

## CBMW Spring Programme 2017

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017



Welcome to the Spring season of COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS

This season we have even more walks, a total of 125 (E = 9, M = 22, MS = 35, S = 41, VS = 18). A good mix, but we still need more volunteers to lead Easy and Moderate walks to enable us to continue to provide these walks on each walking day. Walks are available and experienced leaders are offering to act as Mentors (see our Newsletter No 4 on the website)

New leaders this season are: David Shaw, Barry Carter and Richard Marsden.

It's time now to give our WalksinSpain website a New look and this should be finished during this season.

The Social Activities included in this programme have been well promoted through our Newsletter (no 4) on the website. Let's hope the Almond Blossom and Cherry Blossom are all on time.

Autumn will see the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the group.

Again thank you to all the leaders who in this programme are providing us with a excellent variety of walks. Enjoy your walking.

CAROL (CHAIR)



We have a Facebook Group page open to anyone who walks with us. You must already have a Facebook account to join the group. See our website (Contact Us) for details of how to apply to join the group.

### ROUTE GRADES

#### **A - Walks marked with A are on iconic mountains**

The mountains in the Costa Blanca region are rugged and the paths are often rough with numerous hazards to cause tripping, loose stones and thick undergrowth. Care is needed at all times. Walkers should assess their ability to complete the walks taking into account the following walk gradings:-

**E - Easy:** A walk of up to 4½ hours on good surfaced tracks and less than 200metres ascent.

**M - Moderate:** up to 12km, less than 400 metres ascent and less than 50% rough going.

**MS - Moderately Strenuous:** Up to 600 metres ascent and/or no more than 15 km with some rough going taken at a reasonable pace.

**S - Strenuous:** More than 600 ascent metres and/or more than 15km with steep, loose or heavily vegetated sections.

**VS - Very Strenuous:** More than 800 metres ascent and/or more than 20km with steep, loose or heavily vegetated sections.

**X - Experienced walkers routes:** Routes which require considerable stamina and/or significant scrambling skills on rough, steep or exposed sections.

**Scr - Scrambling:** This implies the need for handholds to ascend steep rock pitches with a sense of exposure to vertigo and where a slip could lead to a serious accident.

**A** - All good tracks

**B** -Less than half the route on rough ground

**C** - More than half the route on rough ground

## **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

We have a short list of **Conventions** – published in the Info section of the website - which act as guidelines and hopefully are an aid to walkers and leaders alike. Everyone is required to read these Conventions as a condition for walking with us and for downloading each season's programme. A summary of the main points of these is shown below.

- 1, Arrive at the meeting place in good time. Walks depart promptly at 10:00 unless otherwise noted.
2. Do not leave valuables in your car.
3. Always wear strong-soled shoes or boots suitable for mountain walking.
4. Take a packed lunch and/or other energy snacks and plenty of water, especially in hot weather.
5. Always carry your own first aid kit.
6. Carry adequate clothing and always waterproofs as the weather in the mountains can change quickly. Remember that there is always the possibility of having to remain on the mountain during the night in an emergency.
7. Stay in contact with the people ahead of you and behind you particularly at junctions and if too large a gap opens up signal to the leader for a stop so that the gap can be closed.
8. Whilst every effort is made to ensure accuracy, the time duration stated for each walk will always depend on the fitness and ability of the walkers and also the conditions on the day of the walk.
- 9, Take all rubbish home with you including orange and banana skins.
10. Do **not** pick fruit.
11. Walking poles when not in use should be carried with the points facing forwards and down.
12. If a dog is brought along the owner should ensure that the walk is one where dogs are allowed and at all times keep the dog on a lead and firmly under control
13. In times of bad weather walkers should phone the leader if in doubt about whether the walk will go ahead.
14. If individuals intend to leave the group during a walk they should inform the leader and ensure that their names are removed from the leader's book.
15. Everyone who walks with us is expected to make an annual contribution towards the cost of our websites.

## **INSURANCE**

We recommend that individuals who walk with us take out insurance cover for rescue and medical costs in case of accident on our mountain walks. Those who live here can take out extra insurance via [www.femecv.com](http://www.femecv.com) (in Spanish) or [www.aacuk.org.uk](http://www.aacuk.org.uk) (in English). If you are just visiting the area for a holiday you should check that your travel insurance covers is sufficient - if not then take out extra cover!

## **WEATHER**

A walk leader may terminate a walk at his/her discretion at any time. During times of persistent bad weather the walk leader will endeavour to ascertain the latest accurate weather conditions predicted in the area of the walk and if the latest information is extreme, or if it has rained (or snowed) excessively during the previous night, the walk leader is not obliged to go to the start of the walk. In times of bad weather please telephone the walk leader if you are in doubt.

Website to check weather forecast [www.aemet.es](http://www.aemet.es)

## **AND FINALLY**

Remember to check Stop Press on the website for information on any unavoidable changes to walks and new walks added to the programme.

All walks start at 10 am unless otherwise indicated.

Shading denotes a lunch option.

Meeting Point descriptions start with town nearest to start followed by Latitude then Longitude (decimalised) of the meeting point (where known). Web links to walk write ups on [www.walksinSpain.org](http://www.walksinSpain.org), where available, are shown after the route description.

Date	Route / Leaders/ Phone	Stats/Grade/ Start time	Meeting Point / Route Description /Link to WalksinSpain (where available)
Wed 1 Feb	La Montaña Castle Peter Greene  96 574 3454 620 319 797 No dogs	7 km 3½ hrs  100 m E/A <b>10:30</b>	Tarbena 38.695027, - 0.103789 Note different start time. From CV715 Tarbena / Percent road turn into car park near childrens' play area in Tarbena  Easy walk with lots of stops to take in the views. Optional paella lunch. Tell leader at start. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/oo3plev">http://tinyurl.com/oo3plev</a>
Wed 1 Feb	Dos Ermitas Charles Pye  606 523 445 No dogs	12 km 5 hrs  450 m MS/A	Lleus. 38.679402, 0.013518. From Benissa along the N332 towards Calpe, turn right after the bridge with sign posted Casa de Maco restaurante, then follow signs to Lleus and La Brisa. At La Brisa take a sharp RH bend to Lleus Plaza. If coming from the Altea direction it is illegal to turn left at the bridge, therefore you will need to travel towards Bennisa and turn round when it is legal and return to the bridge. Lunch at the Ermita with tables and toilet facilities.
Wed 1 Feb	El Penyot Gully and Barranc de 17 Masseroff Mary Gough  96 583 5333 655 676 118  Dogs on lead at all times	17 km 5½ hrs  600 m S	Jalon. 38.727445, -0.018527. Take the Jalon to Bernia road, the CV749 and at approx. 2km, park on the left. Take care coming from Jalon because you will need to cross the road on a bend.  Climb up a newly cut gully - across easy hills with extensive views of the surrounding mountains then return down an interesting barranco. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ntvagq7">http://tinyurl.com/ntvagq7</a>
Wed 1 Feb	A Ferrer Ridge (Experienced Walkers Only) A Jon Lyons  96 283 9953 686 148 704 No dogs	14 km 5 hrs  700 m S/C/X/Scr	Alcalali. 38.752008,-0.04142 The car park near the cross roads in Alcalali of the CV750 and the CV720. Car share to start of walk.  New approach to this mighty ridge. Ridge is exposed and narrow in parts. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/jyupfu5">http://tinyurl.com/jyupfu5</a>
Sat 4 Feb	Pedro Paseo from Ermita de San Juan Lee O'Neill  669 735 617  No dogs	12 km 5 hrs  380 m M/B	Calpe. 38.66825, 0.06326 Coming into Calpe from the N332, turn left at the Mas y Mas Centro Comercial roundabout and continue on this road for 3kms. Just before Imperial Park complex turn sharp left, signed Granja Escuela 2Kms, then approx. 0.4 kms turn right into carpark.  As there are no watering holes in the vicinity, bring your own drinks and nibbles for a impromptu bar. There is picnic furniture. The walk is mainly on good tracks with some short road walking. With nice views back to Calpe.

