

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Sanchet Summit and Circuit.
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Polop. Helipad at base of Ponocho
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	17.4 km.
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	1100 mtrs.
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	5 hrs.30 min 6 hrs.20 min
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/C/Scr/X
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.615675, Long -0.149621
Directions to Start	Helipad. From main roundabout in Polop take exit on CV715 signed La Nucia, continue up to roundabout on CV70 and take exit Avd.Balco de Ponocho follow up to base of Polop and park on large car park near water depositer / helipad.
Short walk description	A tough alternative ascent to this iconic summit, up, up and up for some spectacular views , scramble down and follow an interesting animal path to the Sanchet circuit and return through a forest trail.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the Heliport , walk across the car park and pass the signboard and turn L to the fingerpost and take the footpath signed PR CV17 – Collado de Llamp	100m. 1 min
Keep going steeply uphill to reach the col	2.8km. 55 min.
Ignore R fork and take clearer Y/W path leading L across RH base of Ponocho , follow this rocky path to reach a fingerpost.	4.2km. 1hr30min
Turn R and start to wind up (Y/W) to signpost on Coll de Llamp.	4.8km.1hr 40min
Drop forwards and R (signed Polop 8k) and follow path down, ignore R fork and aim for flat rocks ,follow the path up ,across and down these rocks into the next hollow with Y/W paint on a large boulder.	1 hr 55 min
Pass immediately L of this boulder and continue on path directly ahead which starts to wind up through some pines , continue on this path below the LHS of Sanchet to meet a	

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rocky area (cairns)	6.5km
Start to wind up R over these loose rocks , (cairns) then wind L aiming for pass through L end of ridge	7.2km, 2hr 10min
Follow through this gap in ridge and soon after, still rising to an obvious corner.	7.3km
Turn R aiming now for pine trees above to R – achieve this level and now on a clearer path follow up to the top of the next slope.	7.5km 2hr 25min
The path winds R to aim for the top of the next rocky outcrop.	7.9km 2hr 40min
Just before reaching a solitary holly oak tree start to wind L (cairns and pink paint) and zig zag up to ridge top, turn R along here and pass the summit, continue to far end and reach a steep scramble down to scree leading down to a grassy/scrubby col aim R to reach a group of large boulders.	8.3km 3 hrs
Continue R on feint path towards ridge, at base turn L and work across uneven rocks (no path) stay at base of ridge towards far end – just before the end a feint path appears.	8.8km 3hr 30min
Follow this path through the ridge and turn R on an animal path leading along the LH base of ridge, meander along animal paths to far end and reach a viewpoint (cairn).	9.9km 4hr 5min
Drop back onto animal path and continue R, path becomes clearer, reach a small junction (cairn).	10.1km 4hr15min
Start to wind down L, approaching a rocky buttress start to drop more rapidly ,soon after see approaching another rocky buttress and continue down to meet Y/W path.	10.8km 4hr30min
Turn R and pass through a rocky gateway ,start to descend in zig zags to pass under a normally dry waterfall.	11km 4hr35 min
Now start to climb gently walking under large crags to pass round several spurs before descending L quite steeply and pass through a shady valley swinging gently R.	
Reach a clear junction and turn R steeply downhill with green and red paint spots.	12.7km 5hrs
At the bottom of this swing round to the R on a level section and when you meet a track just before a building turn downhill to the L.	
Reach a junction of concreted tracks and turn R uphill.	13.2km 5hr 10min
Climb a little and as you swing gently L more or less level, ignore a rougher track on the RHS with a "no entry" sign.	
At a fork at the col turn L and pass a building on its RHS ignoring a further descending track on the R.	14.4km 5hr35min
Reach a col again and turn half L on a track downhill and then slightly R more steeply downhill ignoring any side turnings onto terraces to reach a T-junction with a track just in front of a large house ,here you turn L to follow the track.	15.1km 5hr45min
Reach a concreted viewing area with benches and continue downhill through 4 zig zags until you are walking along a long straight section with a pipeline to RHS.	
Watch for a cairn on the RHS indicating a footpath which doubles back to the R descending towards the barranco bottom.	16.6km 6hrs

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Drop into the barranco and walk alongside for a few metres before crossing it to the L and immediately climbing steeply uphill.	
Ignore any side turnings to the L and continue ahead, occasionally climbing steeply up bancales to arrive at a col with a rocky knob out on the LHS in the trees	17.1km 6hr10min
Walk along level for a while before soon starting to descend	
Pass a fenced enclosure and soon arrive at a barranco which you cross to arrive at the car park	17.8km 6hr20min
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	An ability to negotiate loose rocky terrain and scramble.

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

