



CASTELL DE CASTELLS PENYA EL CASTELLET

ROUTE DETAILS:

Starting point: El Castellet recreation area.

Destination: El Castellet recreation area.

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

Should you detect any damage to the signposting, please contact the FEMECV so that it can be repaired.

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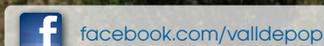
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At an altitude of over 1,000 metres, **La Penya El Castellet rock** commands stunning views over both *la Vall de Castells* and *la Vall de Guadalet*.

Ruins of an Arabic castle are located on the summit and spread out onto the nearby rocky area, hence the name of the crag. Remains include a quadrangular tower, an inner ward and a cistern that is in quite good condition.

This route is an excellent introduction to some of the hallmarks of Castell de Castells: the Arabic heritage, the Font de la Bota spring and the mountain village atmosphere. It also offers spectacular views.

TECHNICAL INFO

Type of route: Circular

Total estimated duration: 3 hrs.

Total distance: 10,250 m.

Gradient: 430m.

Difficulty: Moderate

Province: Alicante

Region: Marina Alta

Area: La Vall de Pop

Villages along the route:

Castell de Castells - Beniardà



FONT DE LA BOTA
SPRING

The route departs from the El Castellet **Recreation Area**, which is equipped with both a campsite and cabins for accommodation and other leisure facilities.

The area is located in a pine forest surrounded by terraces of olive trees, built into a small ravine. From here, there are already great views over the Cocoll, Altara and Aixortà mountain ranges, and over the municipality of Castell de Castells.

Follow the track that climbs up along the left through a pine forest. Continue along through a ravine. As you get to the end, the track starts to zigzag all the way to a **crossroads**. Take the footpath on the left until you reach a **junction** where several walking tracks intersect and continue towards the right, onto short-distance route PR CV 149.

The foothills of the Sierra de Serrella and the Sierra d'Aixortà mountain ranges converge at *Portet de Castells*, a hill that offers striking views over Guadalest Valley. Several short-distance walking routes intersect at this point: PR CV 19, 150 and 18. Take the track on the right and climb up a steep slope to the summit along *Penyó de la Neu*.

The views from the summit are extremely rewarding: Aitana, Puig Campana and Ponoig mountains and Serra Gelada mountain ranges, as well as the villages of Confrides, Abdet, Benifato, Beniardá, Benimantell, Guadalest with its reservoir, and, obviously, Castell de Castells.