Date	Route / Leaders/ Phone	Stats/Grade/ Start time	Meeting Point / Route Description /Link to Walksinspain (where available)
Sat 4 Feb	Tormos circuit via Isbert's Dam, Campell and Fontilles Martin Dunkley  635 113 988 or +447966466175  Dogs on lead at rear	13 km 5 hrs 450 m MS/B	Tormos. 38.799124,-0.076498 Coming from the south (Orba) on the CV715 at the outskirts of the village turn L (signposted to Costera del Moll) into Calle Pozo. Take the next L (Carrer Val de Llaguart) and then take the 2nd turn on the RHS just after the bins. Drive to the end opposite a plaza and turn L into Avenguda Joan Carles I. Drive a few hundred metres along this and park in the large car park on the LHS opposite the public piscina.  Leave Tormos on cart track to Isbert's Dam from where we traverse through a tunnel (torches useful), climb on a mozarabic trail to Campell and then for a short while on tarmac (1km) past the camp site before re-joining a mozarabic trail descending towards Fontilles. There we cross the river, ascend briefly and then descend across the main mountain road and shortly return to the Inferno valley floor and back to Tormos. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/n9stu69">http://tinyurl.com/n9stu69</a>
Sat 4 Feb	Almond Blossom in Aspre Mary Gough 96 583 5333 655 676 118 Dogs on lead at all times	18 km 5½ hrs 680 m S/B	Benissa . 38.677993, -0.010605, CV749 Benissa to Pinos road, park near a shrine opposite Pinos Restaurant. A circular trail through the Pinos valley and below the Bernia ridge <a href="http://tinyurl.com/h6zdyzk">http://tinyurl.com/h6zdyzk</a>
Wed 8 Feb	Almond Blossom Walk Jalon Valley John McLelland  646 310 164 No dogs	12 km 4½ hrs 60 m E/A	Jalon 38.744193,-0.017402. Car park under trees opposite Alleluya Bar at Information Office.
Wed 8 Feb	Around Solana del Garrofer from Vall d'Ebo Pauline and Robert Chalmers  645 082 381 Dogs on lead at all times	12 km 5 hrs 400 m MS/B	Val d'Ebo. 38.80654,-0.157267 From the CV 715 -Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.  An interesting circular walk on tracks marked paths and some quiet country roads, all with nice views. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/jb3vscl">http://tinyurl.com/jb3vscl</a>
Wed 8 Feb	Around and about Castells Ann Price Angie Elliott  Ann 646 716 303 Angie 646 930 990  No dogs	16 km 5½ hrs 550 m S/B	Benichembla. 38.750579, -0.158159. Bridge at 4.5 km past Benichembla on Castell de Castells road CV720.  A varied walk with all the hard work done before a late lunch stop. Mix of old and new trails, with a steep ascent out of Castells and then a fairly easy descent back to the cars along good tracks with some lovely views along the way. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ne48bnr">http://tinyurl.com/ne48bnr</a>
Wed 8 Feb	Gata Rollercoaster Nic and Neil Laws  634 305 509  No dogs	20 km 6 hrs 800 m VS/C	Gata. 38.770353, 0.088331 From Teulada direction, take first left after the viaduct into Carrer Sant Josep/Calle San Jose. Cross bridge and follow road around to right. Park on right or left of road near allocated parking marked in red and childrens playground.  A long ascent from the start to the top of Soldettes ridge. From there several shorter ups and downs, bringing us back to Soldettes ridge to then take an little used path directly off the ridge to the east. A final, smaller, ascent back to the town.
Sat 11 Feb	El Mirabo John McClelland  646 310 164  No dogs	8 km 4 hrs 350 m M/B	Benichembla. 38.753949,-0.111884. Bar Bon Aire, Benichembla on CV720 between Parcent and Castell de Castells  Gentle zig zag incline, break at the col with optional climb to El Mirabo/viewpoint over Benichembla. Gentle walk down through the woods into the village. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/m3uk6zb">http://tinyurl.com/m3uk6zb</a>

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Sat 11 Feb	Olta Circuit from Calpe Jean Russell  96 583 6261 626 522 161	12 km 4½ hrs  350 m MS/B	Calpe. 38.64810, 0.05009. Calpe tennis club (coming into Calpe from the N332, turn left at the Mas y Mas Centro Comercial roundabout and park by the tennis club or opposite).  Just scraping into the MS category due to rough tracks. From the tennis club the route takes us under the N332 and the railway line and up through the trees to the Olta campsite. From here we will do the "classic" Olta circuit in reverse and make our way back via the station before heading back into Calpe.
Dogs on lead at all times			
Sat 11 Feb	Barranco de la Canal circuit - extended Pauline and Robert Chalmers  645 082 381	14 km 5 ½ hrs 620 m S/B	Pego, 38.838379,-0.121313.Plaza del Metge Almela, above Pla de la Font, Paseo Cervantes Plaza.  A circuit walk around the Barranco de la Canal on roads, well defined paths, rough tracks and one short steep ascent where hands will be helpful.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/haqqqmv">http://tinyurl.com/haqqqmv</a>
Wed 15 Feb	Tormos Stroll Angela Colgate 96 640 4192  652 596 973 No dogs	8 ½ km 3 hrs 200 m  E/A	Tormos. 38.801776, -0.070108. Restaurant Tormos, Calle Santa Cruz,32.  A walk towards the dam on wide tracks, crossing the dry river bed to walk through the tunnel and returning alongside the river, through the orange groves and back to Tormos Restaurant.
Wed 15 Feb	Bamboo Curtain Charles Pye  606 523 445 No dogs	12 km 4½ hrs 400 m MS/B	Benichembla 38.753949,-0.111884 Bar Bon Aire, on CV720 between Parcent and Castell de Castells  A circular route under Caballo Verde with some unexpected lush bamboo tunnels to add extra interest.
Wed 15 Feb	Miserat summit from Benirrama with interesting "off-piste" final ascent David Harbach 965977139  608304342 Dogs on a lead at all times	12 km 5 hrs 600 m  MS/B	Benirrama. Follow the CV700 from Pego up the Gallinara valley past Adsubia. Reach a turning on the L (CV170) to Benirrama which you take to the village. Bear R/ahead on the village street to a more open area where you park.  The walk is on well defined paths, tracks and a small amount on quiet country roads. The views from the summit are STUNNING and the final stretch back to Benirrama is via an excellent Mozarabic track
Wed 15 Feb	Ruta dels Assegadors and Sierra Gallinera Jon Lyons  96 283 9953 686 148 704 Dogs on lead at all times	14 km 5 hrs 801 m VS/B	Font d'en Carros. Walk notice board in La Font d'En Carros. From the north end of Oliva take the La Font road, make a left turn at the second roundabout into Avinguda Exilencia Deputacio, turn left at fork, then left at crossroads, in front of Ajuntament, along C/Abdon y Senet.  A new start to this walk, using more mozarabic paths and an assegora. New connecting route before lunch.
Sat 18 Feb	Senija to Lliber circuit excluding hidden valley David Brain & Teresa Boyle  96 502 0432	11 km 3 hrs 225 m M/B	Senija. 38.727882,0.042819, Ave Cortes Valencia on new wide road to back of Senija. From Benissa fork right at beginning of village; from Lliber double back left at end of village and park anywhere legal on wide road.  We ascend from the village and take the higher marked path to Lliber passing the top of the hidden valley to approach Lliber. We return via the vineyards and the original drovers' trail connecting the two villages. Optional restaurant lunch.
Dogs on a lead at all times			

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Sat 18 Feb	Fuente de Mata-Serrillas Lee O'Neill	14 5	km hrs	Gata. 38.762459, 0.056233 CV748. Off the Gata to Lliber road. From Gata turn first left after bridge over Riu Xalo. From Lliber turn right .2km after 4km sign, just before bridge. There is a green arrow painted on road. Continue down this lane going round 2 left bends and then 1 right bend and park near the tunnel under the motorway.
	96 587 4776 669 735 617	520 MS/B	m	This walk is a variation of the Gata circular, using different tracks. A mix of good and rough tracks, with a short dry (hopefully) river bed.
	No dogs			
Sat 18 Feb	Barranco Cau and Lloma Larga Ridge Sue Bonser	13 5	km hrs	Jalon. 38.730152,0.009657 Jalon Valley. Km8 on the CV750, Benissa to Jalon road, opposite Restaurant Venta Roja, next to rubbish bins..
	627269919	510 S/B	m	Walk up the barranco Cau and into the Marnes valley. We then get some of the ascent up Lloma Larga over before we have lunch near the top with spectacular views. Back along the ridge with great views back to the coast.
	No dogs			
<b>Wed 22 Feb</b>	<b>Almond Blossom Walking Festival. 6 walks from Easy to VS . All starting in Lliber with optional lunch afterwards for the shorter walks at Mas la Pau. For more information see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/zjbtawg">http://tinyurl.com/zjbtawg</a> or contact Dave and Theresa on social@cbmwalkers.org.</b>			
Sat 25 Feb	Penon de Mediodia Ralph Phipps	10 5	km hrs	Vall d'Ebo. 38.815386, -0.130259. Summit of col between Pego and Vall d'Ebo on track side opposite windmill.
	699 784 253	300 M/B	m	An easy way to reach the summit of the Mediodia ridge. A Bob Stansfield route re-visited.
	Dogs on a lead at all times			
Sat 25 Feb	Aldea De Las Cuevas Circuit Jo Fletcher	14 5	km hrs	Pedreguer. 38.797891, 0.009392 . From Pedreguer head out of town on the CV720 heading towards Llosa de Camacho/Alcalali. Before leaving the town TR onto CV 733 signed to Benidoleig. After 2 kms park along the white wall. From Orba head to Benidoleig on CV 731. At Benidoleig head towards Pedreguer on CV733. Pass the Restaurant El Cid and the Benidoleig caves. Go straight on for about 3km until the 2km post where you park between the Restaurant and the Garden Centre.
	96 507 0422 634 349 985	480 MS/B	m	A recently introduced walk around a little walked valley. The walk starts with a climb out of the 'Bull Farm' valley on a Mozarabic path. The path, track and roads lead to a good viewing point for lunch before descending back above the Llosa/Pedreguer valley with views of the Castells d'Aixa ridge. Although this route is all on marked paths there is a section that is very uneven
	Dogs on lead at all times			
Sat 25 Feb	A Pla de la Casa from Quatretondeta A Peter Greene	12 6	km hrs	Quatretondeta. 38.725045,-0.314661 Turn left off CV720 in Facheca and drive on CV754 to Quatretondeta – park where you can before you enter the village.
	96 574 3454 620 319 797	820 VS/C	m	Climb up to the highest point on the Serrella ridge with fantastic rock formations (Els Frares), a huge nevera on the way and breathtaking views. Will be taken at a gentle pace.
	No dogs			
	<a href="http://tinyurl.com/qgue4yu">http://tinyurl.com/qgue4yu</a>			

