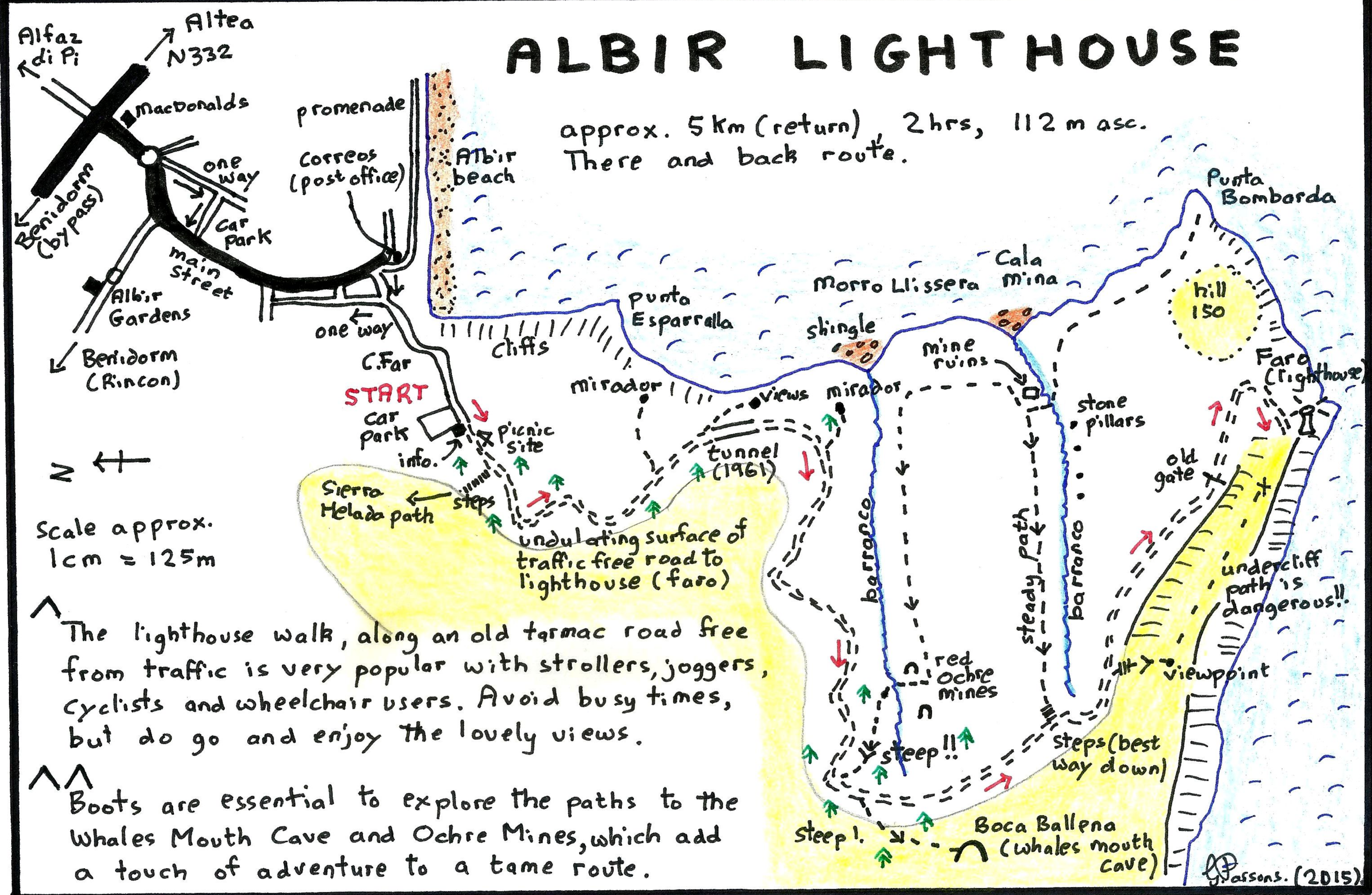


ALBIR LIGHTHOUSE

approx. 5 km (return), 2 hrs, 112 m asc.
There and back route.



