

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

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| <b>Title of Walk</b>  | Penon de Mediodia   |   |
| <b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>   | Vall d'Ebo<br>Opposite windmill at summit of road between Pego and Vall d'Ebo   |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>   | 10  |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>  | 407   |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>   | 3hr<br>4hr  |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>  | MS/B  |   |
| <b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>   | Lat: 38.815377, Long -0.130357  |   |
| <b>Directions to Start</b>  | The CV715 passes inland N through Parcent, Orba and finally Pego. Follow this until shortly BEFORE reaching Pego there is a L turn – CV712 – towards Vall d'Ebo. Follow this to the summit of the ridge and park on the LHS on a track opposite a disused windmill. |   |
| <b>Short walk description</b>   | An opportunity to use road height gain to make an easy ascent to the highest – unnamed – summit of the Mediodia range.  |   |
| <b>Full Walk Description</b>  |   | <b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b> |
| <p>Walk along the track roughly SE from your parking area. This changes at times from rough track to tarmac as it proceeds.</p> <p>After some time we pass a finger-post on the LHS which we ignore and some 350m after this as the road is ascending there is a track going off half L and gently uphill. (There is also a doubling back track onto terraces which we ignore)</p> <p>Follow this up a short distance until it arrives on a broad terrace and here follow a thin footpath up in the same direction across terrace walls aiming for a broad spur going across from R to L a little way up.</p> <p>Once on this turn R and follow an intermittent path a short way to the R of a large clump of small trees. And as you progress slightly L above these a clearer thin footpath (with occasional cairns) emerges.</p> |   | 2km, 27min                                  |