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Wed 1 Mar	Albert's Peak Val d'Ebo Carol Harbach  96 597 7139 629 283 186 No dogs	10 km 4 hrs  400 m M/B	Val d'Ebo. 38.80654,-0.157267. From the CV 715 -Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.  A walk mostly on good tracks and paths. Optional lunch in "Bar Capri" after the walk. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/kcq6wzk">http://tinyurl.com/kcq6wzk</a>
Wed 1 Mar	A Murla Peña Roig long circuit A Ralph Phipps  699 784 253	14 km 5½ hrs 670 m S/B/Scr	Murla. 38.767391,-0.077747 Polideportiu. Approaching Murla from East on the CV719, turn right on outskirts of village (signed). Large sports centre on LHS after about 1 km.  From the car park we ascend past the ermita and then steeply on rough tracks towards the summit of Peña Roig. Once we gain the ridge an exposed traverse takes us to a short (3m) exposed down scramble to a possible dark cave exploration (makes our day longer than 5 hours) before following the ridge line towards the west. Just above Benimaurell we descend and start our return on good tracks along the flanks of the ridge. The scramble can't be avoided and provides the main entertainment for the day. A classic mountaineering day.  No dogs <a href="http://tinyurl.com/lgd4b2b">http://tinyurl.com/lgd4b2b</a>
Wed 1 Mar	A Pla de la Casa & Malla de Llop A Jon Lyons 96 283 9953 686 148 704 Dogs on lead at all times	12 km 6 hrs 950 m VS/C/Scr	Famorca 38.731444, -0.245923. Bar La Font Famorca  Two great peaks of the Serrella ridge.
Sat 4 Mar	Cova Blanca & Raco dels Llidoners Rob & Pauline Chalmers  645 082 381  +44 0791 473 5721 No dogs	10 km 4 hrs  370 m M/B	Benissa 38.80648, -0.157436 From the CV715 Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo and park in the car park on the left after the bridge as you enter the village.  A pleasant circuit on a country road, marked paths and some rough tracks, steep in places but with no exposure. To be walked at a easy pace. Beautiful views of country and coast and passes a Refugio where if necessary water can be replenished.
Sat 4 Mar	Alt D'Ample John McClelland  646 310 164 No dogs	14 km 5 hrs  435 m MS/B	Jalon. 38.731348, -0.012445. Take the cemetery road that runs between the petrol station and the Tot Util Ferrreteria. At the end go round a bend to the right and park immediately on the right.  Magnificent views over patchwork hues of the Jalon Valley. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/nntayk4">http://tinyurl.com/nntayk4</a>
Sat 4 Mar	Pedreguer 5 Fonts Pat Moss  617 809 331 No dogs	16 km 6 hrs  500 m S/C	Pedreguer. 38.79072, 0.033728 Parking at Ermita Sant Blai. On CV720 Alcalali to Pedreguer Road fork right at sign just after you enter Pedreguer from Alcalali into Avenida de Maria Lopez and go to the far end of this road (over the junctions) and turn right to park near Ermita Sant Blai.  Good views. Steady climb/descent three times. Worth the effort. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/pqzu9oa">http://tinyurl.com/pqzu9oa</a>
Sat 4 Mar	Carrasca ridge from Benimaurell  Paul Elliott 965577453 679555081  No dogs	14 km 6 hrs 850 m S/C	Benimaurell. 38.773696, -0.127234 On entering village take first right and follow road around edge of village in the direction of Alahuar Hotel. Car park on right just before Bar Les Rogetes (old bar Oasis).  A bit of everything, splendid mozarabic path at the beginning, "off piste" to, along and down from the ridge and a stroll back. And the views..... <a href="http://tinyurl.com/jpptthd">http://tinyurl.com/jpptthd</a>

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Wed 8 Mar	Abdet Figure of 8 Peter Greene  96 574 3454 620 319 797 No dogs	11 km 3½ hrs  350 m M/B	Abdet. 38.6946,-0.2570. Car park through village of Abdet. From Guadalest towards Confrides approx 5 km past Beniarda turn right to Abdet. Go through narrow street to car park.  A pleasant walk with optional lunch at Casa Paco in village.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/o4sjpoz">http://tinyurl.com/o4sjpoz</a>
Wed 8 Mar	A Bernia Circuit A Richard Marsden     +44 7813 039810	10 km 5 hrs    450 m MS/A	Altea La Vieja. The start is at the Bernia Barbecue car park high up a steep badly surfaced road above Altea La Vieja. Starting from the Village of Altea La Vieja take the CV755 towards Callosa. Pass the RH turns to Alhama and Paradiso and pass a casa on the RHS with a large statue. Go slow along the straight stretch and take the next rather obscure RH turn, signposted Fort Bernia, (just before Km. 19). (If you miss this take the next RH turn which also leads up). Follow this narrow twisting road steep up some 6 km to its end at the Barbecue car park (BBQ). NOT FOR NERVOUS DRIVERS.  This is a popular walk and deservedly so. It is a circuit encompassing the main part of the Sierra but excluding its Eastern end. Starting at an altitude of 650 meters gets you into easy contact with the higher part of the mountain. Yet the walk is quite challenging involving some easy short rock scrambles, short traverses across or slightly up scree, some steep climbs and a 30-meter long semi stoop/ crawl through the "Forat". Views are magnificent especially from the Fort onwards. The ruined Fort is interesting and the "Forat" is a curious feature. This is a tunnel through the "rock spine" of the Sierra some 30 meters long and in part approx a meter high and wide, not claustrophobic as daylight shines through and taken with care, no hazards. Sometimes muddy.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/qd8x994">http://tinyurl.com/qd8x994</a>
Wed 8 Mar	Barranco del Infierno Cathedral Walk Ann Price Angie Elliott  Ann 646 716 303 Angie 646 930 990  No dogs	16 km 6 hrs  685 m S/C/Scr	Fleix. 38.778276,-0.110013 Park opposite the school in the new car park in Fleix at km 5.9 on the CV721.  Descent into Barranco del Infierno, walk in to Cova Santa. Out of Barranco to join route back under the Caballo Verde ridge. Back down to Fleix. Some scrambling, some rough tracks, some loose scree. But worth the effort.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/q74jzpb">http://tinyurl.com/q74jzpb</a>
Wed 8 Mar	A Forada Ridge circuit from Benissiva A Jon Lyons 96 283 9953 686 148 704 Dogs on lead at all times	17 km 6 hrs 950 m VS/C	Benissiva. 38.819540,-0.225273. Park behind Co-op in Benissiva (on right just as you enter the village) CV700 km 53.5 Pego to Planes road.  One of Bob's classic walks  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ope3sj8">http://tinyurl.com/ope3sj8</a>
Sat 11 Mar	Benissa - Moli del quisi Barry Carter    634 349 019 Dogs on a lead at all times	10 km 3 hrs 260 m  M/A 10:30	Benissa. Note different start time. Meet at Bar Frau car park on the edge of Benissa on the N332.  A circular walk from Benissa to the restored mill, then back to town. The last 20 minutes is all up but will be taken at a gentle pace.



