

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Sella & Relleu area Circuit	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Sella. Public car park at the south-east corner of the village.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10.5	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	440	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.75hr 4hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.608800, Long:- -0.269640	
Directions to Start	Approaching Sella by the CV-770 from the south, cross the bridge and go up to the final hairpin at the edge of the village, turn right onto a side road to car parks (signed) on the right in about 200m. From the north, drive through the village and just as you leave it turn left onto the side road as described above, to car parks on the right.	
Short walk description	A very pleasant walk in the Sella/Relleu countryside. Dramatic views especially on the higher route from Relleu to Sella from which the entire range from Aitana to Campana and on to the sea being particularly good. Mostly good tracks with a few mule tracks, one semi scramble up bancales and a very short section of road. Note: Could be muddy within 1/2 days of rain.	
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far	
From the car park, walk back to the main road junction turn R into the village, passing a couple of bars and after the last of these on the RHS look out on the L for a footpath (G/W) follow it, as it descends steeply to the main road.	400m, 8min	
Turn R and walk to the bridge and before crossing it descend a short steep concrete ramp on the R, continue down a path and across an old bridge (with, if you are lucky water tumbling far below), ascend steps on the far side back up to the road. Ignore a track immediately on the R and take the surfaced minor road just beyond, which slants up slightly R, passing a water deposit on your L. Continue ignoring a surfaced road on the R beside Casa "Ana Era el Carro". Arrive at a fork with a small ruin on the L.	960m, 20min	

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<p>Take RH road then immediately pass posts and a chain and go up to arrive at a junction. The main track continues up R. Ignore this and take the track going L which leads to a chained off driveway. Just before the chain find a minor track going straight ahead.</p>	1.4km, 29min
<p>Take the minor track straight ahead, which winds down R around the floor of a small valley. Ignore minor sidetracks, pass beneath a building and go up to a terrace where the track turns more steeply up to the R to reach a casita on the LHS.</p>	2.38km, 44min
<p>Continue along the track, which winds along and then down to the bed of the Barranco Almusement ignoring all side tracks. Looking ahead now you can see slightly above you a house with 2 large erect cypress trees and when you meet a rising track at a sharp LH bend take this ascending towards the house.</p>	2.7km, 52min
<p>Turn up R. Ignore next track off R which rises up to a house with columnar cypresses. Continue along the main track which winds up to reach a chained track going straight on.</p>	2.8km, 59min
<p>Ignore the chained track. Take the track R which continues up passing a chained track on the L, to reach another chain (ruined). Cross over this and go on to arrive at a ruined Finca (of blocks and concrete) on your RHS.</p>	3.22km, 1.03hr
<p>Ignore track off up L. Continue straight on winding R around the head of a small valley towards a ruin. Go around the terrace and near the far side, some 35 metres before the ruin, and find a vague path on your LHS. (cairn)</p>	3.47km, 1hr 8min
<p>From here the path (cairns) goes up to a col straight ahead some 250 metres away. Initially the path is fairly clear but soon becomes indistinct. Make your way turning L and R as required, with the odd awkward step up the old bancales, to reach a track running along the col, from where there are views over Rellou.</p>	3.72km, 1hr 13min
<p>Turn L along track for a few metres and look for a well with a metal frame nearby on your RHS. From here a path leads down past a casa as a shortcut (*) to rejoin the track you are on lower down. Keep to the LHS of the casa and look for steps going down. Go down these steps and turn R passing below the casa to find a path leading down to the track. Turn R and arrive at the CV775 tarmac road from Sella to Rellou.</p>	3.86km, 1hr 18min
<p>*(Alternatively continue along track for 5 extra mins or so to arrive at the same place.)</p>	
<p>Turn R along the road for approx 75 metres and just past a rocky outcrop on the R climb up one stone bancale which is at the first chevron, turn L across the terrace and reach a track at the end of the bancale, follow it L up to where it meets a main track. Turn R and bear L just after the track becomes concrete continuing across a terrace and soon back on a track Continue along unsurfaced, rough track, winding up to a crest beside Urbanitzacio El Muscuret on the LHS.</p>	4.54km, 1hr 28min
<p>Bear R and at a littered area, turn R to walk around the back edge of a bancale, then go steeply a short way (20m) down a rough path to meet a rough track.</p>	4.62km, 1hr 30min
<p>Turn R past almond trees on your LHS. Ignore a track off L. Continue to a junction with a track going straight on at a sharp RH bend. Go up the RH bend and then almost immediately go round a LH bend. Pass a single row of almond trees at the end of which note a path going down L. (with blue dot and R/W marker)</p>	5.22km, 1hr 37min

