

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Walk description originally prepared by:-	David Harbach, CBMW, Nov. 2015	
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Title of Walk	Forada ridge - Extended	
Location of Start	Alcada de la Jovada	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	610m	
Key Statistics for walk - <u>Walking</u> time	3.49hrs walking time 5hrs completion time	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.794283 Long:- -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 Alcada de la Jovada and park on edge of village near the swimming pool.	
Short walk description	A pleasant walk with splendid views of the Gallinera valley. Steepish descent off the ridge.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk into village past Bar Piscina on LHS and continue past church on RHS and wash house on LHS. Ignore road on LHS and continue to end of road. Continue straight on track ahead, ignore track on RHS (0.75km) and where the track swings sharp L proceed straight ahead onto path (0.99km) to a nevera. (15mins, 1.07km)		15mins, 1.07km
Continue past the nevera back to the track and R to a picnic area and road. Cross the road turn R for 50m and L onto a track (4mins, 0.21km)		19mins, 1.28km
Follow this track, over a barranco and on. Ignore track on RHS (1.82km) and continue to a T tracks and turn L. (9mins, 0.57km)		28mins, 1.85km
Turn R where a track comes in from the RHS opposite a short stout post under a tree (2mins, 0.22km)		30mins, 2.07km
Continue on track, ignore track on RHS (2.23km) and ditto on LHS (2.79km) to fork. (10mins, 0.83km)		40mins, 2.9km
Take R fork, ignore track on LHS (3.60km), past house on RHS, later a ruin (km4,21) and two other houses on your LHS and on to a road (30mins, 2km)		1hr10mins, 4.9k

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Turn L onto road. Ignore concrete surfaced track on your LHS (km5.10) and turn L off the road onto an unsurfaced track that goes towards a timber cabin. The turning is not that obvious SO KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED. (4mins, 0.45km)	1hr14mins, 5.35k
Proceed past a log cabin on LHS to a ruined house (3mins, 0.15km)	1hr17mins, 5.50k
Turn L onto Y/W marked path, with house on your LHS, for a short distance then R and up to the ridge (6mins, 0.22km)	1hr23mins, 5.72k
Turn L on ridge and continue on the path until you reach a stone ruin (27mins, 1.38km)	1hr50mins,7.1km
(Inside this ruin is a cave house which is well worth a visit. When you continue with the walk be sure to look back after a short distance to see the cave house from the outside – pretty impressive)	
Continue on the path keeping to the ridge until path forks (stout timber post) (7mins, 0.31km)	1hr57mins, 7.41k
Take the L fork towards the forat (stone arch).(If you miss this turning you'll soon know because the path will begin to descend into the valley below) Continue, past a path that takes you off the ridge on your LHS (km7.82) and continue on the marked path up to the forat. (Good place for lunch) (16mins, 0.78km)	2hr13mins,8.19k
Leave the way you came round to the right, for a few metres then the path forks and you go up on the RH folk to the ridge. (the path no longer has Y/W markers but is quite well cairned and reasonably well trodden.) Your first objective is the high peak ahead. Shortly after you start your final ascent to this summit the path forks. Take the steeper RH path up to ridge. On reaching the ridge turn R and on to the summit (854m). (37mins, 1.63km)	2hr50mins,9.82k
Return back along the ridge going down then up and over a lower peak. Down again to a lower valley then up again to another summit. (17mins, 0.78km)	3hr7mins,10.6km
Turn L and down you go in the direction of Alcalá. There is no obvious path off the mountain but a few cairns mark your way. Aim for the ruin at the bottom and on your approach veer R to join a rarely used track and go L to a concrete surfaced road. (19mins, 0.7km)	3hr26mins,11.3k
Turn R down this road to a T junction. (10mins, 0.6km)	3hr36min,11,9km
Turn L. Ignore the road that joins on your LHS (km12.4) and continue back to the cars. (13mins, 1.1km)	3hr49min,13km
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

Route followed is outlined in red