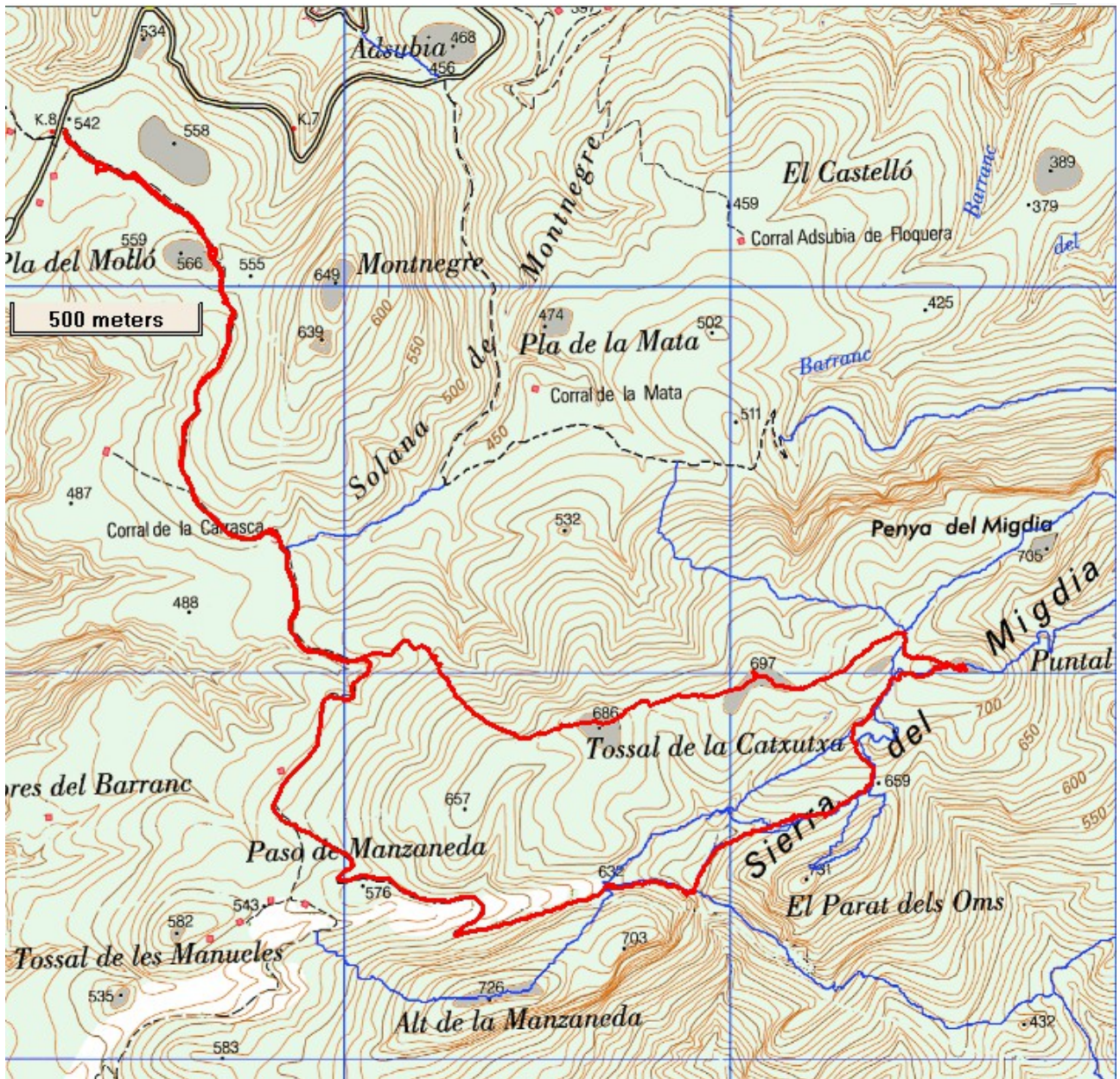
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| Follow this up steeply until you emerge on the ridge line.   | 2.7km, 41min   |
| Now turn L along the ridge and pass over one small top before descending a little on the L flank of the ridge and then climbing back up to a second higher top.  | 3.4km, 55min   |
| Now drop a little again keeping slightly L following a clear line as it rises up to the RHS of a rocky gully and then emerges on a small grassy plateau.   | 3.7km, 1hr   |
| Follow the line of the path as it swings around to the R through more scrubby ground and look out carefully for a path turning L to go clear of the trees and out onto a rocky slope.  |  |
| Walk up this just S of E to reach the summit of Penon de Mediodia. (If you wish to avoid this rocky ascent you can ignore the L turn to leave the trees and instead make your way ahead down into an open broad gentle valley ahead of you where the prickly bushes diminish to leave you in easier going. Summiteers will return here)  | 4.1km, 1hr 9min  |
| Start off from the summit down the way you came up but soon aim slightly L of your ascent route. The purpose of this is to avoid arriving in the middle of scratchy bushes in the broad gully ahead of you. Pick your way down the slope slightly S of W and find a way to drop down the last 2 or 3 metres into the broad valley where you find a clear footpath going from R to L. | 4.3km, 1hr 15min   |
| Turn L down this footpath and follow it a little lower as it enters a group of trees and becomes a little indistinct for a few metres. Climb just a few metres W and SW to emerge on a clear ridge line.   |  |
| Follow this for only 10-15 metres before aiming off half L starting to descend and once a clear line appears below and to your L pick this up and descend below a crag (on the LHS) with an imposing walled cave in it.  |  |
| To find the best line down this you continue to curl L and soon drop down to arrive at a grassy col.   | 4.7km, 1hr 22min   |
| Walk towards the middle of this and turn R on a clear line in the grass which starts to descend terrace walls generally keeping L. Soon this is moving down wholly on the L of the barranco through trees.   |  |
| Arrive at an open area where you drop to cross a small stream (almost always dry) and see an abandoned sheep corral on the LHS. Ignore this and continue directly ahead to find a path ascending and soon moving to the R – still uphill. This overgrown track goes up steadily to soon arrive at a col with a dilapidated fence across it.  |  |
| Walk through this to join a track descending to the L.   | 5.6km, 1hr 44min   |
| Follow this down with zig-zags to eventually emerge on the road at a point where there is a signboard about an abseil on the RHS (Barranco dels Oms)   | 6.8km, 2hr   |
| Now turn R and follow this gently ascending track past your outgoing route up the mountain and back to your parked car.  |  |
| <b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>  | Good sense of direction needed. Users of this route have found it difficult to find the way beyond the 3.7km mark without using a GPS. |

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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