

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Serra de Seldetes
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Gata Bar Restaurant Venta La Parra at Km 187.3 on the N332 to the S of Gata.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	8
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	424
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.75hr 4hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.765829, Long:- 0.102139
Directions to Start	Bar VENTA LA PARRA on the N332, about 1km south of Gata de Gorgos, just past the Repsol Garage on the right.
Short walk description	An interesting circuit via a short ridge to the summit with grand views in all directions. Note; Despite the "B" grade there is some steep, rough and scratchy path on the ascent to the summit.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk along the road in the direction of Gata to reach a minor road going L 50m or so before you reach a brown building on the RHS marked "Fleissen".	150m, 3min
Walk up the concrete road under a railway bridge then bear L and continue to a cross roads, keep straight ahead on a rough track.	500m, 7min
Ignore a gravel track which goes off L and continue a few metres ahead to follow the main track L and into an olive grove.	660m, 10min
Where the trees run out turn R across open pasture with tree stumps towards a run down casita and pass this on its RHS. Now you are facing the mountain.	
Past the house you stay on a good track and continue ahead. Go around a bend to the R and 50m further trend uphill to the L on a concrete ramp.	980m, 14.5min
Follow this around to the L past an electricity pylon.	

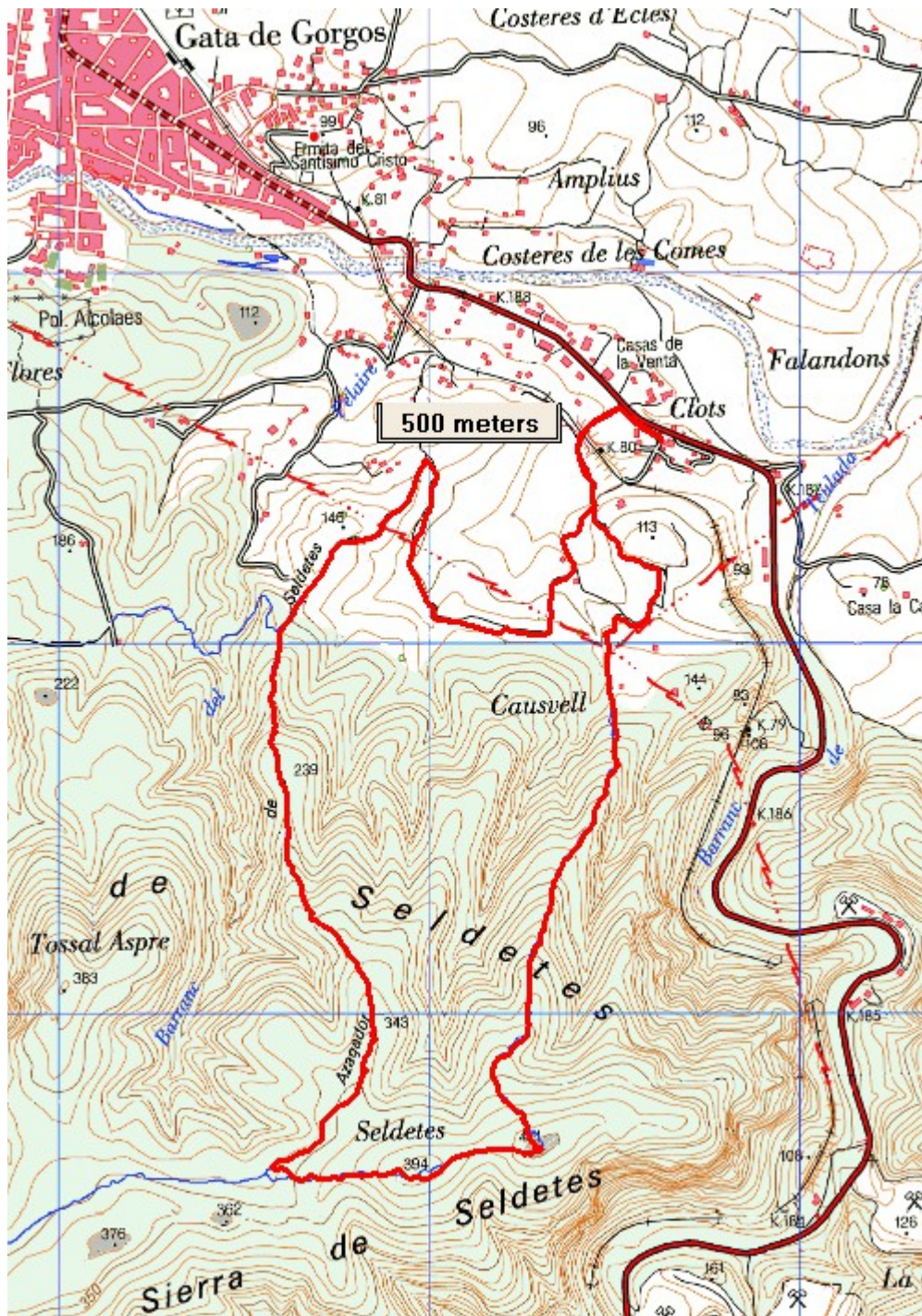
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<p>The track narrows and you find yourself on a thin footpath on the RHS of some terrace walls.</p> <p>Continue ahead as the walls disappear and you find yourself on a thin track going up a clear spur of the mountain, towards the summit ridge in the distance.</p> <p>As you gain height you get good views over to the L of a large working quarry.</p> <p>Swing a little to the R and then as your spur line becomes less distinct as it meets the main ridge, turn L but keep to the RHS of the rising line to find the least scratchy way up, aiming for olive shrubs. Continue on this line directly up to reach the summit cairn.</p> <p>There are great views directly over the ridge towards Teulada and its terraces and further R to Benissa (partly hidden) and if you turn R along the ridge you are looking out towards the Bernia ridge. In between are peaks of Olta and the Penon d'Ifach at Calpe.</p> <p>Now turn R along the ridge still with rough going and follow along close to a set of large boundary cairns with metal poles, towards a second top.</p> <p>Soon you can see in the distance down on the RH flank of your ridge a clear footpath running towards you, this is your target. But for now keep along the crest, over the second top and descend to the second of two large boundary cairns, which has a metal pole and another large cairn a few metres beyond it. Look down across the right flank towards a small patch of cultivated land. Follow a vague path on your R (intermittent cairns) which weaves diagonally down towards the cultivation and just before reaching it you swing to the R to emerge onto the good path you observed earlier.</p> <p>Turn directly R doubling back and follow this Y/W path up onto a ridge and along to a covered well (possible lunch stop) continue now without interruption as it works down steadily towards Gata.</p> <p>Ignore a footpath going off L and soon reach a broad track, pass a tarmac road which goes off L. Pass under electricity pylons and in about 150 metres, at the corner of a wall with a green fence on top and a gate beside olive trees on the L (orange paint on wall) turn R onto a path.</p> <p>In about 40 metres part way along a line of cypress trees, turn R across a narrow terrace, then cross a broader terrace with olive trees. The footpath continues and curves around the back of the valley broadening to become a track, then rises slightly to a stoney clearing, with a Carob tree in the middle.</p> <p>Turn L onto a track (the first section is concrete) and follow it past a gated dilapidated building. Wind down hill on a concrete track to reach a crossroads (junction with your outgoing route) turn L to pass under the railway bridge and regain the N332. Turn R and return to the start.</p>	<p>2.7km, 1hr</p> <p>3.5km, 1hr 22min</p> <p>5.9km, 1hr 55min</p> <p>7.5km, 2hr 25min</p>
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>None</p>

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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