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Sat 11 Mar	Bernia Circuit Peter Greene  96 574 3454 620 319 797  Dogs on lead at all times	14 5½  500 MS/B	km hrs  m	Jalon.38.672201,-0.046091 On road between Pinos and Xalo/Jalon at km 11.6 take spur to south. Park near Bernia Inn.  A very good circular walk around the Sierra Bernia in an anticlockwise direction with great views NSE&W. on mainly reasonable tracks  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/oz9mayq">http://tinyurl.com/oz9mayq</a>
Sat 11 Mar	Pinos Valleys John E. Mail and Clodagh Brown 96 584 6505 J 620 865 267 C 647 894 157 No dogs	16 6  600 S/B	km hrs  m	Benissa. 38.67821,-0.01726 1 km after Pinos restaurant on Benissa-Bernia road (CV749) take right hand junction just over bridge towards Marnes. Park after 200m.  An undulating ramble on good paths around the Pinos Valley.
Sat 11 Mar	Famorca Circuit Charles Pye  606 523 445 No dogs	13 5  666 S/B	km hrs  m	Famorca. 38.731422,-0.245907 On reaching Famorca from Castell de Castells, take first left, on edge of village and park towards the top of the hill.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/of69zjj">http://tinyurl.com/of69zjj</a>
Wed 15 Mar	Sella – Relleu Circuit Colin Read  0044 7922 654693. Dogs on lead at all times	10 4  330 M/B 10:30	km hrs  m	Sella. 38.608800, -0.269600. Note different start time. Approaching Sella by the CV770, from the south cross the bridge and continue up to the edge of the village, turn right onto a side road to car parks (signed) on the right in about 200metres. From the north drive through the village and just as you leave it turn left onto the side road as described above, to car parks on the right.  Expect a bancale or two, but the views are worth it!  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/lasaomr">http://tinyurl.com/lasaomr</a>
Wed 15 Mar	Benirrama to Forat and back via Alt de Xap Helen&Mike Granville  96 579 1423 620 287 970  Dogs on lead at all times	15 6  650 S/B	km hrs  m	Benirrama. 38.830598,-0.196348. Take CV700 from Pego, direction Planes and turn left to village at km 46.5. Turn right as you enter the village to parking area.  From Benirrama we walk towards Benisiva and from here up to the Forada ridge, we take a short detour to go to the Forat and then retrace our steps to walk along the top of the Forada ridge to the cave house. Over the Alt de Xap and then down the mozarabic trail to Benirrama.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/hsak6ko">http://tinyurl.com/hsak6ko</a>
Wed 15 Mar	Extended Water Houses walk, taking in Pinos, Marnes and Alt del Ample Nic and Neil Laws  634 305 509  No dogs	19 6  800 V/S B	km hrs  m	Jalon 38.731389,-0.012513 In Jalon take the cemetery road that runs between the petrol station and the Ferreteria, Cami del Cementeri. At the end go round a bend to the right and park immediately on the right.  Initially follow the water houses up a sometimes loose and exposed path and continue to the baths beside El Cao. From there we go towards Pinos, around to Marnes and then come back via Alt del Ample. Good views all around.

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Sat 18 Mar	Lloma Larga (not the ridge) and Serra de la Venta circuit from Pinos Sue Bonser 627269919  No dogs	14 km 5 hrs 525 m MS	Benissa. 38.67821,-0.01726 1 km after Pinos restaurant on Benissa-Bernia road (CV749) take right hand junction just over bridge towards Marnes. Park after 200m.  A walk on the flanks of the hills around the Marnes Valley. 90% is on a wide track and good single track giving opportunity for lovely views throughout the route.
Sat 18 Mar	Font d'Olbis circuit Peter Greene  96 574 3454 620 319 797 No dogs	13 km 5½ hrs 600 m MS/B	Tarbena 38.695027, - 0.103789 From CV715 Tarbena / Parcent road turn into car park near childrens' play area in Tarbena. Descent into Tarbena valley then long climb for fine views.
Sat 18 Mar	Llosa Leg Stretcher Gordon Gleeson 966 482 103 635 281 284  Dogs on lead at all times	16 km 6 hrs 650 m S/B	Llosa de Camacho. 38.771385,-0.009079, On the CV720, Meet in car park near Farmacia. From Llosa climb to head of valley and on to Castell d'Aixa. Follow ridge path then descend below Castell de l'Ocaive. before legging it back up to Llosa.
Sat 18 Mar	Sierra Orxeta Mary Gough  96 583 5333 655 676 118  Dogs on a lead at all times	16 km 5 hrs 900 m VS/B	Finestrat 38.55549, - 0.21750 CV767 direction Finestrat- at large roundabout before Finestrat turn L on CV759 direction La Vila Joiosa, immediately before Km.5 turn R on narrow surfaced road, follow for 2.3 kms and park on open ground at LHS near electricity pylon. A long steep early ascent is rewarded by a new walk along one of the longest ridges of the Costa Blanca with extensive views of coast and mountains.
Wed 22 Mar	<b>Easy or Moderate Walk and Leader Required. Please contact Programme Secretaries (walks@cbmwalkers.org) to Offer.</b>		
Wed 22 Mar	Serra de Seldetes Colin Read  0044 7922 654693. Dogs on lead at all times	7 km 4 hrs 432 m MS/B	Gata. 38.766947, 0.100532, Meet at the Bar Venta La Parra km 187.3 on the N332, about 1km south of Gata de Gorgos, just past the Repsol Garage on the right, coming from Gata.  Steady climb to the trig point with good views. All done at a steady pace. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/kvtyoar">http://tinyurl.com/kvtyoar</a>
Wed 22 Mar	Rates Circuit&Summit Peter Greene 96 574 3454 620 319 797  No dogs	13 km 5½ hrs 680 m S/B Scr	Jalon 38.744193,-0.017402. Car park under trees opposite Alleluya Bar at Information Office. Walk up Barranco Negro to Rates summit for stunning views at lunch, then descending through the Vall de Pop back to Jalon
Wed 22 Mar	Λ Azafor Λ Jon Lyons  96 283 9953 686 148 704 Dogs on lead at all times	17 km 5 hrs 970 m VS/C	Vilallonga. L'Isdret (signposted) fork beyond Vilallonga. From N332 north of Oliva take road to La Font, Beniarda, Vilallonga. At second roundabout turn right, left at the next (water statue) over the next past school to Reprimala and beyond.  The original route up to Nevera and summit to Font Oblits for lunch. Return past waterfall. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/hll7hse">http://tinyurl.com/hll7hse</a>
Sat 25 Mar	<b>Easy or Moderate Walk and Leader Required. Please contact Programme Secretaries (walks@cbmwalkers.org) to Offer.</b>		
Sat 25 Mar	Iberian settlement via flank of Montgo Pat Moss  617 809 331  No dogs	11 km 5 hrs 260 m MS	Los Lagos at Km 6. CV735 Javea to Denia Rd  A walk through the woods followed by a steady ascent up a broad track with stops to take in the views ,then carefully descend to banana break and on to the Iberian settlement and return on the lower flank back to our cars all at a gentle pace to take in the history and views.

