



BENIGEMBLA-COCOLL CASTELL DE CASTELLS

ROUTE DETAILS:

Starting point: Camí Corral Nou.

Destination: Avda. de Alcoy en Castell de Castells.

RECOMMENDATIONS:



Keep dogs on a leash



Respect the fauna



Respect the flora



Follow paths



Bring plenty of water



Travel in company

PROHIBITED:



No fires



No motor vehicles



No littering

SIGNS:



Route continues



Sharp change of direction



Change of direction



Wrong direction

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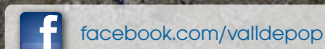
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This route departs from Benigembla and leads to Castell de Castells. On reaching the destination, hikers can visit the Macro Schematic Art Museum that explains the cave paintings from Pla de Petracos, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site.

In addition, plan ahead to return by car, given that the length of the route between Benigembla and Castell de Castells makes a round trip quite a feat. Take advantage of the car ride back to call in at Pla de Petracos, which is easily accessible from the route between both municipalities. The route also works switching the starting point and destination.

TECHNICAL INFO

Type of route: Lineal.

Total estimated duration: 5 hrs. 55 mins. (one way)

Total distance: 13,980 m.

Gradient: 728 m.

Difficulty: Moderate to difficult



Province: Alicante

Region: Marina Alta

Area: La Vall de Pop

Villages along the way:

Benigembla - Castell de Castells



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WALKING ROUTES

The route departs from Benigembla along **Avenida Bon Aire** and continues on to road CV720 towards Castell de Castells. Approximately 250 metres in, head along the footpath on the left, the Corral Nou. After passing a farmyard to the left and a dilapidated stone house, the route reaches a wide, cobbled path that crosses a prickly pear field. Although this section of the path is wide and visible, it tapers down along the way and becomes harder to make out.

All around, the abandoned vineyards have given way to the original vegetation, which has grown back forming a thick scrubland. The scenery is abundant in heather, rosemary, aulaga and yellow fleabane, which frequently appears in abandoned crops that paint the scrubland yellow in autumn.

From here, the route climbs easily upwards, straddling a watercourse before tapering as it heads up along the hillside. The route then enters the *Barranc dels Bous*, where the steep slopes required the construction of very narrow terraces. The route continues over a **cistern**, the *Aljup del Frare*, which is now barely perceptible since all that remains is a small hole.

After crossing a small ravine with wider terraces, the route reaches an abandoned olive grove that has managed to survive for years and a rock wall boasting a series of unusual folds.

We continue along the footpath, where remains of ancient cobbling are still visible. Shortly, we come to **Corral de Malea**, a farmyard that is no longer in use. Upon exiting the ravine, the route reaches La Corona, an open area where animals often graze. It then continues upwards along the left and turns to the right further ahead to **Plà de Moragues**, and a landing strip used by forest services.

Behind the houses in the airfield, the footpath leads to **Cocoll summit**, and to a forest lookout that commands stunning views.

Retracing the route back to **Plà de Moragues** and continuing along the forest trail, you come to **Plà d'Aialt**, a historical Moorish hamlet thriving with olive trees, almond



trees, cherry trees and *perellons*, an autochthonous apple variety.

Leaving the houses behind, you reach the road between Castell de Castells and Tàrbena. Continue along the right between footpaths and trails to **Font de la Bota**, one of the most emblematic fountains in La Vall de Pop.



MAIN POINTS	Distance	Duration
1 Camí Corral Nou	0 m.	0
2 Cistern	1.419 m.	55 mins.
3 Corral de Malea	2.087 m.	1hr. 30
4 Pla de Moragues	4.738 m.	3hrs. 17
5 Cocoll Summit	5.953 m.	3hrs. 55
6 Pla D'Aialt	9.969 m.	4hrs. 55
7 Font de la Bota	13.713 m.	5hrs. 50
8 Avda. Alcoy	13.980 m.	5hrs. 55

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OUTLINE OF THE ROUTE

