

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Centro de Visitantes circuit from El Berro	
Location of Start	Town car park in El Berro – Sierra Espuna	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	17.5	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	400	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hrs 5.5hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/A	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 37.888047, Long -1.493071	
Directions to Start	Campsite entrance in El Berro.	
Short walk description	A pleasant walk on good well defined tracks and paths mainly through woodlands.	
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far	
Turn L out of car park and R at first road junction. (1min, 100m)	1min, 100m	
After 30m turn L onto R/W marked path. Continue through gate and up a path at the bottom of a barranco. (the barranco is like a gravel drive most of the way with the path leaving now and again on either side to cut corners and find the easiest route). Another small barranco, which also acts as a path, joins from the LHS which you take. (20mins, 1.32km)	21mins, 1.42km	
Continue up this barranco to where the valley widens and the path forks. The L is marked R/W and the R continues up terraces keeping to the RHS. Both paths then converge and continue to the LHS out of the valley on a more substantial path that soon becomes a narrow track. Ignore two tracks that join on your RHS at km2.53 and 2.75 and press on until you join a wider track. (26mins, 1.99km)	47mins, 3.41km	
Turn L onto this track then R onto a Y/W path signed "Sender del Dinosaurio" (5mins, 0.34km)	52mins, 3.75km	
Continue through the trees over rope bridge with a sign on the far side that reads "Pasarela barranco del Leyva" and on past a sign on you RHS about a natural reservoir. Ignore a path that joins on your LHS (km4.02). A track that runs parallel on your LHS	a	

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<p>nearly converges with your path but stay on the path until you reach "Area Recreativa de la Perdiz" (14mins, 1.10km)</p>	<p>1hr6mins 4.85km</p>
<p>Cross the track on your LHS, go through a picnic area with stone and concrete tables and benches, cross road, through another picnic area and up to a notice board (b.b.q. on your RHS) Turn L (wire fence on your RHS) and continue on this path following the Y/W marks and yellow capped posts that soon runs parallel with a road. You then join the road on a bend with a statue on your LHS (9mins, 0.57km)</p>	<p>1hr15min,5.42km</p>
<p>Go R along this road for 40m then R back to a path. Soon you arrive at an old basketball court. (2mins, 0.18km)</p>	<p>1hr17min,5.60km</p>
<p>Continue to the RHS of this court, cross a fire break (km5.74) and on to where your path crosses another. Go R signed "Sendero Siete Hermanos PR-MU-41"(L would take you up to road with a disused Sanatorium opposite) You are now on a Y/R/W marked path. Zig Zag Up to a col and fire break. Continue on to a folk (km6.65) and go L. Continue down into a barranco (km7.28) L out the other side up to a track. (26mins, 1.78km)</p>	<p>1hr43min,7.38km</p>
<p>Go L onto this track and after 60m you arrive at a cross tracks with a path that also joins. Take the path with a yellow capped post and marked Y/W on up to a road with "Casa Forestal Huerta Espuna" on your RHS. (7mins, 0.38km)</p>	<p>1hr50min,7.76km</p>
<p>Cross road, up steps and join a red coloured concrete path (PR-MU-41) that goes up to the L, running alongside a road to "Centro de Visitanes" (good place for lunch) (7mins, 0.56km)</p>	<p>1hr57min,8.32km</p>
<p>Return to the path. Do not take the path but take the wide track going away from the centre signed "Sendero Umbria Pena Apartada PR-MU-59"to the acampada and turn R onto a track signed "Sendero Ricardo Cordorniu"(Reported absent in Apr 2020) (8mins, 0.59km)</p>	<p>2hr5min,8.91km</p>
<p>Go past camping area and building on your LHS and continue on a G/W path. Go R down some steps to a restaurant, L at bottom past front of restaurant then R down some more steps to a road. Go over road turn R and pick-up another red coloured concrete path. (7mins, 0.49km)</p>	<p>2hr12min,9.40km</p>
<p>Continue down to "Casa Forestal Huerta Espuna" you passed earlier. (7mins, 0.50km)</p>	<p>2hr19min,9.90km</p>
<p>Return down the way you came up earlier via the Y/R/W marked path. When you arrive at the cross tracks go second L (straightish on) and don't forget to go R after 60m down into the barranco. Continue on over the col and down the zig zags to the cross paths. Go straight on this time up to the road with the sanatorium opposite. (30mins, 1.96km)</p>	<p>2hr49min,11.86k</p>
<p>Turn R onto road. After 200m turn R onto a Y/W marked path (reported indistinct in Apr 2020) and on to a road. Turn L onto road then after 100m go R over parking area past a building on your LHS on to a track (later a path). Ignore tracks on your RHS at km 12.70 and 13.38 and proceed to ridge and turn L onto a path indistinctly signed "Senda del Agua and El Berro" (33mins, 2.43km)</p>	<p>3hr22min,14.29k</p>
<p>After 300m turn L at T junction and stay on this track to a road. (13mins, 0.94km)</p>	<p>3hr35min,15.23k</p>
<p>Turn R onto road then, after 300m, go L onto a track marked Y/W. Just past a stone constructed house swing R and continue down (concrete covered in parts) to a road. Go L here then L again at main road and back to the campsite. (28mins, 2.11km)</p>	<p>4hr3min,17.34km</p>
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>None</p>

