

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	El Mirabo from Benichembla	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Benichembla. On entering Benichembla from Parcent, on CV 720, Car Park on LHS, 100m before Bar Bon Aire. Turn left into Carrer de la Foia then immediately right into Car Park.	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	10	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	565	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	4.5hr 5.5hr	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	MS/B	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 38.75360 Long: -0.11024	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Pick up the CV 720 along its route through Pedreguer and Alcalali and follow it to Benichembla. On entering Benichembla from Parcent, on CV 720, Car Park on LHS, 100m before Bar Bon Aire. Turn left into Carrer de la Foia then immediately right into Car Park.	
<b>Short walk description</b>	A good workout on the flanks of Cocoll and out to this little visited summit with panoramic views.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>	
From the car park turn along CV 720 towards Castells passing in front of Bar Bon Aire to Corral Nou on LHS.	5mins 0.43km	
Turn into Corral Nou, uphill on concrete track, to 1st fingerpost signed to Corral De Malea.	8mins 0.55km	
Continue ahead on footpath, keeping to the right, and follow footpath uphill, flanking the side of the hill, to a small tree on LHS of footpath providing shade. Soon after the tree, the footpath bears L uphill and continues to flank the hill to a well (beneath the footpath).	35mins 1.9km	
[Just passed the well, stone steps on RHS of the path to climb down to view the well (wall partially collapsing).]		

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<p>Continue uphill along the footpath, at times winding and steeper, to another fingerpost turning R towards Coccoll summit with fire watchtower in view.</p> <p>[The ascending path on L side of the fingerpost is your return journey from El Mirabo].</p>	51mins 2.5km
<p>Follow an upward path towards Coccoll, to pass a ruined finca (above you on LHS), towards the crest of a ridge. Just before the ridge, a prominent cairn marks an indistinct footpath, on LHS, doubling back away from Coccoll.</p>	1hr 15min, 3.5km
<p>Follow this less obvious path downhill and steeper in places, following yellow marker dots, between the trees to a level open terrace with a central split-trunk pine tree. Now follow a more distinct, but rocky, downward path, again marked by cairns and occasional yellow dots, to a second flat terrace with a ruined casa.</p>	1hr 48mins 4.4km
<p>Leaving the flat terrace on a more obvious downward path towards a wider track/road via a curve of terraces at the bottom.</p>	2hrs 04mins 5.0km
<p>Bear L at bottom of the track along gravel road, initially bearing down to the L (ignoring original road ahead) and then gently uphill along a wide gravelly road bearing R (ignoring a left turn into a casa driveway).</p>	
<p>Continue uphill now bearing L past a bull paddock on LHS [beware of loose dogs if farmer is around] then follow hairpin turn up the road, doubling back above the bull paddock, which terminates into a small uphill footpath on RHS.</p>	2hr 19min, 5.4km
<p>Initially straight uphill for 20 metres before bearing R on the path (ignoring a LHS path going away from the El Mirabo ascent track) until a cairn with a yellow dot marks the uphill trail to the summit.</p>	2hr 24min, 5.6km
<p>Follow this path uphill, initially flatter through trees, then stonier uphill, bearing towards the L, following yellow dots to a collapsed part of the fencing protecting the edge of the craggy outcrop (6 minutes).</p>	
<p>After passing through the collapsed fencing follow an indistinct path along the top of the craggy outcrop (marked by occasional yellow dots) before bearing more centrally towards the L with the summit above you.</p>	
<p>Use a clump of trees on the ridge summit above you to guide you to a series of cairns marking an uphill path, passing to the L of those trees, onto the plateaued summit marked by two large collections of stones.</p>	
<p>Pass between the stone collections to explore the summit with views down over Benichembla ahead of you.</p>	2hr 52min, 6.2km
<p>Retrace your ascent by descending to the RHS of the clump of trees following a narrow footpath marked by 2-3 cairns before bearing L, over steps of flat limestone, to the less obviously visible downward path, along the top of the crags, that you tracked coming up earlier.</p>	
<p>Again, yellow dots should guide you to the break in the fencing through which you pass to continue the more obvious footpath back to the col at the base of the El Mirabo ascent trail.</p>	3hr 17min, 6.8km
<p>Now turn R at base of the ascent trail to descend along the LHS of the hill back to the</p>	