The lighthouse walk, along an old tarmac road free from traffic is very popular with strollers, joggers, cyclists and wheelchair users. Avoid busy times, but do go and enjoy the lovely views.

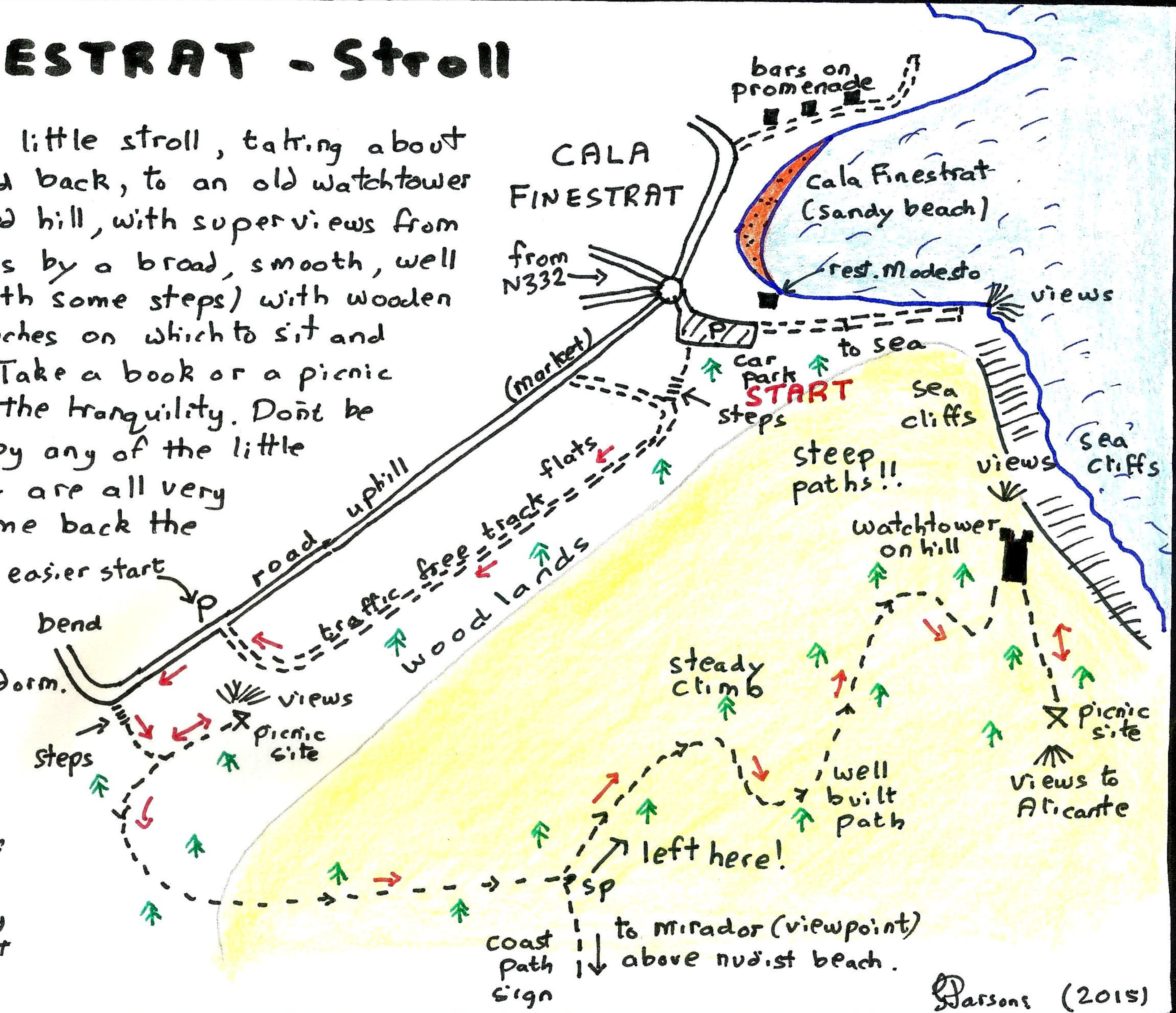
Boots are essential to explore the paths to the Whales Mouth Cave and Ochre Mines, which add a touch of adventure to a tame route.

