

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	A circuit over Solana del Garrofer	
Location of Start	Vall d'Ebo, near Bar L'Entra	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	15.5km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	680m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hrs 50mins 6.25hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.806474; Long:- -0.157435	
Directions to Start	From the CV 715 - Orba to Pego road – SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.	
Short walk description	A rewarding walk mainly on marked or well used paths and a little on a quiet country road. There is a little "off-piste" but this is good underfoot and not scratchy. A must for the views.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk through the village, past bar on LHS, to the end of the road. Turn L and first R to the end of the road. Continue down a concrete covered track to the road (4mins, 380m)		4mins, 0.38km
Turn R and after 20m leave road by going straight on at bend and over a small bridge. Proceed on this country road; ignore roads that join from the LHS, past a lavadero and La Font de la Serra on the RHS. Go R at the fork and press on to where a surfaced drive joins on the RHS (chain across drive) (20mins, 1.47km)		24mins, 1.85km
Turn R up this track to a house. Take the path, marked G/W on the RHS of the house down to the Rio Ebo/barranco. Cross the barranco and continue on the path which runs parallel with the barranco (on your LHS) The path then goes R away from the barranco and up. Another path joins from the LHS (km2.35) which you ignore and continue on to a road. (20mins, 1.07km)		44mins, 2.92km
Cross the road and climb over the Armco barrier on the other side. (If this proves difficult go L and around) No path now so descend, initially between ruins on either side, down to the R to the bottom RH corner where you rejoin the road. (6mins, 0.20km)		50mins, 3.12km

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Turn L onto road ignore three tracks that join on your LHS and turn L at the forth into an orchard. Continue across the orchard to a small gully which you cross and immediately turn R. (3mins, 0.19km)	53mins, 3.31km
Go down to the next level, turn L and cross this other orchard to the far side. Turn sharp R here onto a track that takes you down to a road. (5mins, 0.25km)	58mins, 3.56km
Turn L and continue up this road to a house on your RHS named "El Pantano" (5mins, 0.47km)	1hr3min, 4.03km
Turn L here onto a track, sparsely marked Y/W, which you follow to it's end at a water course. (3mins, 0.21km)	1hr6min, 4.24km
Go R parallel with the water course for a few metres then into it and up until a path leaves on the LHS which you take. (3mins, 0.12km)	1hr9min, 4.36km
Continue on this path, sparsely marked Y/W, that zig zags upward. Pass a cairn and on up to the building ahead. (9mins, 0.32km)	1hr18min, 4.68km
Continue up, Y/W markers clearer now, below cliffs on your RHS up to a plato which you cross and continue to a track. (15mins, 0.69km)	1hr33min, 5.37km
Go R onto this track, past a house then bee hives on your LHS, then go L then R at a ruin on your LHS. Pass another building on your LHS, straight on, through a hedge to a pond. (6mins, 0.38km)	1hr39min, 5.75km
Go clockwise around the pond to the other side and leave on a path next to a plaque fixed to a rock. Swing slightly to the L, join a track that takes you to a road. (2mins, 0.14km)	1hr41min, 5.89km
Turn L onto this road, ignore a road that joins on your LHS and continue a further 100m to a T junction. (13mins, 0.95km)	1hr54min, 6.84km
Turn R here and after 50m turn R again onto a track which takes you to a ruined corral (km7.11). Continue through the corral and onto a path on the other side. Stay on this path through a series of unkempt orchards to the far RHS. (11mins, 0.75km)	2hr5min, 7.59km
Pick up a rarely used path here down to the RHS of another small dead tree orchard and on with a gully on your RHS.(cairns mark your way) The path soon becomes much more defined and traverses under the mountain for some time until you reach a group of 8 trees close by on your RHS. The path forks here with a cairn. (34mins, 1.59km)	2hr39min, 9.18km
Take the L fork going up. After 160m the path is less well defined but swings to the L and cairns mark your way. The path is again easy to follow and zig zags up to the ridge where it stops. (9mins, 0.35km)	2hr48min, 9.53km
Now it's "off-piste" for a short distance. Cross over the ridge bearing a little to the L. After a short while you will see a cairn which marks your way to a path on the other side. (7mins, 0.25km)	2hr55min, 9.78km
Go L onto the path. After about 30m the path forks and you go R and down. Stay on this path that zig zags down and around the mountain finally rising a little to a terraced area badly damaged by a recent fire. Go up a little on the LHS then go R over to the other side past a ruin on your LHS. Leave the terrace and continue "off-piste" to the summit of the small rise.(20mins, 1.02km)	3hr15min, 10.8km

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<p>Below in the distance slightly to the R you will see a round flat cultivated area. Make for this. As you get closer you'll see a stone wall a little to the L of the cultivated area. Keep this on your LHS to its end which is very close to the cultivated area. (12mins,0.20km)</p>	3hr27min,11km
<p>Turn L here, over a small machine made mound onto a track (of sorts) which is badly water damaged but takes you all the way down to a much more substantial track. (8mins, 0.20km)</p>	3hr35min,11.2km
<p>Turn R onto this track to where a path joins on your RHS marked with cairns. (4mins, 0.27km)</p>	3hr39min,11.47k
<p>Take this mozarabic path which is well cairned. Continue up to and over the col to a ruin and on to the track which is 2m further on. (32mins, 1.50km)</p>	4hr11min,12.97k
<p>Turn L onto this track which takes you to a road with a building on the corner. (7mins, 0.47km)</p>	4hr18min,13.44k
<p>Turn R onto this road that goes down to where another road joins on your LHS. Turn L onto this road down to a main road which you cross. Go up the road opposite, go R then L into the village centre (bar on corner) and L back to the cars. (32mins, 2.16km))</p>	4hr50min,15.6km
<p>Walk Recommendations or restriction</p>	Avoid during olive harvest - Nov. and Dec.

Route followed is outlined in Red