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Sat 25 Mar	Adsubia Circuit Martin Dunkley  635 113 988 or +447966466175  Dogs on lead at all times	13 km 5½ hrs  540 m MS/B	Adsubia. 38.84845,-0.15185 Follow CV700 from Pego to Adsubia. Towards the end of the village turn left at Bar Moleta and park where convenient.  We follow the quiet country lane from Adsubia through the terraces to reach a path which ascends easily but steeply to reach the col at Pla de Miserat. Now we follow the road over the col beside Miserat before descending past Benirama castle on tracks and again on mozarabic paths below this to reach a lower lane and return to the village. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/lb4do9s">http://tinyurl.com/lb4do9s</a>
Sat 25 Mar	Tres Barrancos Charles Pye  606 523 445 Dogs on lead at all times	16 km 6 hrs  600 m S/B	Benissa. 38.67821,-0.01726 1 km after Pinos restaurant on Benissa-Bernia road (CV749) take right hand junction just over bridge towards Marnes. Park after 200m.  Up to the refugio, into the Maserof barranco and around Marnes. Some cross country parts but lots to see.
<b>Wed 29 Mar</b>	<b>Cherry Blossom Walking Festival. 6 walks from Easy to VS. All starting in Benimaurell with optional lunch afterwards for the shorter walks at Hotel Alahuar. For more information see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/z2kwmgp">http://tinyurl.com/z2kwmgp</a> or contact Dave and Theresa on social@cbmwalkers.org</b>		
Sat 1 Apr	Lliber Wander. Angela Colgate  96 640 4192 652 596 973  Dogs on lead at all times	7 km 2 ½ hrs  100 m E  <b>10:30</b>	Lliber. 38.74458, 0.018779. Note different start time. Val de Pop restaurant, km 8.35, CV 748, Lliber to Gata road. ( from Lliber drive towards Senija, CV 745, and as you leave Lliber take the left turning CV 748 towards Gata, at Km 8.35, about 1 Km, the restaurant is signposted to the left by the post boxes and basuras, the large restaurant car park is 100m along this road on the left)  A gentle paced walk through the woods to the river bed and return back through Lliber to Val Del Pop restaurant. Good paths, tracks and road. Optional lunch with other walks at end.
Sat 1 Apr	Λ Segaria West End Λ Martin Dunkley  635 113 988 or +447966466175  No dogs	11 km 3 hrs  500 m MS/B	El Rafol D'Alumnia. 38.82221 -0.050738 The Sports Centre car park (Polisportia) at end of Calle Pego, by the tennis courts in El Rafol D'Alumnia  A pleasant walk up to the ridge and around the west end of the Sierra Segaria, there will be an optional lunch afterwards at the Piscina Restaurant next to the car park please book with Martin at least 2 days prior to walk 635113988 or 00447966466175. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/mu93tx9">http://tinyurl.com/mu93tx9</a>
Sat 1 Apr	Λ Alcala de la Jovada via Forada Ridge Λ John Male  678 351 576  No dogs	16 km 5.5 hrs 650 m S/B	Benissiva. 38.819540,-0.225273. Park behind Co-op in Benissiva (on right just as you enter the village) CV700 km 53.5 Pego to Planes road.  Route mainly over quiet roads, tracks and paths (two mozarabic) with an ascent "off piste" back from Alcala to ridge. Wonderful views of the Vall de Galinera. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/lb7ybrw">http://tinyurl.com/lb7ybrw</a>
Sat 1 Apr	L'Alfaro and Beyond David Shaw  678 763 745  Dogs on lead at all times	18 km 6 hrs  800 m VS/C	Famorca.38.731607,-0.24588. Take CV720 from Castell de Castelles to Famorca,turn L into Famorca and park in main street/square.  An early ascent up an old winding hunters' path leads to Alfaro summit,then head down towards Malafi and wind along through Tollos, bypass Benimassot and follow a forest trail to Facheca then a country path to return to cars in Famorca.
3 – 9 Apr	<b>The second trip to Els Port is on! This very successful trip organised in early November by Ralph and Katy Phipps, will be repeated from 3/9 April 2017, based in the same Hotel Pepo in Benifallet to the North of Tortosa and following a similar programme of walks to those enjoyed on the first trip but over six days rather than seven and with Brian Norman as organiser. See - <a href="http://tinyurl.com/gwey3t8">http://tinyurl.com/gwey3t8</a></b>		

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Wed 5 Apr	Spring Leg Stretcher Ann Price Angie Elliott  Ann 646 716 303 Angie 646 930 990 No dogs	13 km 5 hrs  290 m MS/B	Jalon. 38.727445, -0.018527. Take the Jalon to Bernia road, the CV749 and at approx. 2km, park on the left. Take care coming from Jalon because you will need to cross the road on a bend.  Interesting walk through barrancos Maserof and Baron. Excellent opportunity for observing flora and fauna.
Wed 5 Apr	Juvees del Poble d' Enwig circuit returning via barranco del infierno Helen&Mike Granville 96 579 1423 620 287 970  Dogs on lead at all times	17 km 5½ hrs 400 m S/B	Val d'Ebo. 38.806480 -0.157436. From the CV 715 -Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.  Christened the "easy out hard back" by some wag it starts with a lovely mozarabic path ascent, then a simple strolly with lovely views, down to the barranco (part of the 5000 steps) and back via the barranco. A very interesting return. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/pq685og">http://tinyurl.com/pq685og</a>
Wed 5 Apr	Severino & Ovenga (Experienced Walks Only) Jon Lyons 96 283 9953 686 148 704 Dogs on lead at all times	11½ km 6¼ hrs 780 m S/C/Scr/X	Jalon.38.672201,-0.046091 On road between Pinos and Xalo/Jalon at km 11.6 take spur to south. Park near Bernia Inn.  Two forgotten peaks of Bernia.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/pfjqxaf">http://tinyurl.com/pfjqxaf</a>
Wed 5 Apr	Penya Mulero and More Mary Gough  96 583 5333 655 676 118  Dogs on a lead at all times	19 km 6 hrs  1,050 m VS/C	Guadelest. 38.65651, - 0.19681CV70 Polop to Guadalest road, at Km. 33.5 turn L at sign for Trestelledor Hotel, soon after turn L at next small junction, after approx. 200 mtrs. park at layby.  An interesting route up and over Mulero , through two beautiful valleys and the 'silent Buddhist retreat' and return via the ' paso de contadores. Spectacular views and some little visited paths.
Sat 8 Apr	Albir Lighthouse David Brain, Theresa Boyle  96 543 2090  No dogs	5 km 3 hrs  150 m E/A  <b>11:00</b>	Albir 38.567873, -0.062941Lighthouse Car Park, from N332 Mc Donald's follow main road to sea front, Albir; turn R,before beach sign, up narrow road to car park.  We stroll though Sierra Helada National Park to the lighthouse and return, optional climb down to Ochre Mines . Optional lunch at end of walk.  <b>NOTE LATER START TIME</b>
Sat 8 Apr	Beniali Circuit to La Carrotxa via Pintures Rupestres Jo Fletcher 96 507 0422 634 349 985  Dogs on lead at all times	12 km 4 ½ hrs 600 m MS/B	Beniali 38.821972, -0.220006 Follow the CV700 from Pego up the Gallinera valley and park in the car park on the LHS on the outskirts of the village as you enter.  A walk that explores the valley sides to gain good views of the Gallinera villages. The walk starts with a short loop walk to take in the ancient cave paintings.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/pfnsh3m">http://tinyurl.com/pfnsh3m</a>
Sat 8 Apr	Beniali to Al Patro circuit via Pintures Rupestres Ralph Phipps  699 784 253  Dogs on lead at all times	17 km 6 hrs 770 m S/B/Scr-avoidable	Beniali. 38.821972,-0.220006 Follow the CV700 from Pego, through Adsubia and reach the car park (with bins) at the outskirts of the village.  A complex walk with some difficult but short passages along the flanks on both sides of the Gallinera valley.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/k4xpmuy">http://tinyurl.com/k4xpmuy</a>
Sat 8 Apr	A Aixorta from Bolulla Castle A John E. Mail and Clodagh Brown 96 584 6505 J 620 865 267 C 647 894 157 No dogs	14 km 6 hrs  830 m VS/B	Bolulla 38.6941,-0.12804 Bolulla Castle. At Km 45.7 on Tarbena.Bolulla, CV 715, Road turn North and drive approx 3.5km to end of paved surface.  A circular route to this stunning summit along mostly well defined paths - but the odd bit of cross country work for interest. Long ascents - but at a moderate pace.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/oghtxb5">http://tinyurl.com/oghtxb5</a>