CALA FINESTRAT - Stroll

This is a lovely little stroll, taking about an hour there and back, to an old watchtower on top of a wooded hill, with superviews from the top. Ascent is by a broad, smooth, well graded track (with some steps) with wooden handrails and benches on which to sit and admire the view. Take a book or a picnic with you and enjoy the tranquility. Don't be tempted to return by any of the little paths you see, they are all very steep and rough! Come back the same way.

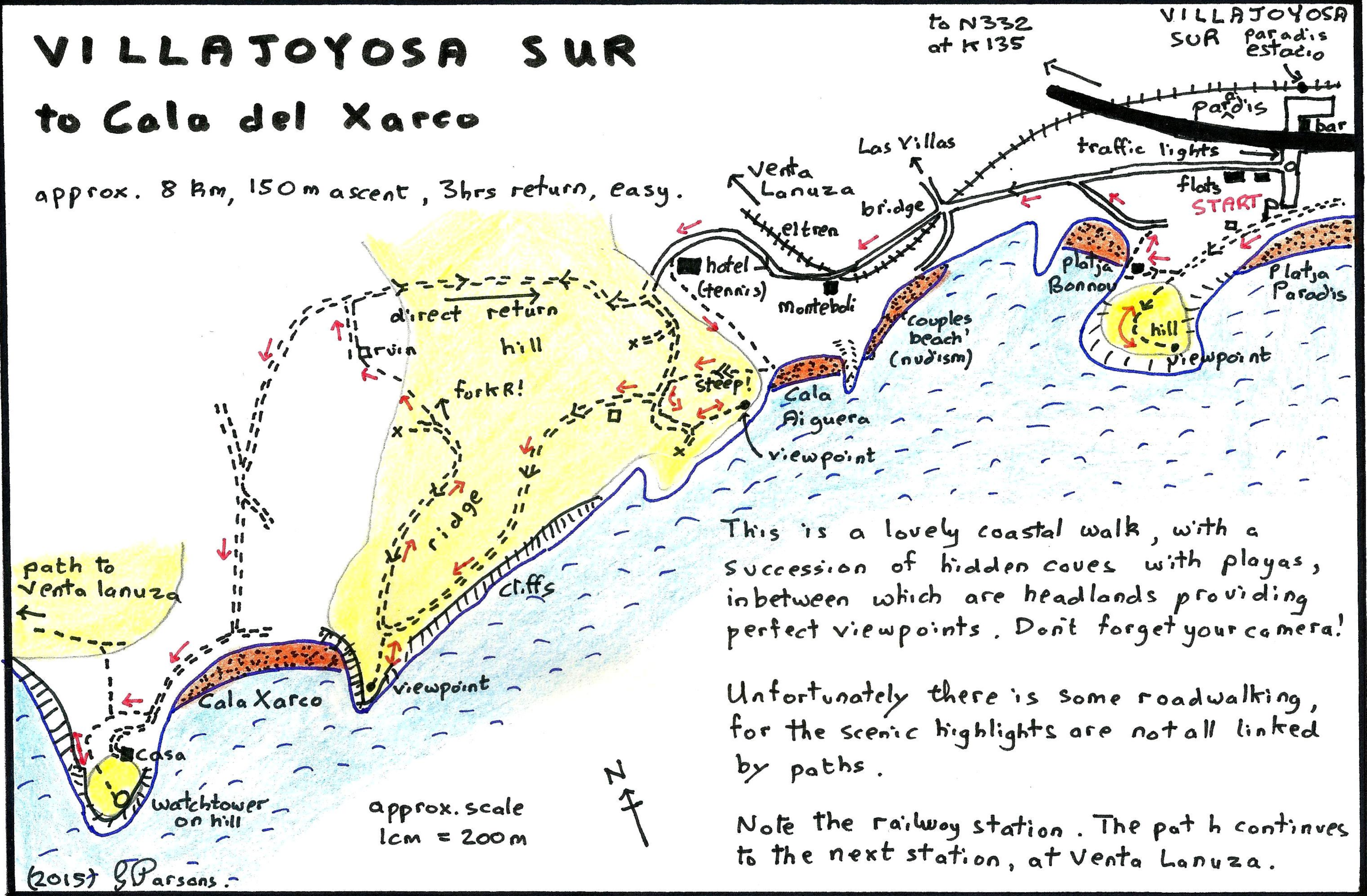
There is a regular bus service from Benidorm.

