

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Gata Rollercoaster	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Gata	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	19.5km	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	1150	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	5hr 6hr	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	VS/B	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 38.770353, Long: 0.088331	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From Teulada direction, take first left after the viaduct into Carrer Sant Josep/Calle San Jose. Cross bridge and follow road around to right. Park on right or left of road near allocated parking marked in red and children's' playground.	
<b>Short walk description</b>	A long ascent from the start to the top of Soldettes ridge. From there several shorter ups and downs, bringing us back to Soldettes ridge to then take an little used path directly off the ridge to the east. A final, smaller, ascent back to the town.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>	
Walk back along the road until just before the bridge and here turn R onto a footpath soon joining a track where you turn R.	150m, 2min	
Reach tarmac and turn L and then at the next junction L again and now just before the railway line turn R at a finger-post signed to Cumbre Serallars.	740m, 8.5min	
Walk a little way uphill to meet a steel rail across the railway on the LHS and here turn R uphill on a concreted track.		
This Y/W route soon becomes a grass track and then with views out towards the coast and ahead to the summit ridge.		

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Ignore a footpath off to the R and keep directly ahead now on a footpath. This continues for sometime to reach near the summit of the ridge and then turns R along the flank of the ridge to reach a finger-post where we turn R signed to PR CV 388 412 - Cumbre Sellars at 1km.	3.6km, 52min
Quickly pass a ruin some 20/30m on the RHS and at the second ruin work around the RHS of this to find the continuation of the footpath which rises to pass over an intermediate summit, drops down to a col and then rises up again towards a more imposing summit with a trig point and fabulous views all around.	5.5km, 1hr 20min
From here continue descending to the SW along the ridge line to reach a wall (with finger-post) where we turn L for a few metres to round a ruin and then keep R along a poorly defined line that soon becomes clearer as it rises up along the ridge again.	6.4km, 1hr 36min
Climb steeply to the summit and turn R along a clear path dropping down the ridge in front of you.	6.9km, 1hr 45min
Soon you are walking parallel to the motorway on your LHS and with views of Montgo ahead.	
As you walk past a small casita the path becomes a broader track as you continue to descend in the woods.	
Soon this becomes a concreted track and you reach a large walled masia (building complex with house within walled area) and then turn L at a junction and ascend a little.	8.6km, 2hr 10min
Descend a few metres to a finger-post where we turn R towards Gata (3.2km),	
Continue descending for some time until you reach a small plateau with an orchard and here at a junction turn R and start to ascend on a track which curves around to the L.	9.7km, 2hr 24min
Crest the rise and at a track junction again turn R walking up the spur of the ridge.	9.8km, 2hr 26min
The track levels off in terraces on a spur and you reach a junction where you turn R and start to ascend between walls.	10.2km, 2hr 32min
Reach a ruin apparently under repair with piles of tiles on either side of the track and immediately past it turn R gently meandering uphill.	10.6km, 2hr 37min
About 50m BEFORE reaching a white house with very blackened chimney on the RHS and directly opposite a rustic garden with metal arch turn L down a footpath.	10.8km, 2hr 39min
Follow this down to finally clamber down a terrace wall and arrive on the terrace below which you turn immediately R. Follow this terrace around without either ascending or descending to other terrace levels as it swings L'wards and then ascends on a clear track (which becomes concrete) through woodland to reach a road.	11.3km, 2hr 37min
Cross this directly on a footpath which rises slightly L across terrace walls through woodland and towards a more open area where you walk up a few metres to reach a junction where you turn R on a rough path.	