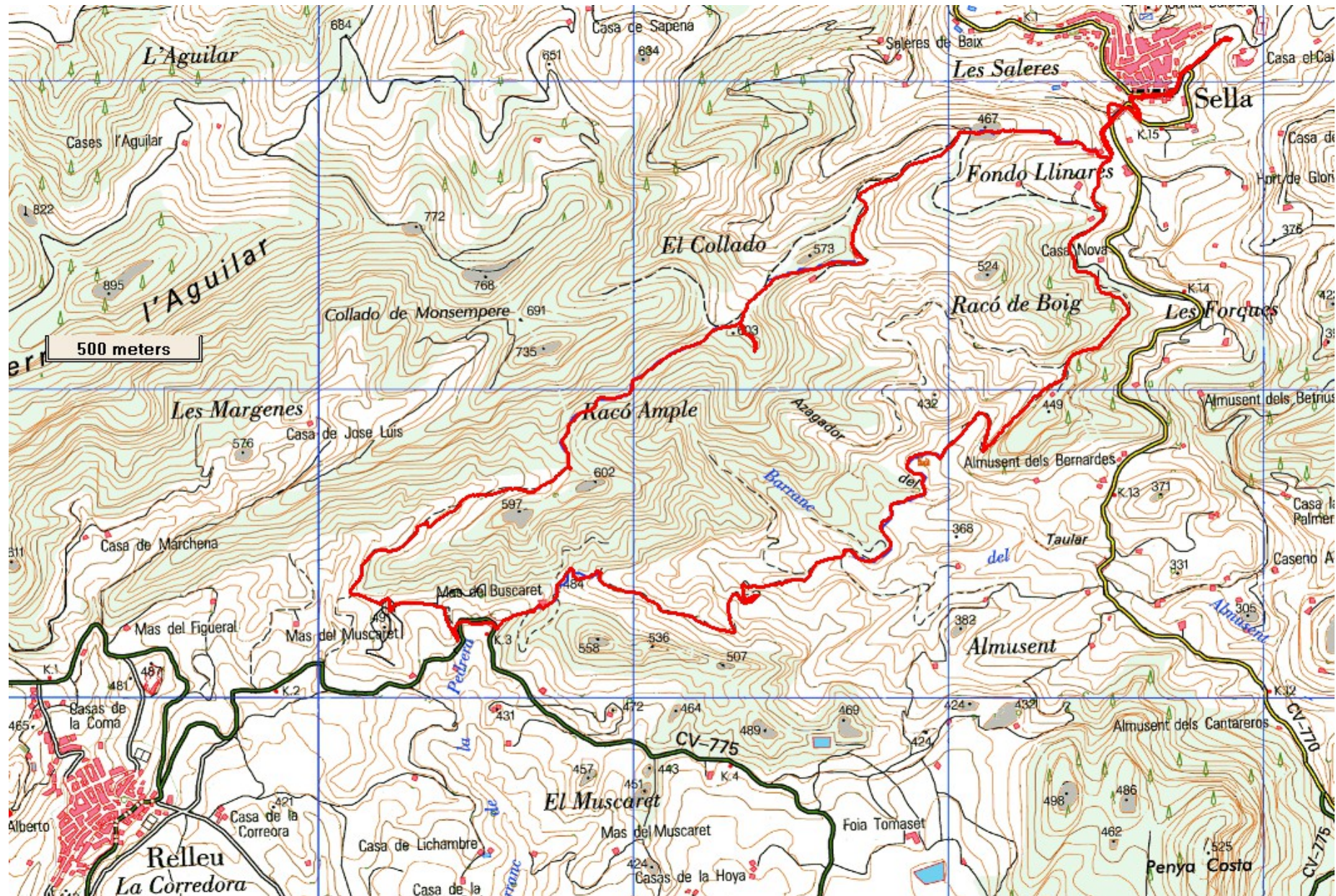
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<p>Continue up your track, which soon reaches a small col (marked with a wooden municipal boundary cross) which, with its stunning views, is a good place for lunch.</p>	5.48km, 1hr 43min
<p>Ignore path off R and take the mule path slightly up L (marked Y/W) which skirts the hillside, slowly rising to pass through a cleft and reach a track. Descend a short distance to the R to another track on the R. (Optional:- Take this track which rises up and passes the RHS of a few terraces, to reach a small summit. For the best view descend two small terraces ahead to the edge. Retrace your steps. Note – included in walk stats and gps track). Turn R down the main track and note a strange spine of rock on the RHS of the track.</p>	6.66km, 1hr 55min
<p>From the col just beyond this find a narrow sometimes vague path off to the R, which keeps to the RHS of the rock spine and below the top of the ridge and leads down to the TV tower. (alternatively keep ahead on the main track to arrive at point 7.17km.</p>	6.95km, 2hr 05min
<p>Follow the track to the R of the tower which leads down and then turns L passing beneath Casa El Morro and continue to reach a track junction.</p>	7.17km, 2hr 10min
<p>Turn R (signpost to “Sella GR330”) and continue down on tarmac to a sharp RH bend. Here find an old mule path which goes straight on and is to the L of a chained off track with a R/W cross. Follow this path with occasional Y/W way markers to a track. Turn L and just before arriving at a RH turn on a concrete section, with a rough track going off L, look for a minor path going off R and marked with a blue dot and soon with Y/W markers. Go down this eroded path to the water deposit you passed on the outward journey.</p>	8.07km, 2hr 30min
<p>Turn L and descend the tarmac lane to the main road CV770. Descend the steps on the L and recross the old bridge, (or walk over the busier new bridge) turn R and ascend to the main road. Follow it a short distance and turn L up the steep pathway, to reach the main road in the village. Turn R where cafes beckon, once refreshed return to the car park.</p>	8.59km, 2hr 42min
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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