

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Carrasca ridge from Benimaurell	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benimaurell. On entering village of Benimaurell take first right and follow road around edge of village in the direction of Alahuar Hotel. Car park on right just before Bar Les Rogetes (old bar Oasis).	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13 km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	840m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 55min 5hr 40min	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/C	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.773696, Long: -0.127234	
Directions to Start	From Orba follow the CV718 to join the CV721 and follow this to the village.	
Short walk description	A bit of everything, splendid mozarabic path at the beginning, "off piste" to, along and down from the ridge and a stroll back. And the views.....	
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far	
Leave the car park and turn R, with bar Les Rogetes on your RHS go uphill, L at top, then R and continue out of the village on the road. After 850m you will pass a font and picnic site on your RHS and then 30m further on there is an information board and path signpost signed CV147 Juvees De D'Alt 2.3Km. Turn R at this sign.	10mins/900m	
Proceed on this mozarabic path which after about 200m zig zags down to the barranco.	45mins/3kms	
Turn R on reaching the barranco bottom and then almost immediately L up the other side following the Y/W. The path eventually meets a track with a ruin on your RHS.	1hr 5min/4.0km	
Turn R and almost immediately L onto a short track that passes a small building after a few metres on your RHS. This becomes a rarely used mozarabic path that does one zig to the R and takes you up the re-entrant to a low ridge. Proceed following an animal track over the ridge bearing to the L to a "bald patch" (large flat stone area).	1hr15min/4.5km	
Stay on the high ground and head towards the ridge in the direction of the most obvious		

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<p>rocky outcrop on the ridge. Make your way 'off piste' up the slope. As long as you are heading up, you will not be far wrong. On reaching the ridge you should turn L and make your way along the ridge. If the wind is blowing you should be able to make your way easily just off the ridge line in some shelter.</p>	1hr 50min/5.6km
<p>After about 750m of following the ridge you will need to drop down onto a shoulder before climbing again towards the highest point on the ridge. After a total of about 2kms of ridge walking you will eventually reach the highest point on the ridge (954m) where there is an unfinished Nevera. A very good sheltered spot for lunch.</p>	2hr 30min/7.6km
<p>From the Nevera head back towards the sea and at the small ruined wall and close to a low metal post turn R and head downhill towards the lower ridge. There are the occasional cairn and Y spot markings. As you reach the lower ridge go to the high point and pick up the cairns again and head down on a slightly more visible track which takes you into the stream bed with a stony bottom. On reaching the end of the obvious stony area there is a cairn where you cross over and climb up the other side of the small valley on to the top of the small rise. From here you can see a track below.</p>	2hr55min/8.8km
<p>You should now follow the path which descends parallel to the track before eventually joining.</p>	3hrs/9.1km
<p>Turn R onto the track and follow the track which leads you to the road by a Restaurant.</p>	3hr10min/9.8km
<p>Turn L onto the road and then after 20m turn R onto a path marked Y/W. After 150m you will reach a track and a house. Turn R and follow the path. Be aware of the dogs! The path leads you along the side of the ridge before meeting another path at a X path with signpost. Turn L downhill.</p>	3hr20min/10.5km
<p>The path steadily descends crossing a track leading to a house also with dogs before joining a road. Turn R and then after 20m as the road turns L go straight onto the path. Continue to follow the path as it leads you down towards Benimaurell. The path eventually meets a road. Turn L and go down the road into the village. Make your way through the village to the car park.</p>	3hr55min/13km
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	20% of the walk is on uneven ground.

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

