

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Ferrer Ridge from Alcalali	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Alcalali, At the foot of the Barranco Negro. GPX track includes route to remote parking area.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	11	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	730	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.25hr 4.25hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B/Scr/X	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.731152, Long -0.043587	
Directions to Start	<p>From the car parking near the cross roads in Alcalali of the CV750 and the CV720 follow the road towards Parcent. 0.7km along this road and just after crossing a bridge, turn L towards the Ermita de San Juan. Follow around bends and go straight ahead at the first cross-roads. At the next cross turn R and keep ahead until there is a water channel beside you on the RHS. At the next fork, turn slightly L and a short way ahead turn L and follow this road until just past a villa on the LHS called Casa Mia. Park on the RHS in the olive grove just below a track. (space for 4/5 cars)</p>	
Short walk description	A challenging ridge walk with great views to the summits all around. You will need a good head for heights.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Now continue up the road until you reach a track continuing directly ahead which you follow.		320m, 4.5min
Continue steeply up this to reach a zig to the R still rising.		
When you reach a finger post continue straight ahead.		1.8km, 34min
At a second finger post turn slightly L uphill.		

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<p>Cross the road and continue on the footpath to meet the driveway to the restaurant on the RHS.</p>	2.4km, 44min
<p>Turn L and cross the main road diagonally R to find a track which you ascend.</p> <p>This starts to descend and drifts around to the R with views down into a fertile plain with a white casita below you.</p>	
<p>When you reach a zig around to the R, ignore this and take a footpath directly ahead, across a makeshift bridge and continue downhill following red paint marks.</p>	3km, 53min
<p>At the bottom you drop into a barranco just to the L of the white casita and then turn L briefly before clambering up directly uphill across a path which goes to your L and steadily up the hill following occasional red marks and a clear path.</p>	3.5km, 1hr
<p>This continues up beside a small copse on the RHS before turning L and working out almost level towards the ridge line. Eventually you may find the going somewhat confusing but the only thing to do is head directly up towards the ridge.</p>	4km, 1hr 14min
<p>Now the fun begins as you make your way along the ridge with varying degrees of difficulty. Cross a small notch directly ahead and start the ridge traverse. At times you are very exposed and at others you can drop down on either side of the ridge to avoid this. For the best scrambling keep high!</p>	
<p>Near the end there is a pile of shattered blocks rearing up directly in front of you and at this point you should (?) go off to the RHS before re-crossing the ridge at a short rib on the LHS to emerge on easy ground with views ahead.</p>	
<p>You will be very close to the end of the ridge and as you walk ahead on the LHS of the ridge with an easy path you soon intercept a track coming up from the LHS.</p>	5.4km, 1hr 50min
<p>Follow this to the R to find a viewpoint down into the Algar valley and then retrace your steps to the track and follow this downhill for some time.</p>	
<p>Near the bottom of this you make a L turn where a track joins you from the R and a little lower just as you swing around to R look out for a L turn with post marker (there is a path a few metres earlier which you ignore).</p>	7.7km, 2hr 28min
<p>Follow this level before swinging L and then descending R at a second post to cross a barranco and shortly after a second barranco from where you ascend steeply to meet a track.</p>	
<p>Turn L uphill on this as it swings rightwards to cross a level terrace.</p>	
<p>Near the end of this pick out the footpath that rises up 2 further bancales to reach an indistinct track on which you continue ahead just to the L of a fence widening all the time.</p>	
<p>When you reach tarmac turn up L and soon after at the sign for the Donkey Sanctuary keep ahead (slightly R) on a level tarmac road.</p>	8.6km, 2hr 41min
<p>Swing around to the R downhill past a junction on the RHS to soon find a finger post on the LHS indicating a footpath which we follow.</p>	9.4km, 2hr 51min
<p>This descends on the R bank of the Barranco Negro to reach a fork near the bottom where we keep L down the valley to reach a T-jnc where we turn L and then L again to walk up beside a set of terraces.</p>	10.3km,

