

Cocentaina, Montcabrer (1389 m.), Agres
District de “El Comtat”

Price: 20€, covering the bus service and insurance for the activity. This should be paid on Tuesday 15, together with the registration fee. As a requirement for the insurance, each participant should provide a copy of her/his identification. An experienced guide will accompany us (he is collaborating with us for free).

Departure: *Friday February 18, at 8.00 h*, from *Xàtiva Street* at the other side of the road of the train station (*Estación del Norte*), in front of *Instituto Luis Vives* (see **Map 1**).

Time walking: 5 ½ to 6 h. (aprox.)

The *Montcabrer* is the highest peak of the mountain chain *Sierra Mariola*. Located in the borough of *Concentaina*, it has 1.389 meters of height. It is the third highest peak of the *Alicante* province. Its name comes from the fact that shepherds used to take their goats to that peak, since it had water and good pastures. From the peak one can see a beautiful landscape. In sunny and clear days one can even see the *Albufera of Valencia*.

See **Map 2**.

PROGRAM

We will be transported by bus to *Cocentaina*. We will start our hike from the *Hermitage of San Cristóbal*, along an ‘ecological route’ that, in constant uphill, will take us to beautiful places and fresh water fountains as the *Huit Piletas*, *Font de Sancho* and *Font del Pouet* where we could take breath and rest a bit, until we reach the peak. If the weather is good we will have a superb view from there.

In the way back we will take the direction of *Agres*; we will pass by the *Cavas*, the *Refuge of the Montcabrer* and the *Agres Sanctuary*. Then we will arrive to the town (*Agres*) where the bus will be waiting to take us home. We will arrive to Valencia (*Xàtiva Street*) around 20:00 h.

EQUIPMENT AND RECOMENDATIONS

Like for any excursion in the mountain, and in winter like now, we need to carry all the equipment that will keep us safe and comfortable. We recommend: hiking boots, warm clothes, hat and gloves, water bottle (1 ½ liter per person), sunscreen, lip protection, raincoat (indispensable) and backpack.

Breakfast and lunch: We will also carry food prepared for late breakfast (‘almuerzo’) and late lunch.

Guide: Pepe Alfonso