

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Les Planises from near Jalon (Spring Leg Stretcher)	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Jalon, Park just after KM2 on the road towards the Bernia.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	450	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hrs 5hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.727441, Long -0.018578	
Directions to Start	From the CV750 in the middle of Jalon, turn S onto the CV749 and drive to just past the 2km marker. On the way you pass a house with a sign "Casa Bytrees" and just after this on the LHS is a track with fingerpost to Casas Bernia. Park here either at the side of the road or on the initial part of the track.	
Short walk description	An interesting walk generally along good paths but with a section of rougher barranco walking which adds interest for a short while after the 2.4km marker.	
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far	
Walk south along the track ignoring all L turns to remain in the valley.		
Drop down to the L to cross a barranco at the end of the tarmac and continue ahead.		900m, 11min
500m further there is the opportunity to take to the terraces on the RHS by crossing at a small cairn with a pink arrow pointing back the way you have come. Then follow a path up a couple of levels and continue parallel to the barranco and rise steadily as you head up the valley.		1.4km, 17.5min
After a while you turn sharply L and drop a little into a plateau directly in front of a dam.		2.3km, 32min
Once on the plateau turn abruptly R to continue on the clear footpath/track line up the valley.		

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<p>100m further on you are in the barranco bottom where a footpath continues ahead uphill to the R, but we ignore this and instead take to the barranco itself which we follow by hopping from boulder to boulder and around the vegetation.</p>	2.4km, 34min
<p>Persevere up this occasionally moving from side to side of the barranco where there are better lines indicated by cairns.</p>	
<p>When passage directly ahead up the barranco is impossible because of vegetation there are cairns on the L indicating a route around the obstruction.</p>	
<p>After 3.9km the barranco widens as you walk across slabs with a large crag above on the L with small caves and just beyond this there is a split with the less defined branch of the valley continuing straight ahead and the major part of the valley turning to the R. Here you can see a sloping and clear path climbing away to the LHS. Take this. (Shortly before the barranco splits)</p>	3.9km, 1hr 8min
<p>Follow this over a rise and then uphill again aiming for a small casita which you pass on the RHS to emerge on a track. Turn R.</p>	
<p>Drop downhill slightly and at a junction turn L.</p>	4.4km, 1hr 18min
<p>Follow this around to the L and past a ruined house and delightful well where you turn to the R as the track diminishes in stature to a delightful engineered footpath.</p>	
<p>Follow this up initially on the LHS of the barranco soon crossing to the RHS and then back again before turning abruptly R more steeply uphill to a ruin. (Good views to take a break!)</p>	5.7km, 1hr 41min
<p>With the ruin directly in front of you turn L and walk along a level terrace.</p>	
<p>Soon after this the path turns L to cross the barranco and make its way more steeply up the others side.</p>	
<p>When you meet a footpath turn L now following Y/W markers.</p>	6.2km, 1hr 50min
<p>Now meet several further paths arriving from the R. Turn L at the first and second but at the third junctions turn R.</p>	
<p>Meet a fork where you turn L.</p>	7.1km, 2hr 4min
<p>Pass a newish house in the distance on the R and then pass more directly past a ruin and soon a second new house close to you (on your RHS) and just past this look out for a R turn downhill for a few metres before turning L again and soon emerging on a track.</p>	8.1km, 2hr 18min
<p>Continue ahead on this ignoring all side tracks and just past the last house this diminishes in stature to become a footpath which starts to gently descend.</p>	
<p>Follow this down to a junction with a footpath to the R which you ignore and keep directly ahead.</p>	9.3km, 2hr 36min
<p>This zig-zags down the flank of the hill and eventually turns L to widen into a track beside terraces.</p>	
<p>Soon you meet a track junction where you turn R and make your way back to your parked cars</p>	11.2km, 3hr 13min

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red

