

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Benicadell summit from Gaianes	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Gaianes, Ermita de San Francisco de Paula to the N uphill away from the town.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	7.5	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	780	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.5hr 4.5hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/C/Scr	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.819150, Long -0.411038	
Directions to Start	The small village of Gaianes is reach either by following the CV700 from the coast of the Costa Blanca inland for some 50km (about 1.25hr) or by taking the A7 motorway inland from Alicante until you can exit onto the CV700 and follow this for a few kilometers to the E to reach the village. The Ermita is up a small lane to the N of the village.	
Short walk description	A magnificent ridge in the heart of the Alcoy valley with a trick y scramble.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Continue up (now dirt) track past covered reservoir.		
At signpost to Benicadell 16 min 1.18km turn left up narrow path PR184		
When you reach the ridge turn right sign-posted to Benicadell.		1.7km, 1hr 3min
Reach a dramatic Nevera		2.07km, 1hr 12min
Reach a well.		3km, 1hr 34min
Climb up to summit with a slight scramble near the top.		3.12km, 1hr

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Now return to well.	40min 3.24km, 1hr 12min
Go down a path with summit and cliffs on left.	
At a col climb down scree.	3.6km, 2hr
After climbing down a rock at a cairn aim for niche under cliffs on right.	3.89km, 2hr 22min.
Go through a gap in the rocks and scramble round the mountain.	2hr 35min
Once on southern side aim down hill and to right.	4.1km, 2hr 38min
At a silver hollyoak continue on this level on a terrace to reach.....	4.23km, 2hr 42min
Two pine trees.	4.54km, 3hr 10 min
Continue until you see a large rock and ruin and aim for this going down bancales when able.	
Reach a ruin.	4.76km, 3hr 30min
Follow a narrow path that soon becomes a broad track and leads back to cars.	
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

