

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Montduver circuit	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Xeraco Almost due W of the village in the Barranco de Ruta at the Font de Lull parking area.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	16	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	900	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.25hrs 5.5hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B/Scr	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 39.021034,Long: -0.252267 Spanish OS grid ref:- 0737930 4322901	
Directions to Start	At km 231.2 on the N332 going N look for a Patri supermarket on the RHS. Take the next turning L into a campo road and follow this over the motorway and up into the valley until just before the tarmac ends where there is parking in front of a ruin on the LHS.	
Short walk description	A route up to the summit of this attractive mountain and then along its flanks taking in some picturesque scenery along ridge and via fonts.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Continue W along the tarmac for a few metres until it runs out and then follow the track slightly uphill from here.		
At a junction ignore the turning to the R and continue ahead.		730m, 12mins
When the track ends continue ahead on a footpath with Y/W markers.		1km, 17mins
This starts as a clear mozarabic path but the snakes up sometimes steeply for a few metres and then with relief along rocky pathways as it slowly gains height and finds a way through and around the rocky bands that guard the summit area.		
Soon it turns through the rocks and arrives at a track where we turn L.		2.1km, 43mins

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<p>Follow the track generally towards Xeresa ignoring paths to the R and the L before arriving at the end of the track at a large open area. A few metres before this there is a sign and footpath making its way uphill along a clear ridge.</p> <p>This path continues through a scrambly area before turning R slightly downhill for a few metres under some crags just at the top of a small rock band. Follow the path around to the R until you are clear of the crags above and then watch out for a thinner path going up more steeply to the L with blue paint flashes.</p> <p>Take this as it climbs quite steeply and soon becomes clearer before turning uphill L to reach some easy scrambly rocks with a rope to get in your way.</p> <p>Once up these the path meanders out to the L along rocks before turning R as it reaches the ridge line and continues uphill.</p>	3.3km, 58mins
<p>There are several other areas with rope protection although you are unlikely to need them going up. (They would be very useful for a descent!). The ridge continues to steepen until finally you emerge on a spur leading down from the main summit. Great views to the E. S and W</p> <p>Turn R initially level and then climb up towards the summit.</p>	4.5km 1hr 28mins
<p>Keep L of the first fenced enclosure to find a small bas relief of the Virgin Mary and turn R immediately past her to find a concrete path descending to meet a concrete road.</p> <p>Follow the road down. After the first zig to the R there is a "shortcut" footpath leaving on the L by a cairn, but you can more easily (and just as quickly) follow the concrete road down.</p>	4.8km, 1hr 37mins
<p>Arrive at a small col with a small summit in front of you and continue down the concrete road to the R. After the next bend to the L the road rises slightly and there is a fingerpost indicating a footpath going off steeply to the R.</p> <p>Follow this down until after some zig-zags you arrive at a junction where you turn L (more or less straight on). This contours around a barranco with some rock slabs which make a good perch for lunch and then continue ahead soon dropping down a gentle spur past a large square boulder to arrive at a T-jnc where you turn L away from the main summit.</p>	6.1km, 1hr 45mins
<p>The scenery along here is fantastic with much rock detail and views up to the continuation of the ridge on the LHS. Ignore a path joining from the R and continue ahead.</p> <p>At a jnc where there is a wooden finger post continue straight ahead (almost level) towards Simat de la Valldigna on the PRCV51.</p>	6.9km, 2hr 9mins
<p>Soon you are running parallel to but above a broad forestry track but we never meet it. Reach a fingerpost on the L to Font del Goss which is a caved font worth looking at and then continue ahead to soon cross the barranco on the RHS and reach a track junction.</p>	8.8km, 2hr 37mins
<p>Turn R and follow this ahead for some time! (signposted Tavernes de la Valldigna). Quickly pass some ruins on the LHS and continue ahead. This track has some sections of tarmac and others which are very weathered and rutted, but we ignore side turnings until we reach a grove of trees with a red Valencia sign board on the LHS and soon after this crest the ridge line with views on both sides.</p>	10.7km, 2hr 59mins
<p>Walk ahead on this to the end just before the track turns L. Here on the R are 2 paths.</p>	

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<p>The rightmost is a track going down into the barranco and the L one is a footpath with Y/W markers which we take.</p>	11.1km, 3hr 4mins
<p>This drops to cross a barranco and climbs steeply up the other side for 5 metres before turning L more level. Follow this path around to the R and drop into and cross a second barranco with Font – L'Escudella</p>	11.8km, 3hr 16mins
<p>where we keep ahead climbing steadily towards a shoulder where there is a junction. Turn L steeply downhill (still with Y/W) dropping towards the valley floor and when you reach a T-jnc turn L on a level path that drops into a rocky corner.</p>	12.3km, 3hr 27mins
<p>The path that drops down in this corner is very dramatic making use of a rocky ramp and man made ramps. Don't be lured into following the rocky ramp all the way down but watch for the path going off left and less steeply.</p>	
<p>It drops into the barranco, runs along the bottom for a few metres and then exits on the RHS. Continue along here, ignoring a path on the L and start to climb gently to crest a spur and drop a little again.</p>	13.1km, 3hr 41mins
<p>Continue under the crags on the RHS and rise up to cross a second spur. Once over hits your climbing for the day is over and the track now drops in zig-zags to meet your outgoing path where you turn L and return to your cars.</p>	

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Done this way around the scrambles early in the day are quite easy to deal with with minimal exposure.

Route followed is outlined in Red

