

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

Visit www.walkspain.org for more walks descriptions in Spain

Walk description originally prepared by:-	Dave Harbach, CBMW, Dec 2012	
Last Updated	12 December 2015 by Jo Fletcher and Ralph Phipps	
Title of Walk	Vall d'Ebo circuit from Benimaurell	
Location of Start	Benimaurell	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	17.7 km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	856 m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	5hrs11mins 7hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.77373; Long:- -0.12726	
Directions to Start	Bar Les Rogetes (old Bar Oasis). On entering village take first right and follow road around edge of village to a large car park by the bar in the direction of Alahuar hotel	
Short walk description	A testing walk partly over well established paths and tracks, some over less well established paths and animal tracks and about 2km "off-piste" over rocky terrain. Wonderful views from start to finish over sections of Sierras Caballo Verde and Carrasca.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
With Bar Les Rogetes on your RHS go uphill, L at top, then first L signed Cavall Verde (Y/W). Take second R at junction, then L at next junction. Take first R at crossroads up and R out of village on a road to a path. Turn R onto this path signed Coll de Garga. (6mins, 440m)		6mins, 440m
Continue below and parallel with the ridge to a road and turn L (28mins, 1.53km)		34mins, 1.97km
After 30m turn L back onto a path up to a house, R onto a track and after 20m L at a fork. Track soon becomes a path which you follow to a path junction where you turn R signed Coll de Garga (11mins, 0.57km)		45mins, 2.54km
Proceed to a timber house, R onto track then after approx. 40m L back onto path. At end of path turn L onto a road then immediately R onto a track in front of a bar and signed Collada De Garga. (12mins, 0.71km)		57mins, 3.25km
Continue for 4mins to a fork, go to the R and on and down to the saddle. There are		

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

several paths that start on the LHS of the track. Yours is the LH one closest to the track (marked with yellow dots) that initially goes above and in line with the track you have just left. Continue following this yellow dotted path that traverses and slowly rises to the ridge. (the path is reasonable marked so if you can't see a yellow dot you've probably strayed off the path).

The yellow markings take you over a shallow col and drop only a few metres before commencing to rise up on a clear mozarabic path.

This disappears at a point where the original line zig-zagged back briefly to the L but by pushing uphill a little you are soon re-connected with it as it rises to reach a col with a rocky buttress in front of you.

Continue on the RHS of this still with yellow dots and quickly cross to the LHS to follow a vague path and reach a poorly defined col with cairns which you cross to the R, walk briefly downhill and then swing L.

Now walk almost level into a barranco corner from where you turn R and climb up to cross a second col on an outlying ridge.

Once again you pass over the col with cairns and swing L now traversing into a bigger barranco corner where the path line is clear and rises as you exit the corner.

Now you can settle down as you rise steadily on this line, looking out all the time for the yellow paint splashes and occasionally dropping a little. The ridge line above on your L looks prohibitively high, but in fact you will join it ahead as it starts to drop.

Continue ahead until finally you join the main ridge.

1hr 45min, 5.8km

Now cross this and drop a little (maybe 50m) to get around rocks and then ascend again on a clear line that sweeps rightwards once it is past the end of the rocks and opens up the views to a col in front of you.

The path becomes vague for a few metres across rough ground but is soon clear again as it descends to the clear col.

From here you can rise up any way you want to reach the next summit which is to your RHS.

Now turn L along the ridge to continue your progress across to the next summit and finally when you are over this you drop to a col with very large cairn and a path which turn L to start a descent.

2hrs10mins,
7.54km.

Continue down this path to a track where you turn R (24mins, 1.25km)

2hrs34mins,
8.79km.

Proceed on this track to where it joins a road. Just before this road is a building on your RHS. Turn R just before this building and proceed around to meet another track where you go R (7mins, 0.46km)

2hrs 41mins,
9.25km.

Continue on this track, which soon becomes overgrown. Continue until the track ends and look for cairns showing the route of a poorly defined mozarabic path which runs almost level to reach a large stone enclosed well/tank and two bath tubs on your LHS (km 10.5) and continue on and around the end of the mountain still following the path with cairns.

3hr 10min,
10.5km

Soon after passing this you will be able to look down on the Corral del Morral – a large

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

walled enclosure, now abandoned.

Shortly after some trees the path becomes much more difficult to follow. Go straight on "off piste" for about 2km.

There is a lone pine tree visible on the ridge in front of you (dropping from R to L) and this is a target to aim at. When you are too low to see this there is a smaller lone pine tree in front of you on the flank and this guides you in the right direction.

Pass both trees on your LHS and then make rough tracks across the flank of the hill without gaining or losing much height. There are occasional cairns and blue paint marks which you may encounter!

Eventually you'll see terraces in front and to your left and a hill beyond with a "bald patch of different coloured rock". When you reach the terraces below and to the R of this point there is a ruin below you on the L and you proceed up a clear path on the RHS of the terraces until you can walk to the L around a terrace to find yourself above a small cliff on the LHS side of a barranco. (1hr11mins, 3.5km)

3hrs52mins,
12.75km.

Keep L and upwards above the cliff and below the "bald patch, then out and around the spur to the other side where the path becomes clearer as a rarely used mozarabic path. Proceed down to the R, then double back to the L and on to a track (house on LHS just before the track) (13mins, 0.75km)

4hrs5mins,
13.50km.

Go R onto this track and after 20m turn L onto a path signed Benimaurell 3km. Follow this mozarabic path to a road, turn L and back to the cars. (1hr6mins, 4.2km)

5hrs11mins,
17.7km

Recommendations:-

This route is tricky to follow and requires good navigational skills and determination. If trying it for the first time it is recommended that you use the gps track as a key part of your equipment!

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in red