The watchtower is one of a chain built in the 17th century to warn of pirates from Africa. Later it was used by the coastguard against smugglers.



VILLAJOYOSA SUR to Cala del Xarco

approx. 8 km, 150m ascent, 3hrs return, easy.



This is a lovely coastal walk, with a succession of hidden coves with playas, inbetween which are headlands providing perfect viewpoints. Don't forget your camera!

Unfortunately there is some roadwalking, for the scenic highlights are not all linked by paths.

Note the railway station. The path continues to the next station, at Venta Lanuza.

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BENIDORM

① watchtower^

6km return, 75m ascent, 2hrs.

A lovely stroll on an undulating traffic free road to a historic monument with views of awesome cliffs. Add time to wander a path or two and visit a beach.

Q. What has the cross got to do with bitrinis and the mayor?

hilltop
el cruz
237m

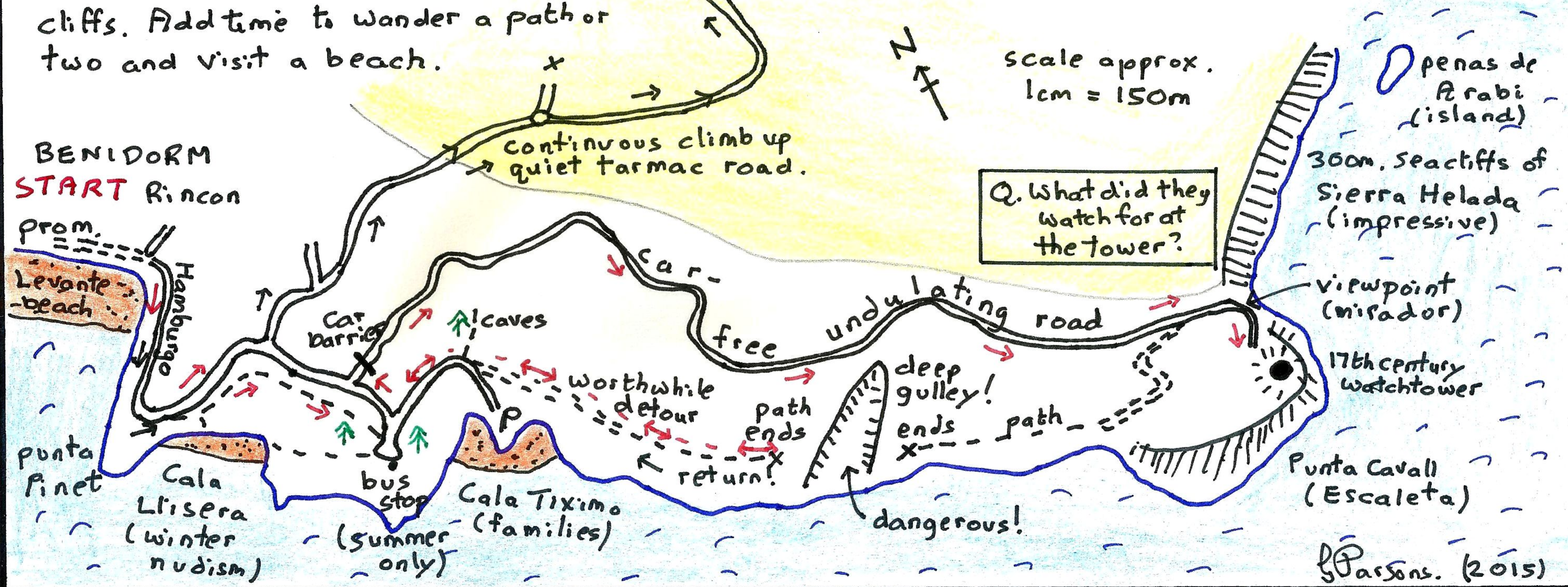
② Cross^^

5km return, ascends 237m, takes 2 1/2 hrs.

This is a popular 'fitness walk' up a tarmac road to a fine viewpoint. Best not done in hot sunshine! Take a drink and wear comfortable shoes.

scale approx.
1cm = 150m

Q. What did they watch for at the tower?

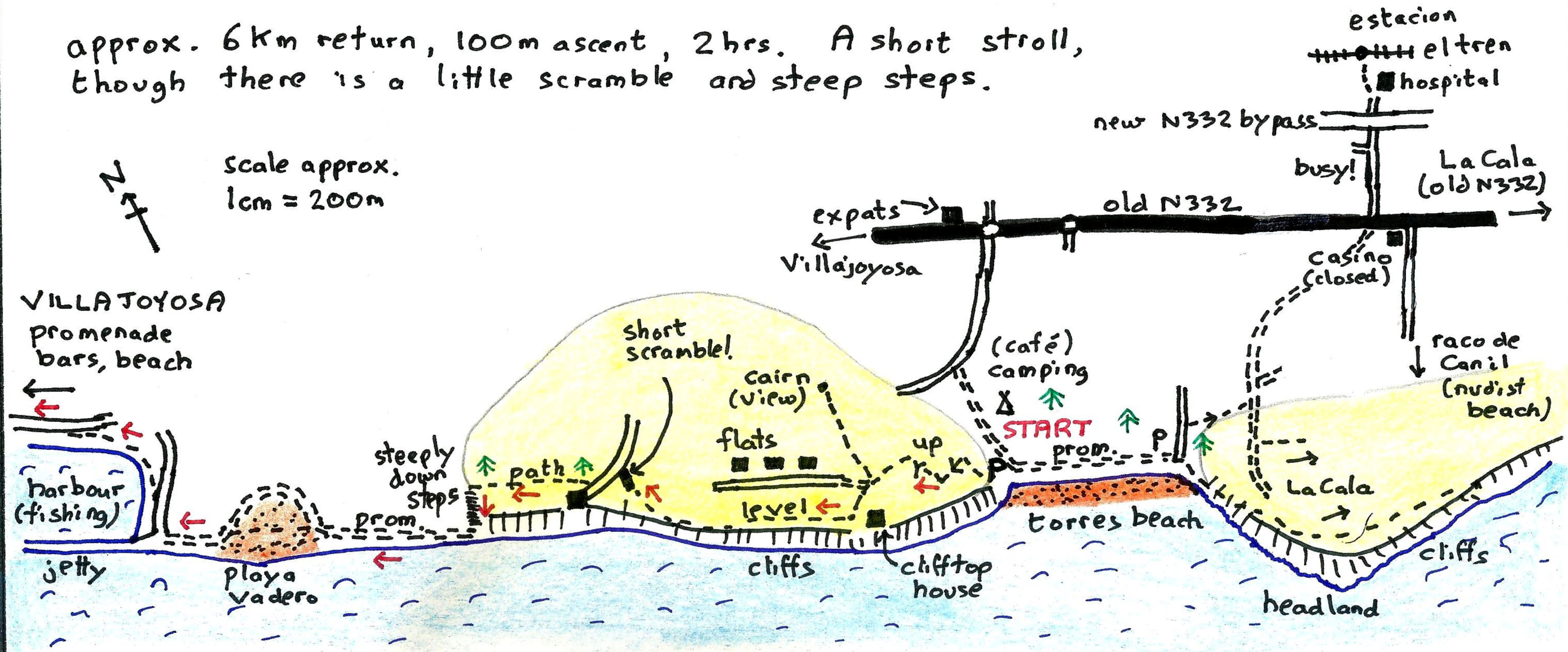


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TORRES BEACH TO VILLAJOYOSA

approx. 6 km return, 100m ascent, 2 hrs. A short stroll, though there is a little scramble and steep steps.

