

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Els Despoblats Moriscos	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Alcala de la Jovada	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	14 (Shortened walk 9.5km – see Full Walk Description for turn back point)	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	370	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hrs 4hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/A	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat., Long.:- 38.794283,-0.254037	
Directions to Start	From the Orba to Pego road near Pego take the CV712 signed to Vall d'Ebo. Continue past Vall d'Ebo to Alcala de la Jovada and park on edge of village near the swimming pool.	
Short walk description	This is the perfect walk for walkers wishing to remain on good surfaces. The walk is entirely on country roads so is perfect for those wishing to look around at the wonderful scenery and the many places of interest in the high Alcala valley.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk into village centre past Piscina Bar on LHS, go R then L and straight on past the lavadero on your LHS and turn L at the next junction and continue down to the main road. (6mins, 0.52km)		6mins, 0.52km
Turn R and after 120m go first L into Cami A2 and down to the ruins of a Morisco village. (worth a good look around) (5mins, 0.42km)		11mins, 0.94km
Ignore road on RHS after 180m and tracks on RHS (km1.45 and 1.49) and continue to junction where you swing L. (Cami A3 goes R here) (14mins, 1.19km)		25mins, 2.13km
Turn first R (3mins, 0.23km)		28mins, 2.36km

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Ignore track on RHS (km2.96) and proceed to "T" junction and turn R, (Cami A4) (11mins, 0.95km)	39mins, 3.31km
Swing to the L (Cami 4 goes to the R) (7mins, 0.53km)	46mins, 3.84km
Ignore track on RHS (km4.04) and continue down to "T" junction. (9mins, 0.67km)	55mins, 4.51km
Turn R onto Cami A5. Continue down and up out of valley (ignore tracks on RHS km5.07 and 5.42) to the ruins of a Morisco settlement "La Rosa" on your RHS. (10mins, 1.00km)	1hr5mins,5.51km
Continue, ignore tracks on your LHS at km5.76 and 6.05, down to main road. (10mins, 0.81km)	1hr15min,6.32km
At the main road turn R and follow the road to the next road junction where you turn R to Tollos and Beniaia. (4 mins, 250m) You remain on the road all the way to Beniaia.	
(If you wish to shorten the walk and miss out Beniaia (which would be a pity) turn L immediately after the bridge (km7.22) onto Cami A6 signed Cami de Beniaia al Pla de les Vinyes and return to Alcada which is 2,30km away)	1 hr26min,7km
Those doing the complete walk continue up the road (which is generally quiet and you're more likely to be run over by a bicycle than a vehicle!!), ignore tracks on your LHS (km7.88 and 7.95), and two roads also on your LHS (km8.09 and 8.21) and turn L off the road onto a path (Mozarabic). (15mins, 1.30km)	1hr39min,8.27km
Proceed up to Beniaia, go R at top and then L back onto the road. (3mins, 0.16km)	1hr42min,8.43km
Turn L then R after 70m and R again after a further 15m (bar on corner). Continue to end of village bear L then R and on to a Lavador and picnic area (perfect place for lunch if it's not too early) (4mins, 0.36km)	1hr46min,8.79km
Return back to the village the way you came, cross the main road, straight on, L and R past the church on your LHS continue out of village, past the cemetery on the LHS to the main road where you turn R (10mins, 0.77km).	1hr56min,9.56km
After 100m turn R onto road signed "Cami 3". Follow this road (unsurfaced in part), past another Morisco settlement, "Els Benialis" (km11.51) and on to a T junction and turn R (44mins, 3.67km).	2hr40min,13.23k m
Follow this road back to the cars (10mins, 0.75km).	2hr50min,13.98k m
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Best walked mid to end of February when the almond blossom is in bloom

Route followed is outlined in Red

