BERNIA FORT - from l'Algar (Callosa)

approx. 8 km, 600m ascent, 4 hrs. A strenuous 'there and back' route.

From Benidorm take the CV70 to La Nucia and then the CV715 to Callosa and Algar. Due to the fonts being popular free parking is hard to find!

The route is all on good paths, but is hard due to the considerable height gain. Best to take it steady on a day that is not too hot. The views as you rise are extensive and the fort is a worthy objective, a famous ruin set at the foot of the summit of the Bernia. Best to go back the same way.

Fortalesa de Bernia

The Bernia fort was built in 1562 to guard against the Ottoman incursions on the coast. However it proved to be too far inland to be effective and difficult to defend due to higher land to oneside.

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ALMEDI A (Callosa)

about 8km, 400m ascent, 4hrs. Mostly on good paths, except for the rocky ridge between the Summit and 'chimney'. This means either a tiring ascent (clockwise) or a scrambly descent (anticlockwise). Hence, despite it's low altitude, it is generally considered a hard mountain.

The cairn at the top is one I initiated; please add a stone and help it to grow!

'The chimney' is actually a tower to regulate the flow of water in an underground pipe between Algar and Guadalest.

COSTA BLANCA WALKS MAPS
XIRLES 'FIGURE OF 8' part I

1. From Xirles CP. turn L. into the village, then L. into C. de Serreta at the house with a 'cage' front. 2. Pass the colourful flats then fork R. on a footpath, turning R. where it joins a track. 4. Meet a Camino by a casita opposite the hipica. Turn L. then first R. on a track. 5. Ignore all junctions. 6. To follow the track continuing straight on a path. 7. At an old bees sign ignore the R. turning (to the water tower). At marked by cairns and a desert either go straight ahead down to a track then L. or instead go L. on bancals. Either way join the main track to Gines at 9. Follow it for 10 mins. then at a cairn 10 go L. up a footpath, then R. down a track to a cross roads 11 which is a picnic spot. To return to Xirles go L. down The C. de la Verinosa to the barranco 12 and along a big track back.

There are many paths and few landmarks. A compass may be useful!

EASY MODERATE
ON GOOD PATHS.
APPROX. 7 KM,
100 M ASC, 2 HRS.

For continuation
See map X13

approx.
1 cm = 150 m

To Start
CV-715 to Polop,
at roundabout turn for Guadalest,
take Xirles road

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XIRLES ‘FIGURE OF 8’

from the crossroads (11) of part I) continue slight uphill and ahead on a track then path going L. (12) along a terrace to emerge on a track above the wooden house (13). Turn R. and descend to rejoin the main Gines track.

(14) Go L. past the finca turning (fences visible) then L. at a cairn on a path up a wooded spur. If uncertain just go L. and uphill until you come out at a track (15) Turn R. and descend to rejoin the main Gines track (17). Turn L. for Gines passing Casa musa, down a dip, then fork L. at a cairn (13) on a path which climbs into the open views and passes L. of a red casita (18). At a track turn L. on a path which contours then (19) turns sharp R. up terraces, becomes wider and emerges at a crossroads (21). Turn L. past trees (22) (picnic), descend the rough track to the bottom, pass a Track R. then at a cairn (23) take a path down R. hairpin bend, then straight on above a brushwood barrier along a terrace (24) forking R. onto a lower terrace to meet a track. Turn R. to return to crossroads (11)

XIRLES RIDGE
(higher part)

Easy moderate: good paths but difficult route finding! Many alternative ways exist, a compass is needed to head the right way!

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Approx. 4.5km, 130m. asc, 1¼ hrs. (extra)
appro. 1km to 150m.


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