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Wed 12 Apr	A Around Miserat from Benirrama (Val de Gallinera) A Theresa Boyle & David Brain 96 502 0432	11 km 4 hrs 400 m M/A	Benirrama. 38.830598,-0.196348. Take CV700 from Pego, direction Planes and turn left to village at km 46.5. Turn right as you enter the village to parking area.  Almost all on good tracks with an optional climb to the summit. Taken at moderate pace (honestly!!!).
	Dogs on lead at all times		
Wed 12 Apr	2000 Steps Clockwise Charles Pye	13 km 5 hrs 599 m MS	Benimaurell 38.773696,-0.127234. On entering village take first right and follow road around edge of village in the direction of Alahuar Hotel. Car park on right just before Bar Les Rogetes (old bar Oasis).  Ascend over Cabello Verde round head of Vall de Laguar & descend and ascend through 2000 steps
	606 523 445 No dogs		
Wed 12 Apr	Encircling Castelli d'Aixa Geoffrey Cobb	16 km 6 hrs 800 m S/B	Llosa de Camacho. Park in spaces at the top of the village. A new walk that encircles then conquers the famous Casteld'Aixa. Splendid unspoilt countryside and fine views.
	657259656 No dogs		
Wed 12 Apr	A Segaria Ridge from Benimeli 10 A Jon Lyons 96 283 9953 686 148 704	10 km 5 hrs 801 m VS/C/Scr	Benimeli. 38.822265,-0.040738 C/Ecce Homo, Benimeli, this is the street nearest Negrals, one of the few leading into the village from the CV729 Sagra-El Verger. After climbing up through the Calvario and a mozarabic path we get onto the bare mountain, with its scrambles and cliffhanging "paths", Iberian ruins and many Moorish ruins.
	No dogs		
Sat 15 Apr	<b>Easy or Moderate Walk and Leader Required. Please contact Programme Secretaries (walks@cbmwalkers.org) to Offer.</b>		
Sat 15 Apr	Rio Serpis Circuit John Male	13 km 4½ hrs 450 m MS/B	Vilallonga. 38.875520, -0.243220. Arriving in Vilallonga using CV680, turn R at roundabout after filling station following direction towards Ador. At roundabout with a dog on the plinth – go straight ahead leaving school on your left to Reprimala (along Via Pista). pass the font & bar & continue up & round the bends to quarry. Park near information board 100 metres further on.  Circular route with a half an hour of road climbing to warm us up before following undulating paths with spectacular views to the to the old Hydro power station & lunch by the river. Return via the old railway line. Bring a torch if you do not like the dark. Sticks useful for some of the descents. Flowers in profusion in springtime.
	678 351 576 Dogs on lead at all times		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/oexdkw7">http://tinyurl.com/oexdkw7</a>
Sat 15 Apr	Serra del Mirant Ralph Phipps	14 km 5 hrs 620 m S/B	Benirrama. 38.830598,-0.196348 Take CV700 from Pego, direction Planes and turn left to village at km 46.5. Turn right as you enter the village to parking area.  Walk down through lanes to cross the main road and across a barranco. Now ascend on a good mozarabic trail to eventually reach a broad track which we follow along the flank of Serra del Mirant. After a lunch stop we descend on a path back to Beniali and thence using country roads back to Benirrama. Excellent views back to the Forada ridge.
	699 784 253 Dogs on lead at all times		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/mjbx6b9">http://tinyurl.com/mjbx6b9</a>
Sat 15 Apr	Font dels Teixes - el Morro Blau Lee O'Neill 96 587 4776 669 735 617	12 km 5½ hrs 650 m S/B	Bolulla. 38.6941,-0.12804 Bolulla Castle. At km 45.7 on CV715 Callosa-Parcent road turn up track at sign O1H URBANA for 4km and park at end of tarmac. The walk takes us up el Morro Blau via dels Teixes for lunch stop with spectacular views. With most of the climbing done, it is mainly downhill !! The tracks vary from good paths and tracks to rough underfoot cross country. The final downhill is rough and loose underfoot, relying on cairns and memory for route.
	No dogs		

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Wed 19 Apr	Forada Ridge from Alcala de la Jovada Jo Fletcher  96 507 0422 634 349 985	11 km 4 hrs  275 m M/B	Alcala de la Jovada. 38.79408, -0.25385 From the Orba to Pego road near Pego take the CV712 signed to Vall d'Ebo. Continue past Vall d'Ebo to Alcada de la Jovada and park on edge of village near the swimming pool.  A pleasant walk with splendid views around the Gallinera valley. This gently undulating walk takes in the Forada ridge, a nevera, a cave house and an old abandoned Moorish village. The walk will be taken at a gentle pace to appreciate the views. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/q8l9lpo">http://tinyurl.com/q8l9lpo</a>
Wed 19 Apr	5 Pueblos Helen&Mike Granville  96 579 1423 620 287 970	12 km 4½ hrs  450 m MS/A	Beniali. 38.821972,-0.220006 Follow the CV700 from Pego, through Adsubia and reach the car park (with bins) at the outskirts of the village.  Route takes us upwards towards the Forada ridge under the Forat and on to visit five of the eight villages in the beautiful Vall de Gallinera. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/pucw9pw">http://tinyurl.com/pucw9pw</a>
Wed 19 Apr	Tossal Gran (Albert's Peak) from Pego Geoff Cobb  657 259 656 No dogs	15 km 5½ hrs 650 m S/B	Pego. 38.838379 -0.121313. Plaza del Metge Almela, above Pla de la Font, Paseo Cervantes Plaza.  Small amount on roads, but mainly on marked paths. Lovely walk with splendid views. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/l2g3ayp">http://tinyurl.com/l2g3ayp</a>
Wed 19 Apr	Λ Ponocho Summit and Carrasca Λ John E. Mail and Clodagh Brown  96 584 6505 J 620 865 267 C 647 894 157 No dogs	14 km 6 hrs  720 m S/B	Finestrat. 38.5778, -0.2086 Enter Finestrat on CV761 from La Marina Shopping Centre, Benidorm (Carrefour) At T junction turn right onto CV 758 then after 300m take left turn to Font Molí. After 1km park in the carpark after the font and wait for a convoy to the start of the walk.  Ascent to summit of Ponocho using main path to avoid exposure & scramble. Ridge route will be available to the foolhardy. Return via barranco Carrasca & Buddhist retreat
Sat 22 Apr	<b>Easy or Moderate Walk and Leader Required. Please contact Programme Secretaries (walks@cbmwalkers.org) to Offer.</b>		
Sat 22 Apr	Cabo San Antonio & Watchtower Del Gadd  679 576 974 No dogs	14 km 5 hrs 300 m MS/B	Javea Port. 38.796892,0.183279 Meet in public car park opposite fish market.  Impressive coastal views. Lunch at watchtower.
Sat 22 Apr	Bodoix via Castell D'Ambra - Extended Andy Marsh  679 060 732 No dogs	14 km 5½ hrs 680 m S/B	Pego, 38.838379,-0.121313.Plaza del Metge Almela, above Pla de la Font, Paseo Cervantes Plaza.  Small amount on roads but mainly on good marked tracks and paths albeit a short stretch of path is a little rocky underfoot. Lovely views, particularly from the castle <a href="http://tinyurl.com/l5692y3">http://tinyurl.com/l5692y3</a>
Sat 22 Apr	Λ Montduver figure of eight Λ Jo Fletcher  96 507 0422 634 349 985 Dogs on lead at all times	12 km 5 ½ hrs  870 m VS/B	Xeraco. At km 231.2 on the N332 going N look for a Patri supermarket on the RHS. Take the next turning L into a campo road and follow this over the motorway and up into the valley until just before the tarmac ends where there is parking in front of a ruin on the LHS.  A route up to the summit of this attractive mountain and then back above some imposing crags to return to the valley. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/pemgtrw">http://tinyurl.com/pemgtrw</a>

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Wed 26 Apr	Barranco Xarquet Jon Lyons  96 283 9953 686 148 704  Dogs on lead at all times	10 km 5 hrs  410 m MS/C/Scr	Bolulla. 38.6941,-0.12804 Bolulla Castle. At km 45.7 on CV715 Callosa-Parcent road turn up track at sign O1H URBANA for 4km and park at end of tarmac.  The lack of height gain and distance should not lead you to underestimate the challenge of this day which involves a demanding scramble up the barranco (great fun!) leading to fruit terraces and an easier return back through a valley with coastal views.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/o4cz2nr">http://tinyurl.com/o4cz2nr</a>
Wed 26 Apr	Barranco de Mascarat Charles Pye  606 523 445 No dogs	15 km 5½ hrs  500 m MS/B	Lleus. 38.679402, 0.013518. From Benissa along the N332 towards Calpe, turn right after the bridge with sign posted Casa de Maco restaurante, then follow signs to Lleus and La Brisa. At La Brisa take a sharp RH bend to Lleus Plaza. If coming from the Altea direction it is illegal to turn left at the bridge, therefore you will need to travel towards Benissa and turn round when it is legal and return to the bridge.  Short river bed scramble.
Wed 26 Apr	Maigmo Circuit John E. Mail and Clodagh Brown 96 584 6505 J 620 865 267 C 647 894 157	16 km 6 hrs  617 m S/B  <b>10:30</b>	Tibi . Note different start time. Motorway service centre on A7 from Alicante to Alcoy km 482. Exit to Agost CV 827  A spectacular walk mostly on good tracks which avoids the summit. Bring torches if you do not like the dark.  <b>This may form part of an extended trip to the south from 25 – 27 April. More details will be published on the website if this goes ahead.</b>
Wed 26 Apr	Barranco Calvo, Alcala de la Jovada, Barranco Malafi circuit  Mary Gough 96 583 5333 655 676 118  Dogs on a lead at all times	21 km 6 hrs  550 m VS/ B/Scr	Benichembla. 38.769781, - 0.194966 CV720 Parcent to Castell de Castelles road,turn R at Villa Mercedes and continue past ' Petracos ' for a couple more kms. and park on large layby.  An extended circular walk in this popular area starting with a scramble up an interesting barranco , across to Alcala de la Jovada and return down barranco Malafi, spectacular views and some interesting historic landmarks.
Sat 29 Apr	<b>Easy or Moderate Walk and Leader Required. Please contact Programme Secretaries (walks@cbmwalkers.org) to Offer.</b>		
Sat 29 Apr	Marnes Dos Barrancos Jean Russell  96 583 6261 626 522 161  No dogs	13 km 5 hrs  500 m MS/B	Benissa. 38.67821,-0.01726 1 km after Pinos restaurant on Benissa-Bernia road (CV749) take right hand junction just over bridge towards Marnes. Park after 200m.  This is an adapted version of Charles Pye's Tres Barrancos walk. The route takes us up to the Bernia campsite and from there winds round and up to the Cau before returning via the L'Aspre barranco. Excellent views.
Sat 29 Apr	Benimaurell Loop Paul Elliott  96 557 7453 679 555 081  No dogs	14 km 5½ hrs  650 m S/B	Benimaurell. 38.773696 -0.127234 On entering village take first right and follow road around edge of village in the direction of Alahuar Hotel. Car park on right just before Bar Les Rogetes (old bar Oasis).  Mixture of animals tracks (narrow in places), some scrambling and ridge walk before descending back to Benimaurell  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/qb2x8q5">http://tinyurl.com/qb2x8q5</a>

