

## COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Title of Walk</b>  | Alfaro and Beyond  |   |
| <b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>   | <b>Famorca</b>   |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>   | 17Km   |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>  | 820m   |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>   | 5 hr<br>6 hr   |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>  | VS/C   |   |
| <b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>   | Lat: 38.731607      Long: -0.24588   |   |
| <b>Directions to Start</b>  | Take CV720 from Castell de Castelles to Famorca ,turn L into Famorca and park in main street / square  |   |
| <b>Short walk description</b>   | An early ascent up an old winding hunters' path leads to Alfaro summit , then head down towards Malafi and wind along through Tollos , bypass Benimassot and follow a forest trail to Facheca then a country path to return to cars. |   |
| <b>Full Walk Description</b>  |  | <b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b> |
| Walk down through the village playground to CV720 , turn L and cross over , walk across bridge and turn R , walk up to the ruin , climb the wall and turn R past the back of ruin , almost immediately look for a ' cairn gateway ' and take the feint path aiming across to a pylon , pass the pylon and find the old hunters path along a bancale wall – start to wind up and reach a corner. |  | 0.28km, 10mins                              |
| Turn L and follow round and down into a gully, cross over on flat rocks ( cairns) to RHS , stay low round this second gully aiming across to a solitary small pine tree , stay low on the wall edge below 2 holly oak trees.  |  | 0.66 km, 25 mins                            |
| reach the next gully bottom to cross over.  |  | 0.76km                                      |
| Rising slowly forwards and see a small pine tree far in front to R , now start to wind up L (cairns ) and across , when the pine tree is below.   |  | 1.2km, 40min                                |
| Now trend L on hunters path passing 2 hunters hides to reach the col with a larger hide.  |  | 1.4km, 45 mins                              |

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| Aim across forwards to a wall in cross section of ravine , start to work upwards ( cairns ) towards a small group of holly oak.   | 2.1km, 1hr 5min    |
| Pass L of these and start to rise more steeply mainly on animal path ( cairns ) ,continue rising aiming towards trees on horizon ( ridge ).   | 2.5km, 1hr25min    |
| Turn slightly L and keep slightly L of next single holly oak and follow feint path down into a grassy/scrubby plateau.  | 1hr 30min          |
| Turn L on narrow path across to a rocky buttress, pass to LHS on a clearer path to reach a small junction , take R fork which leads to and across a grassy dip , at far end start to wind R and upwards to a hunters post.  | 3.3km, 1hr 50min   |
| Turn L and follow hunters posts across to reach trig point.   | 3.7km, 1hr55min    |
| Turn L and forwards and pass two fallen dead trees , keep L and soon walk onto an old indiscernable track which soon becomes clearer, and begins to wind downwards ,ignore a track coming down from R and follow down , ignore the next two L forks and reach a junction. | 5.78km, 2hr25min   |
| Take R turn ( cairn ) and follow this winding track down into the Malafi valley bottom, meet a broad track.   | 7.4km, 2hr50min    |
| Turn L and continue to reach a fingerpost.  | 7.9km, 2hr55min    |
| Turn R (signed Tollos and Benimassot ) ,soon after ignore R turn to ruin and trend L onto a Y/W path , wind upwards to reach a semi surface road.   | 8.65km, 3hr10min   |
| Continue forwards ignoring all turnoffs and reach the tarmac at Tollos.   | 9.78km, 3hr25min   |
| Cross over and walk down road to reach a Font and picnic area.  | 10.2km, 3hr30min   |
| Follow tarmac and pass an orange painted house then almost immediately reach a white house ( Villa Concha above door ).   | 10.6km, 3hr55min   |
| Turn L and follow concrete /semi surface road to meet tarmac.   | 11.1km, 4hr6min    |
| Turn R and cross road and drop down L onto a track – follow back to join tarmac.  | 11.4km             |
| Turn R again to a junction.   | 11.5km             |
| Turn L and continue and pass an old rubbish tip , starting to descend and reach a fingerpost ( signed Castell de Castells ).  | 12.1km, 4hr 15min  |
| Turn L and follow old eroded path down into the riverbed , cross over and wind out R and upwards , follow this forest path to reach fruit terraces ,ignore a path to L and reach a junction.  | 12.7km, 4hrs 36min |
| Take R fork which leads up and reaches tarmac near a restored finca.  | 12.9km             |

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Cross over the tarmac onto a fruit terrace , walk LHS to far end , go up 'cat steps' (wall) to next terrace ,go to far RHS and follow a path up to meet tarmac.

13.4km,  
4hr45min

Turn R into a forest (Y/W ) ,soon after take L fork and continue round to join tarmac.

13.8km,  
4hr52min

Turn R and follow this road to Facheca – stay on LHS footpath to reach the understreet pass.

14.7km5hr10min

Walk under street , pass a ' Lavandero' and take L fork (Y/W) , pass the sewer works , ignore a R fork and soon after turn L down a track.

16.6km5hr30min

Follow this marked ( Y/W ) path to return to Famorca.

**Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

None

**Route followed is outlined in Red**

