

## COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Cocoll and Barranco de Encaina	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Benichembla Drive along the CV720 towards Castell de Castells and at km 31 turn L off the main road and immediately turn L onto the old road and park there	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	9.5	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	660m	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3hr 4.5hr	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/C/Scr	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 38.752899, Long -0.146615	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Drive along the CV720 towards Castell de Castells and at km 31 turn L up a steep track and park at a concrete ruin.	
<b>Short walk description</b>	A steep climb to this iconic mountain followed by a return down a barranco with some steep scrambly descents.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>		<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
At Km31 CV 720 on Parcent - Castells road turn left up steep track(only partly concreted) and park at the concrete ruin.		
Continue up track, zig zagging up and at a junction take left fork.		2.2km, 32min
At end of track take footpath at cairn through woods to climb up barranco keeping generally L until the crags above you start to break up.		2.5km, 35min
Turn up the hill when you can soon aiming for large crag above you on the ridge line. Once below the crag line work up to the R again until the crags break up and then aim more directly up the ridge joining the crest when you can.		
The going is generally OK here with broken scrub which is easy to work through.		
Once on the ridge proper continue to rise with traces of path that are easy to follow.		

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<p>Pass a large spire by working easily to the L and then back onto the ridge line and continue now with the summit watch tower in sight.</p>	
<p>This disappears as you rise and you round a number of vertical gullies on your R and soon you arrive at the watch tower.</p>	4km, 1hr 17min
<p>After admiring the views continue on the same line, join the concrete track and descend in zig-zags or cut the corners across rough ground.</p>	
<p>When you reach a small building on the LHS walk down the steps at the LHS of this to the other buildings which make a good spot for lunch.</p>	5.2km, 1hr 34min
<p>Now keep ahead to the RHS of the buildings and aiming across rough ground slightly E of N to reach the top of a gently descending barranco.</p>	
<p>This is scrubby and overgrown in places but by judicious switching from bank to bank you can find an acceptable route down.</p>	
<p>Lower down you pass a clump of larger holly oak trees in the middle of the barranco and after this the scrambling becomes more interesting with several precipitous waterfalls to down climb.</p>	
<p>Before you reach the track a large yellow waymark appears suggesting you should move off to the R, but ignore this and continue down the barranco and once you can see the track below you it is best to keep to the L to drop onto it.</p>	7.7km, 2hr 32min
<p>Once you reach the track turn R and retrace your steps down to your parked car.</p>	
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<p><b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b></p>	<p>Scratchy in places</p>

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