Scale approx.
1cm = 200m

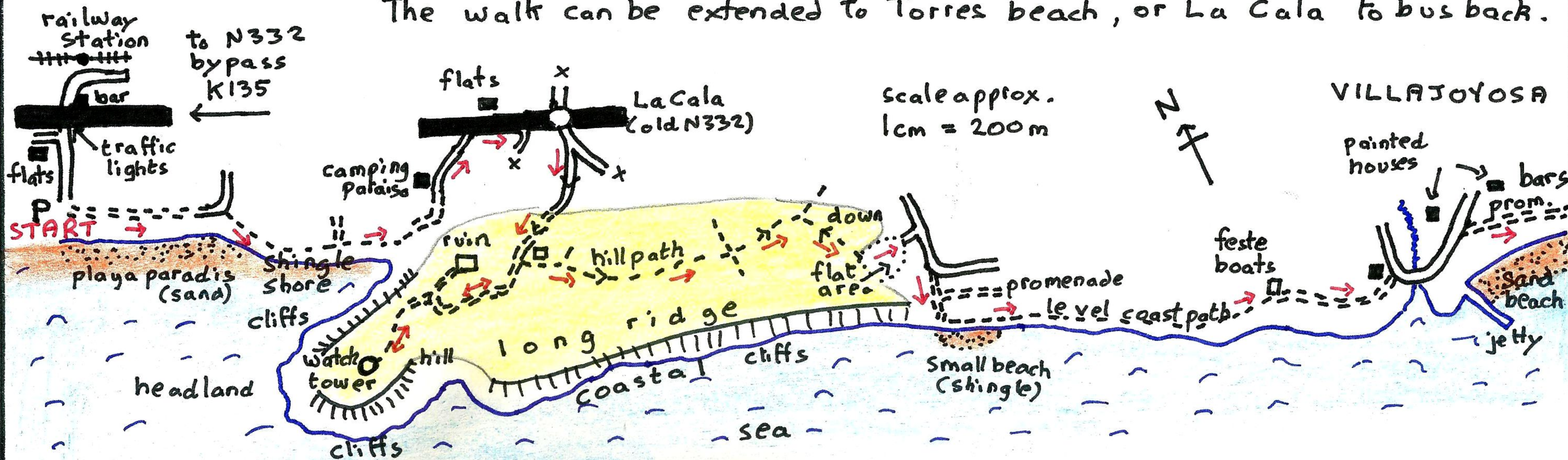


It is possible to catch the train from Benidorm to Hospital, but unfortunately this means walking along busy roads at the start. Then one could catch a train back from Villajoyosa, or continue along the coast to Villajoyosa South.

By car leave the N332 at Bricoking, take L. lane for La Cala (brown sign). Immediately after crossing over the bridge take R. lane for Villajoyosa onto the old N332. (Parsons 2015)

VILLAJOYOSA SOUTH - to Viljojoyosa and back

approx. 8 km, 100m ascent, 3hrs return. An easy walk. Note that Villajoyosa South is a separate town, not the south part of Viljojoyosa! If driving on the N332 from Benidorm continue past Villajoyosa and turn off at km 135. Or take el tren to Villajoyosa South estacion. The walk can be extended to Torres beach, or La Cala to bus back.



This lovely coastwalk along playa paradis ascends to an old watchtower, with wonderful views. The nearby moorish style ruin was a lunatic asylum! Then along a hilly path to a little shingle beach and along a level coastpath into Villajoyosa. Stroll along the seaside promenade, next to the long sandy beach, see the characterful painted houses and stop for a rest at one of the countless cafés before returning.

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