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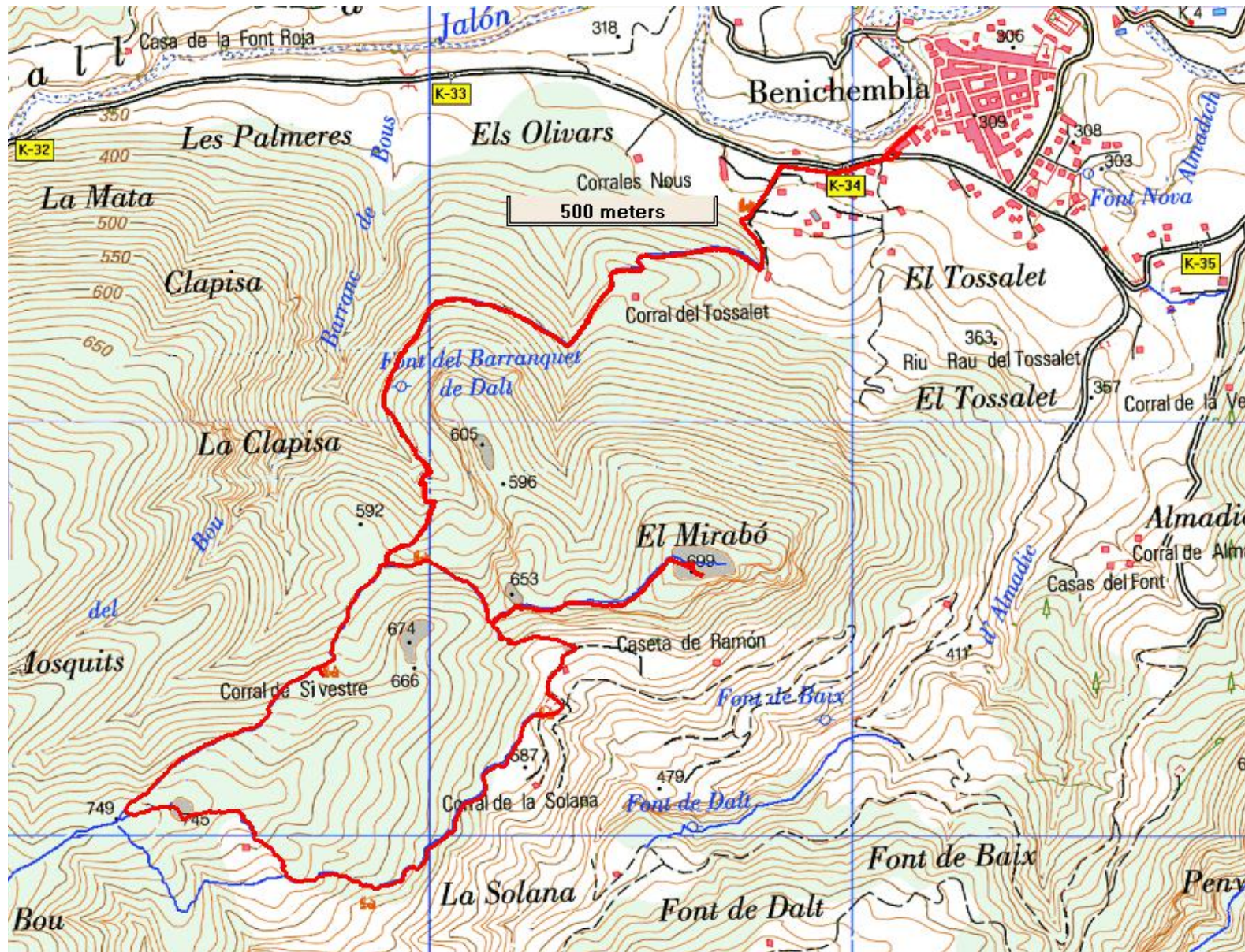
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fingerpost you passed on the way up.	3hr 28min, 7.2km
Now turn R at the fingerpost to retrace your steps back into Benichembla, passing the well below the-path (in 18 minutes) and the shading tree (another 15 minutes) before reaching the road (CV 720).	4hrs13min, 9.3km
Turn R onto CV 720 to walk back to the car park passing Bar Bon Aire on the way.	4hr 23min, 9.7km
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<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	None

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