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Sat 29 Apr	Alcala de la Jovada circuit John Male  678 351 576  No dogs	26 km 7½ hrs  840 m VS/B	Val d'Ebo. 38.80654,-0.157267 From the CV 715 -Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.  Although a VS because of length and ascent, with the exception of a toughish ascent within the first hour, this is a moderate walk, mainly on good tracks/forestry roads which will be taken at a fairly brisk pace. Come along - you'll be sure to get a good nights sleep!  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ojxwn84">http://tinyurl.com/ojxwn84</a>
Wed 3 May	Drova valley historic walk Dick Handscombe  96 280 7083 662 277 487  No dogs	10 km 4 hrs  200 m E	Barx. 39.011052, -0.299152 Note Different Start time. Town Hall car park, 14 km from Gandia.Take second exit off N332 Gandia bypass signposted Gandia/Barx. At roundabout at end of slip road take second exit effectively turning left onto CV 675.Follow road through orange groves,houses windy mountain road to La Drova and continue onto main village of Barx. At roundabout the big new town hall will be on your right. Take first exit and immediately turn right, right again and right again into car park.  Interesting and hopefully floral walk using trail and stopping places used since cave dwellers of 27,000 BC including Ibericans, Romans, Arabs, Christians, monks, two local popes, shepherds and expats. Bar restaurant lunch after if interested. Bookings taken at beginning of walk.
Wed 3 May	Montnegre circuit from Val d'Ebo Jo Fletcher  96 507 0422 634 349 985  Dogs on lead at all times	13 km 5 hrs  560 m MS/B	Val d'Ebo. 38.80654,-0.157267 From the CV 715 -Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.  A walk around the Montnegre NE of the village of Vall d'Ebo. The route initially follows the river before climbing out of the valley on indistinct Mozarabic paths. It then uses better paths and tracks to circumnavigate the Montnegre feature. You will experience wonderful views down to the coast and into the Pego valley before returning past the donkey sanctuary and back down good paths to Vall d' Ebo.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/z5j2yuz">http://tinyurl.com/z5j2yuz</a>
Wed 3 May	Jalon Parcent Circuit via Col de Rates Alan Jackson 96 558 3637  No dogs	16 km 5½ hrs 500 m S/B	Jalon 38.744193,-0.017402. Car park under trees opposite Alleluya Bar at Information Office.  Entire walk on good tracks.  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/konewab">http://tinyurl.com/konewab</a>
Wed 3 May	A Sanchet A John E. Mail and Clodagh Brown 96 584 6505 J 620 865 267 C 647 894 157 Dogs on lead at all times	16 km 6 hrs  630 m S/B	Guadalest.38.654004, -0.177488, CV70 between La Nucia and Guadalest. Park in Rincon de Pepe's car park and be sure to have a drink there afterwards to reward him.  Sanchet circular with wonderful views over Els Castelletts. Well-defined paths throughout. Breakaway groups can go over the summit if you know the way.
Sat 6 May	Benichembla Stroll Martin Brain  96 558 1920 658 101 899 Dogs on lead at all times	9 km 3 hrs  250 m M/B <b>10:30</b>	Benichembla. 38.753949,-0.111884. Note different start time. Bar Bon Aire, Benichembla on CV720 between Parcent and Castell de Castells  A gentle circular stroll around the basin below El Mirabo to Font de Alt. 90% on sound tracks. Lunch at Bon Aire .
Sat 6 May	Barranco de la Cova to Col de Miserat circuit David Harbach 96 597 7139 608 304 342 Dogs on a lead at all times	13 km 5 hrs 480 m MS/B	Plaza del Metge Almela, above Pla de la Font, Paseo Cervantes Plaza. For more detailed directions see any Pego walk in "Walks in Spain"  Small amount on quiet country roads but mainly on marked paths one section of which is newly opened - NEW WALK



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Sat 6 May	Sierra de Sireret Jo Fletcher  96 557 7453 634 349 985  Dogs on lead at all times	13 km 5 hrs  670 m S/B	Val d'Ebo. 38.80654,-0.157267 From the CV 715 -Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.  A walk out to the West side of Vall D'Ebo which starts and ends on country roads but is then mainly on rough animal tracks which can be a little scratchy in places. Initially following the Rio Ebo the walk makes its way around and onto the Serra Sireret taking in some unspoilt valleys and ridges with spectacular 360° views. Although the walk is rough underfoot in places and has a couple of strenuous climbs it is worth the effort. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/mz7tj9u">http://tinyurl.com/mz7tj9u</a>
Wed 10 May	Montgo west to the Iberian settlement Peter Christofis  607 707 064  Dogs on a lead at all times	9 km 4 hrs 290 m M/B	Jesus Pobre. 38.801992, 0.094628.Los Lagos. km 6 on CV735 between La Xara (near Denia) and Javea. Turn into Los Lagos, then immediately left and park.  A moderate ascent, then easy walking to the remains of an Iberian settlement with views over Denia and Jesus Pobre. Rough under foot at times
Wed 10 May	A Caballo Verde Ridge from Benimaurell A Geoff Ellis  96 642 6488 696 032 882 No dogs	15 km 5 hrs  500 m MS/B/Scr	Benimaurell. 38.773696,-0.127234 On entering village take first right and follow road around edge of village in the direction of Alahuar Hotel. Car park on right just before Bar Les Rogetes (old bar Oasis).  Walk runs from Benimaurell to Fleix and then length of the Caballo Verde Ridge, excluding Peñons.
Wed 10 May	Olta Three Peaks Jean Russell  96 583 9291 626 522 161  No dogs	12 km 5 hrs  625 m S/C	Calpe. 38.650851,0.032648 Train station. From N332 station is signposted (you turn away from Calpe). Pass station, over crossing ample parking on right.  A new combination of Olta routes, starting at the station and featuring the 3 Olta summits with the descent from the 3rd peak via "the gully" Wonderful coast and mountain views.
Sat 13 May	Montgo West. Gully Peter Christofis  606 707 064  Dogs on a lead at all times	9 km 4½ hrs  390 m M/B	Jesus Pobre. 38.801992, 0.094628.Los Lagos. km 6 on CV735 between La Xara (near Denia) and Javea. Turn into Los Lagos, then immediately left and park.  A moderate walk with a climb up the rocky gully, then easy walking with views over Denia and Jesus Pobre. Rough under foot at times
Sat 13 May	Serrella castle - extended. Andy Marsh  679 060 732 No dogs	13 km 5 hrs  500 m MS/B	Castell de Castells. 38.723848 -0.194751. Take the CV720 from Parcent and Benichembla to Castell de Castells. In the village, immediately opposite Hotel Serrella (on the RHS) turn L. After 20 m. turn L again into Calle Jose Antontio and then almost immediately L again down a ramp into the signed parking area.  A circular walk all on good paths and broad forestry tracks. Stunning views on a clear day especially from the castle.
Sat 13 May	A Segaria summit from the East A John Male  678 351 576  No dogs	11 km 5 hrs  700 m S/B	Benimeli. 38.820284,-0.043302 Take CV729 to Benimeli and park where possible. If congested turn off the CV729 at brown sign "Pou de Baix" where more places should be available and go to the church square where the walk begins  A very pleasant walk for the main part around this rugged mountain with a tough ascent over some rocky ground to the summit. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/m7vzsjh">http://tinyurl.com/m7vzsjh</a>