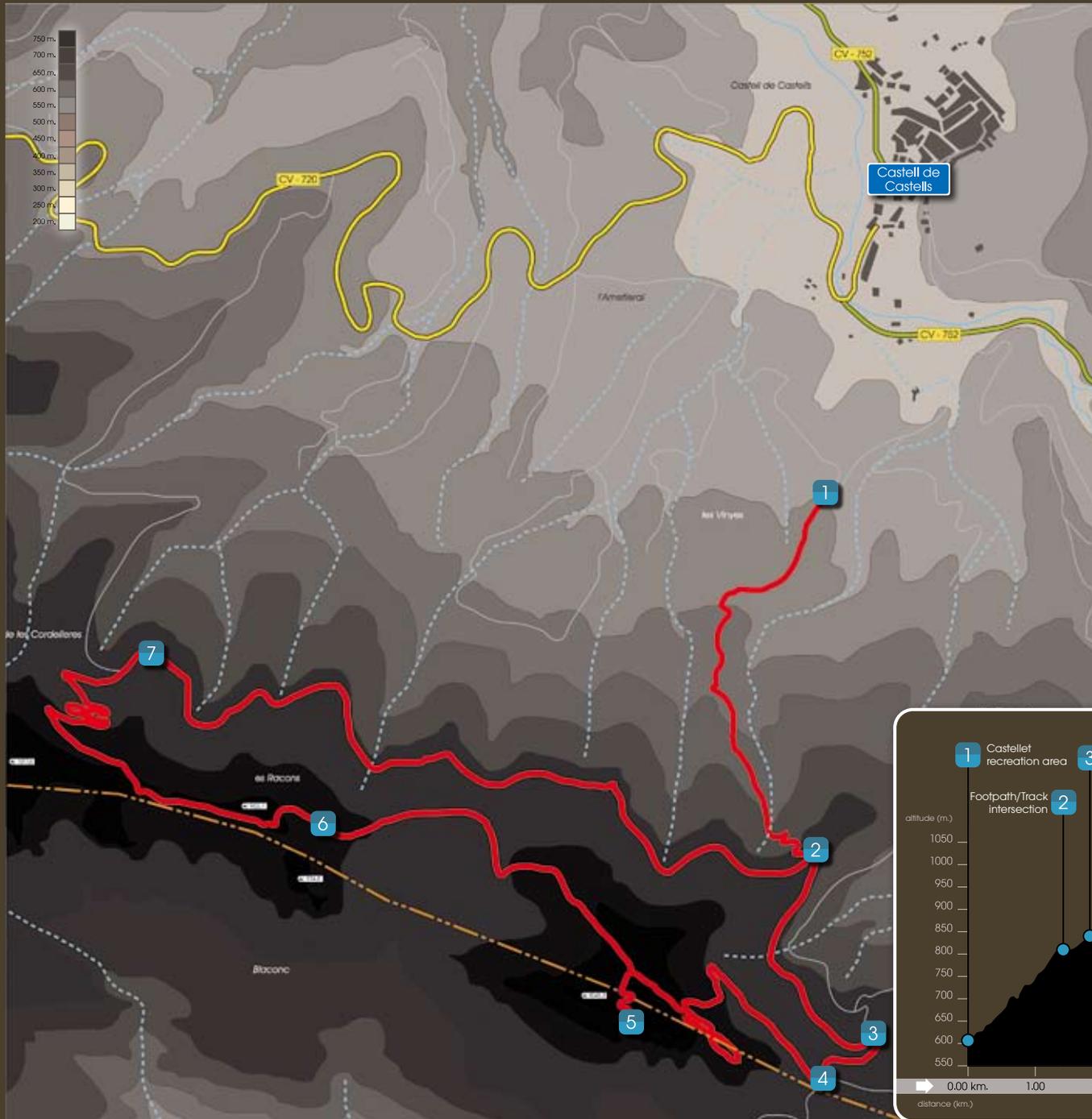
The ruins of the Arabic castle on the **Penya del Castellet** have been declared a cultural heritage site. It is possible to make out the defensive walls and an old cistern.

Follow the same track, and continue on towards the **House (casa)** and the **Frare Well (Pou del Frare)**.

The route climbs up again towards a small mountain shelf, a **viewpoint** that looks out over the *Barranc de la Canal* ravine to the left. Zigzag back down to a dense pine forest with Castell de Castells in the distance.

After a long walk through pleasant scenery, the same track that the route climbed up before now appears to the left. Continue along the track through *Barranc de Gaspar* ravine. The route then brings you back to the starting point, the recreation area and campsite. If you're not too worn out, cool off in the *Font de la Bota* spring.

PR CV 149 CASTELL DE CASTELLS - PENYA EL CASTELLET



MAIN POINTS	Distance	Duration
1 Castellet recreation area	0 m.	0
2 Footpath/Track intersection	990 m.	30 mins.
3 PR-CV19-150 intersection	1.680 m.	48 mins.
4 Hill/PR-CV19-150 intersection	2.230 m.	58 mins.
5 Penya del Castellet rock	3.310 m.	1hr. 38
6 Pou del Frare House	4.200 m.	1hr. 54
7 Viewpoint	6.560 m.	2hrs. 19
2 Footpath/Track intersection	10.260 m.	2hrs. 45
1 Castellet recreation area	11.250 m.	3hrs. 05

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OUTLINE OF THE ROUTE

