

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Pego circuit via col Bodoix
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Pego, Pla del Metge Almela
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	7.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	450
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.33hr 3hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.838446, Long: -0.121450
Directions to Start	<p>Pla del Metge Almela. Approaching Pego from:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-Orba on CV715 turn L after PEGO town sign (large steel pylon on corner) into wide road. Continue to Stop sign and you're there.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-El Vergel/N332 on CV700 turn R at 2nd island signed Adsubia. Straight on over two islands, L at 'T' junction, pass Mercadona on LHS, straight on at next island, straight on at Stop sign, R immediately after college and you're there.</p>
Short walk description	A good workout in remote scenery with fantastic craggy views.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the car park move south along the road beside a wall with blue tiles cresting it and turn R into the avenue (Passeig Calvario) with a line of trees that leads to the cemetery. At the end of this keep R down a tarmac road straight ahead and at a junction turn L signposted "Figuereta".	675m 8.5mins
Ignore the first turning to the RHS and at a fork keep L on a rougher tack and departing from the concrete.	1.1km 14mins
Cross a barranco bottom and admire the crags on the RHS which are used for climbing instruction.	

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<p>The track goes ahead steeply in zig-zags and when you pass a fenced finca on the RHS the track deteriorates a little, plateaus and descends a little. There is a junction with a signpost to the LHS (Bodoix) and our footpath continuing ahead and now rising steeply across gravel and rough ground and with some crags high above us and to the LHS. Eventually as the path begins to level a little we reach the end of the line of crags where the path rises to reach the top of the ridge line.</p>	<p>3.2km 59mins</p>
<p>Here we go along the crest, descend a little and then move up to the R and on the LHS of a shallow barranco. There is a deep well hidden (but visible) in some undergrowth on the LHS and shortly a ruined finca off on the RHS and then 100m or so beyond this a slightly indistinct junction with the clearer path ahead on the L and our turning slightly to the R. Take this and descend slightly to reach a fingerpost where you continue ahead and more steeply downhill.</p>	<p>3.6km 1hr 8mins</p>
<p>Round a rocky spur with fantastic views across to the valley beyond and continue to descend and then traverse across the LHS of the ridge. Rise a little to cross the ridge and descend to an obvious shallow col directly in front of you.</p> <p>(If you turn around here behind you here you should get a sight of a cave on the LHS of the ridge line with ivy clad walls)</p>	<p>4.4km 1hr 27mins</p>
<p>At the col the path moves around to the RHS of the flat ridge and works its way at times through thick (and seemingly impenetrable) clumps of palms but by perseverance you can continue ahead with Y/W waymarks to round the end of the ridge</p> <p>and reach a set of zig-zags that take you down swiftly towards Pego. It is easier going to look out for the shallowest line here and ignore the eroded direct line.</p>	<p>4.7km 1hr 34mins</p>
<p>As the path begins to drop less steeply you will see a vehicle track below you and to the L and soon you double back and in a few zig-zags drop down to reach it.</p>	<p>5.4km 1hr 50mins</p>
<p>Turn R downhill and ignore all side tracks to continue down to a concrete road. In the valley bottom you will soon reach the Y-jnc where you turned R at the start of this route. Ignore this and continue ahead.</p>	
<p>At the T-jnc turn R</p>	<p>6.7km 2hr 10mins</p>
<p>and reach the Passeig Calvario. Walk down this and turn L at the bottom to find your car.</p>	

Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None
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Route followed is outlined in red

