock hopping and rewards with excellent views. The descent to Benimeli is tricky but can be overcome with patience.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk back uphill to cross the main road into Carrer Senor and uphill to arrive at the main square. Cross this diagonally L and exit uphill along a street (Carrer Fora) that quickly runs out of the village and trends L. Follow the concrete as it rise up ignoring drives and side turnings to arrive at a run down building with outhouses and a chain across the drive where a footpath starts to the R of the enclosure with G/W markings.	435m, 7mins
Follow this uphill in zig-zags with opening views back across the Orba valley. In one or two places it requires concentration to select the correct line but there are plenty of G/W markings. Reach and cross an old asbestos water pipe and in a few metres arrive at a level terrace with breeze blocks used as seats to enjoy the views.	1.1km, 23mins

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Continue ahead and in a few metres turn L on a growing track.

Follow this without interruption enjoying the expansive views and ignoring the G/W path that goes off uphill to the R and instead following the track slightly down hill to arrive at a road where we turn L.

2.4km, 41mins

Turn downhill more steeply and at a T-jnc turn R along tarmac.

2.7km, 45mins

At a Y fork keep R towards the Fuente de Catala. Arrive at the fuente and just past it turn steeply uphill to pass a fenced enclosure on your RHS and a few metres above a sign to Poblat Iberic (ruined Iberian houses).

3.6km, 57mins

This rises steeply and with some undergrowth to reach a junction where your turn R along a more level section before heading off up L with more steep sections.

Reach a junction with a fingerpost a few metres beyond a scramble around a large rock. (If you turn L you can quickly scramble up to the ridge, but there is not much added merit in this as we shall reach it further along in any event). Turn R and continue uphill.

When you arrive directly under the topmost crags there is a junction where the LH turn wanders under the crags to serve the interests of climbers and those who want to visit the precarious remains of old Iberian ruins. Our route goes R and we scramble up a rocky staircase to arrive at a level plateau where we cross to the other side of the ridge with views again out over the Orba valley.

4.3km, 1hr
16mins

Follow the Y/W and G/W markers along this side of the ridge before climbing slightly along a rocky ramp and continuing for 100m or so and then descending back onto the L flank of the ridge.

A short way ahead are the masts and we cross the ridge to walk along beside the RH side of the fence – a little airy for 2/3m and then join a concrete road.

4.7km, 1hr
25mins

Descend on this to reach a set of steps directly in front of you with a picnic area on your R and here turn L

4.9km, 1hr
28mins

following both Y/W and G/W markers to descend across rough ground down towards a col. Those with the paint have contrived to ignore what was the original mozarabic trail which is now lost beneath scree and scrub.

The going is tricky here and care is needed.

Near the bottom of this section when the col is stretched out before you the marked trail takes a long loop off to the L which you can short cut by following rough tracks directly ahead towards a barely visible ruin (passed on the LHS) with walls of orange rock in the distance beyond it.

5.3km, 1hr
41mins

You quickly regain the marked trail and turn R to follow it down towards the village of Benimeli.

Reach and old water deposito

6km, 1hr 56mins

which we pass on the L to arrive at a building and a set of steps descending R. Take these and keep R to walk along a path with stations of the cross. Steps lead down directly towards a garage door and when we reach this turn R and descend further steps to arrive at a road where we turn R.

Follow the road around to the L and pass a No Entry sign and El Llaurador to continue ahead to the square. From here retrace your steps back to your car.

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red