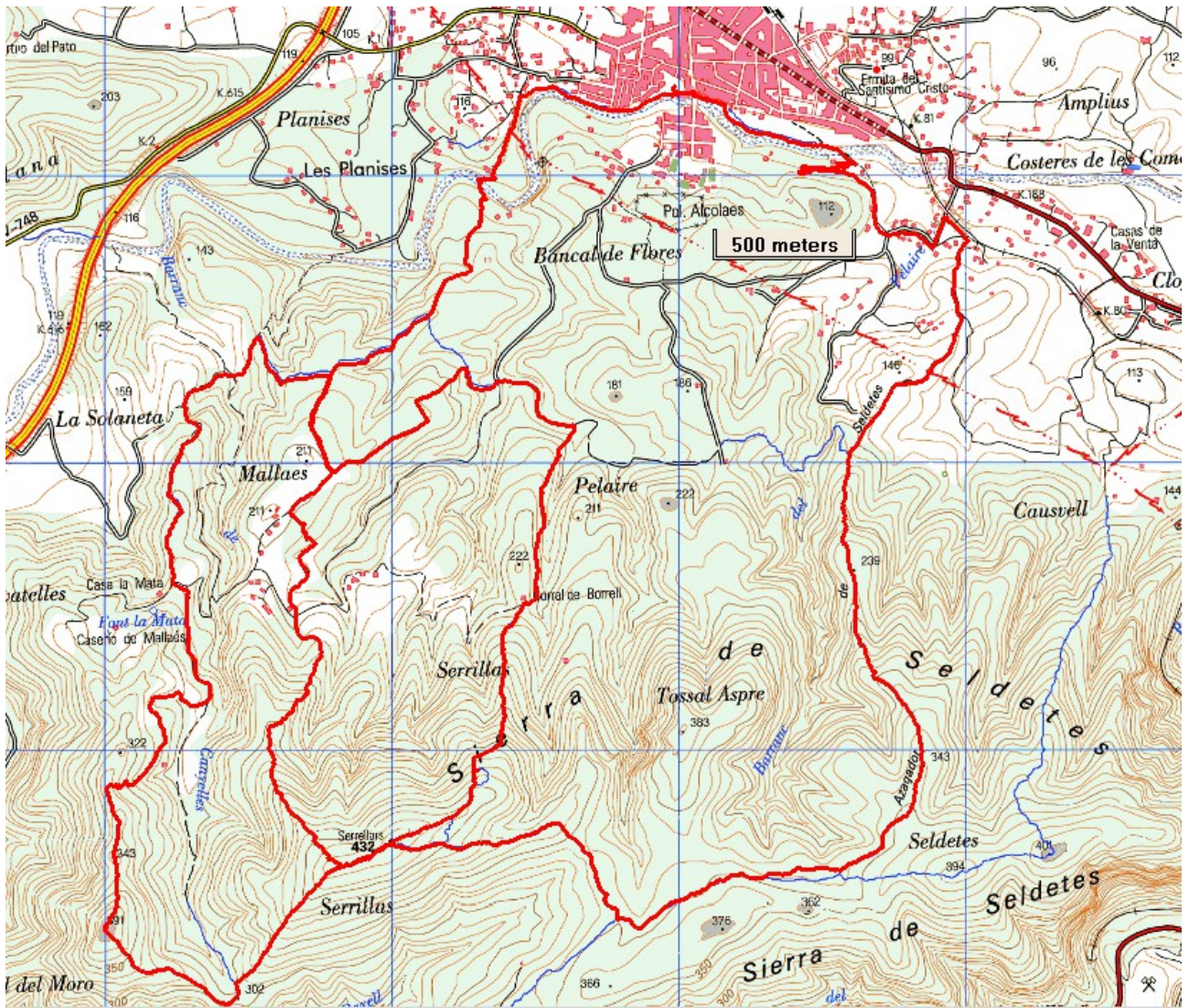
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<p>This is now a steady climb towards the summit of the ridge you visited earlier and after passing a false summit you continue climbing before levelling out and turning slightly R across the flank of the ridge to meet a cairned junction where you turn L and soon reach the ridge line. Turn L ascending a few metres to reach the trig point for a second time!</p>	12.7km, 3hr 16min
<p>Now continue directly ahead along the ridge line soon erring slightly L and following the best line as it starts to descend.</p>	
<p>Eventually arrive at a well served by a track which we ignore to continue directly ahead on the ridge line soon erring slightly R.</p>	
<p>Arrive at a small plateau with track turning circle and large electricity pylon where we turn L onto tarmac.</p>	14.6km, 3hr 51min
<p>After a short distance reach a junction and turn L on tarmac and then immediately R onto a clear footpath rising uphill.</p>	15km, 3hr 56min
<p>At the crest of the spur look out for a thinner footpath turning directly L and follow this to cross a wall and climb uphill.</p>	15.2km, 3hr 59min
<p>Pass a shallow water deposito on the LHS and keep R uphill on a small concrete ramp for a few metres before continuing uphill with a large wall directly on your LHS.</p>	
<p>Arrive at a strange looking garden area on the RHS with various bits of ornamental paraphernalia and with a metal arch on the RHS where you turn L on a thinner footpath.....</p>	15.4km, 4hr 3min
<p>which passes below a hidden well to reach a small casita beyond which we turn R.</p>	15.5km
<p>Reach a junction with a ruin on the RHS (visited earlier) and here turn R soon downhill.</p>	15.8km, 4hr 10min
<p>Reach a second junction previously visited but this time turn R still downhill.</p>	16.2km, 4hr 15min
<p>After a while drop down in zig-zags to reach the river which we cross directly to rise up in zig-zags to reach a track where we turn L uphill.</p>	17.2km, 4hr 28min
<p>Join a tarmac road and after about 30m on this turn R down a pedestrian walkway high above the river bed down on your RHS.</p>	
<p>Continue on this ignoring side turnings until you see a large public building above you on your LHS and walk up some steps on the R of this to join a road.</p>	18.2km, 4hr 42min
<p>Continue directly ahead to cross a road at right angles (bridge on R) and drop down again to continue your route beside the river until you can cross and zig-zag your way back up to your parked car.</p>	
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	None

See map below.....

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