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Wed 17 May	Benichembla Stretch Martin Brain	9 3	km hrs	Benichembla. 38.753949,-0.111884. Note different start time. Bar Bon Aire, Benichembla on CV720 between Parcent and Castell de Castells
	96 558 1920 658 101 899	300 M/B	m	First half on mozarabic trails then tracks home. Lunch at the Bon Aire afterwards. People who wish to attend lunch but not walk to phone the leader first.
	Dogs on lead at all times	<b>10:30</b>		
Wed 17 May	⚠ Carrasca Ridge via barranco del Infierno ⚠ Jo Fletcher	13 4½	km hrs	Val d'Ebo. 38.80654,-0.157267 From the CV 715 -Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.
	96 507 0422 634 349 985	600 MS/C	m	Route takes us down the barranco which is rocky underfoot, up a marked path for half the ascent with the remainder over rough (but not scratchy) terrain onto the ridge and back down marked paths and tracks.
	Dogs on lead at all times			<a href="http://tinyurl.com/nsobot3">http://tinyurl.com/nsobot3</a>
Wed 17 May	Orba Castle Nic and Neil Laws	15 5 725	km hrs m	Murla. 38.762357,-0.082113 CV750 Alcalali to Murla road .in Murla turn right to cemetery car park A circular clockwise route through forest tracks, visiting two summits, includes a scramble and wonderful views of Fontilles
	634 305 509 Dogs on lead at all times	S/B/Scr		<a href="http://tinyurl.com/jg6x8e8">http://tinyurl.com/jg6x8e8</a>
Sat 20 May	Sender Del Seguli Jo Fletcher	10 4	km hrs	Benidoleig. 38.793019, -0.028016 Enter Benidoleig using the CV 731 or CV733. At the roundabout in Benidoleig take the road between the shop and the Farmacia signed Centre Medic. Follow the road up the hill for 200m. Park in the area of the junction with the building (town hall) and walk noticeboard on your right and with the road leading to recycle bins on your left.
	96 507 0422 634 349 985	350 M/B	m	This is a short version of the recently created walk PR-CV445 around the hills above the village of Benidoleig. The walk has wonderful views down into the Orba valley and out to the coast. Along the route there are information boards identifying flora and fauna and historical landmarks. A couple of steep sections of path but the going is good and the walk will be taken at a pace allowing you to admire your surroundings.
	Dogs on lead at all times	<b>10:30</b>		
Sat 20 May	⚠ Forada ridge - extended from Alcada de la Jovada ⚠ David Harbach	13 4½	km hrs	Alcala de la Jovada. 38.79408, -0.25385 From the Orba to Pego road near Pego take the CV712 signed to Vall d'Ebo. Continue past Vall d'Ebo to Alcala de la Jovada and park on the furthest edge of village near the public swimming pool.
	96 597 7139 608 304 342 Dogs on lead at all times	610 S/B	m	A pleasant walk with splendid views of the Gallinera valley
Sat 20 May	⚠ Miserat Summit & part Solana del Garrofer Ridge ⚠ John Male	12 5½	km hrs	Val d'Ebo. 38.80654,-0.157267 From the CV 715 -Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.
	678 351 576	630 S/C	m	A tough walk much over virgin terrain. There is a little easy scrambling in parts, some scratchy bits (but not much) and some boulder hopping but nothing that should deter a regular mountain walker. The rewards are the stunning views. Bring your camera so you can show your kids/grand-kids and bore your friends!
	Dogs on lead at all times			<a href="http://tinyurl.com/lwkjd8t">http://tinyurl.com/lwkjd8t</a>

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Wed 24 May	Castell d'Ambra circuit Robert & Pauline Chalmers  96 502 0712 645 082 381	10 km 4 hrs  390 m M/B	Pego 38.841749, -0.107133 . From El Vergel/N332 take the CV700 to Pego. Turn L at the second traffic island (beside the Cooperativa) and park towards the end of the wide road before the cross roads.  Marked paths throughout. The route is initially through the lanes and orange groves of Pego to the Font del Baladrar and then on further lanes before reaching tracks and paths which climb, a little steeply in parts to the Castell d'Ambra with magnificent views overlooking Pego and the surrounding countryside. The walk will be undertaken at a gentle pace.
	No dogs		
Wed 24 May	Tossal Grau (Alberts Peak) returning over Solana del Garrofer and the Rio Ebo (NEW WALK) David Harbach 96 597 7139 608 304 342	16 km 6 hrs 610 m S/B	Val d'Ebo. 38.80654,-0.157267 From the CV 715 -Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.  An interesting walk that starts with a lovely mozarabic ascent out of the valley. Splendid views from the summit of Tossal Grau and the Solana del Garrofer ridge.
	Dogs on a lead at all times		
Wed 24 May	Castells Combo Andy Marsh  679 060 732	19 km 6 hrs  750 m S/B	Castells de Castells. 38.723848, -0.194751 Take the CV720 from Parcent and Benichembla to Castells de Castells. In the village, immediately opposite Hotel Serella (on RHS) turn L. After 20m, turn L again into Calle Jose Antonio and then almost immediately L again down a ramp into the signed parking area.  A circular walk combining parts of Foyes Valley, Castells South & East Circuits and the foothills of Aixorta. A mixture of broad forestry tracks, marked paths, mozarabic paths and a few rough tracks. Walked at a 'brisk pace'
	No dogs		
Sat 27 May	Smugglers' Cove of Cala Llebeig Del Gadd  679 576 974	8 km 4 hrs 300 m M/B	Moraira. L'Arnella. 38.703668, 0.144938 Take road from Moraira to El Portet for approx. 2 km. At El Manet sign turn left into Camino de la Viuda and carry on for approx.2 km.  Route starts along a barranco to Cova Llebeig (smugglers' cove), along the undercliff, passing caves to the mirador above, Playa de Moraig (Cumbre del Sol). Option to visit the rock formation at Cala Moraig - and returning along the same route. Some parts of the route, e.g. the barranco and the steep decent need care.
	No dogs		
Sat 27 May	Caballo Verde Col Alan Jackson  96 558 3637	17 km 5½ hrs  550 m S/B	Tormos. 38.799124,-0.076498 Coming from the south (Orba) on the CV715 at the outskirts of the village turn L (signposted to Costera del Moll) into Calle Pozo. Take the next L (Carrer Val de Llaguart) and then take the 2nd turn on the RHS just after the bins. Drive to the end opposite a plaza and turn L into Avenguda Joan Carles I. Drive a few hundred metres along this and park in the large car park on the LHS opposite the public piscina.  Route to Isbert's Dam then through tunnel (bring torch) and a climb up to Fontilles and then up to the Col. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/kdg2cfx">http://tinyurl.com/kdg2cfx</a>
	No dogs		
Sat 27 May	Beniaia Circuit Carol Harbach  96 597 7139 629 283 186	17 km 5 hrs  400 m S/A	Alcala de la Jovada 38.79408,-0.25385. Park at edge of village near swimming pool. From the Orba to Pego road near Pego take the CV712 signed to Vall d'Ebo. Continue past Vall d'Ebo to Alcala de la Jovada.  A circular walk mainly on tracks, some quiet roads and a short path. Wonderful views. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/n8rwh4v">http://tinyurl.com/n8rwh4v</a>
	No dogs		

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Wed 31 May	<b>End Of Season Walks and Lunch.</b>	Lunch is at Bar Tormos in Tormos at 1:30pm. Cost 12€ Primero a. Ensalada Mixta. (Mixed salad) b. Revuelto to Vegetal. (Scrambled vegetables) c. Sopa de Pollo. (Chicken soup) d. Macarrones Bolones <b>Pay on the day.</b> To book the meal please email : angelaselliott@hotmail.com with your choice of starter and main course. All people booking should receive a confirmation email. <b>Please email again if you don't get a confirmation otherwise we may not have booked you in.</b>	
Wed 31 May	Tormos Stroll Angela Colgate 96 640 4192 652 596 973	8 ½ km 3 hrs 200 m E/A	Tormos. 38.801776, -0.070108. Restaurant Tormos, Calle Santa Cruz,32. A walk towards the dam on wide tracks, crossing the dry river bed to walk through the tunnel and returning alongside the river, through the orange groves and back to Tormos Restaurant. Torch useful for tunnel.
	No dogs		
Wed 31 May	Tormos easy circuit via Isbert's 9 dam. Peter Greene	3 km 3 hrs	Tormos. 38.799124,-0.076498 Coming from the south (Orba) on the CV715 at the outskirts of the village turn L (signposted to Costera del Moll) into Calle Pozo. Take the next L (Carrer Val de Llaguart) and then take the 2nd turn on the RHS just after the bins. Drive to the end opposite a plaza and turn L into Avenguda Joan Carles I. Drive a few hundred metres along this and park in the large car park on the LHS opposite the public piscina.
	96 574 3454 620 319 797 Dogs on lead at rear	252 m M/A	A pleasant afternoon stroll or pre-lunch appetizer in dramatic countryside. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/pdqx84d">http://tinyurl.com/pdqx84d</a>

**Date for your diary - Wed 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Opening Meet at Bar Piscina Parcent. Full Details in the Autumn 2017 Programme**

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