

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Alfaro Summit and Circuit
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Tollos
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	11
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	550
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3hr 4hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	MS/B
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 38.755351; Long:- -0.274031
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Tollos. Take the CV720 through Castell de Castells and past Famorca, Facheca and soon afterwards there is a turn to the right to the village of Tollos. Take this and just before reaching the village park on the right in the car park behind a small recreation area.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A pleasant route to the top of the "lighthouse" of Alfaro with panoramic views though 350 degrees on forest tracks with the exception of a short rocky walk to the summit.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
From the out outskirts of the village walk S past the first turning to the L and at the second with signboard about a PR route, turn L.	
Follow this road as it turns L and drops a little and then swings around to the R again. It continues for some 1.2km and where there is a rough area ahead turns sharply R and downhill.	1.2km 14mins
Follow the road downhill and at the bottom it meets a track at a T-jnc. Turn L.	1.8km 22mins
As you walk along the valley floor there is dramatic scenery ahead and soon you arrive at a secondary track going a little uphill on the RHS. Take this.	2.6km 32mins
This continues generally E for a while but then turns sharply uphill and to the S as it starts to zig-zag up the mountain beside a rocky barranco.	3.3km 41 mins

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The climb continues relentlessly to reach a junction where you turn R.	3.8km 52mins
Continue uphill to reach a second junction with a track on the RHS that descends. Ignore this and continue uphill to the L.	4.2km 1hr 2mins
Ignore a side track going off to the L.	4.54km 1hr 5mins
Ignore an indistinct side track going off to the R.	4.95km 1hr 14mins
Make a big zig around to the L and go quite steeply uphill and then ignore the next track which goes off to the R.	5.14km 1hr 18mins
At the next junction take the track which goes steeply up to the R. This is a little indistinct appearing only to be a rocky scree slope, but is clearer as you look back on it. It is cairned.	5.4km 1hr 22mins
Now follow this track uphill as it zigs L then R and then L again. When it reaches a level platform at a grassy area you are directly below the summit even though the track continues ahead slightly downhill and can be seen contouring around a spur in the distance.	6km 1hr 33mins
From the grassy area, look for cairns and a clear footpath making its way uphill and follow this until it crests the ridge to the L of a small crag. On top of this is a small metal flag which you will need to remember to find the best way down! By heading slightly to the L and uphill (and SE) you will quickly be able to see the summit trig point – a round concrete pillar. Make for this and enjoy the views.	6.15km 1hr 37mins
Now return to the metal sign and descend by your uphill route to the level grassy area and the track.	6.3km 1hr 42mins
Turn L down the track. Remembering to make all the zig-zags correctly without taking any side turnings. From a general direction of W or S you eventually round a spur to travel E. Here look out for a stony descent into a pretty barranco. It is a little difficult to get down from the track, but once down the 2/3 metres from the track side the going is easier.	7.6km 2hr 2mins
Descend the barranco and emerge on a track.	8.4km 2hr 18mins
Turn L steeply down the track before finally reaching a level and then slightly rising section for a few metres.	8.6km 2hr 22mins
Continue down this track until it reaches a clear R turn and descends to join a tarmac road.	9.9km 2hr 38mins
Just across the road and to the R is a very interesting house with adornments suggesting that it might be a chapel, a shrine to falleros or just a folly. Either way it is worth a view before returning back the way you came along the tarmac to join the CV720 where you turn R.	10.1km 2hr 42mins
Take the next R to head back to the village and your parked car.	11km 2hr 50mins

**Red outline shows route to be followed – going clockwise from Tollos**

