

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Cova Tallada circuit from Javea gun club	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Javea. Les Planes on top of the pass between Denia & Javea at Camp de tir (Gun Club) on W side of CV-736 on Montgo side.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10.5	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	315	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hr 4.5hr (allow 5hrs if cave is to be fully explored)	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/C	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.805254, Long:- 0.151671	
Directions to Start	On the CV736 between Denia and Javea. From km 5.6 near top of pass, turn W towards Montgo onto gravel track-with grass island. Follow track 500m, R where the track ahead has a barrier, to reach the open plateau of the Gun Club car park.	
Short walk description	Some challenging terrain & many interesting features. A civil war memorial, a short off piste section (a little scratchy). Then a scenic route to the remains of 11 windmills. A level section, then steep descent (one section with chain) to Cova Tallada. Views through the roof into the cave & optional (if sea is calm) a steep descent (scrambling with chains) to a sea level traverse and into the impressive cave (torch useful, not essential). Followed by a coastal traverse with some exposure & steep ascent to 16th century watchtower. Pleasant footpaths back to the Gun Club & its Cafe.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk south-east, back along the entrance driveway until just before the main road.		600m, 7min
Turn R onto footpath (Y/W markers) this leads through trees to a junction with a track , turn R and in about 200m look out for a marker post (Y/W) and a footpath on the L.		1.06km, 15min
Follow the path to the main road CV-736 and cross with care. A short path links to the		

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<p>Cap Sant Antoni road. Cross it with care, turn R walk to the junction, turn L and in a couple of metres look for white painted stones on the ground, just before the crash barrier. Follow these passing a small structure, through trees to more open ground to reach a Civil war memorial cross, with the names of thirteen men from Denia inscribed upon it and buried in the abyss beneath!</p>	<p>1.49km 23min</p>
<p>Descend steps to the L and cross the small barranco. Ascend a short distance leftwards (no path) on the open ground above turn R. Find the easiest line, heading towards a telegraph pole beside a low wall. About 10m further cross the wall to the L and aim for the next telegraph pole, step up terraces and pass two piles of stones on their L at the next terrace turn R and go along it, then work up across a few more terraces where possible, to pass well below the right-hand corner of the house above. Make a rising traverse over rough ground towards a telegraph pole and junction with a track.</p>	<p>1.93km 36min</p>
<p>Turn R to reach the entrance of a villa. Turn R in front of it's boundary wall onto a footpath. Follow it, ignoring a path on the L, and pass between metal gate posts. It becomes a track as it descends and curves around the hillside towards the sea, with fine views over Javea. Eventually a villa and then three Mollins come into view above, then the track swings R down towards the Pueblo. At this point a footpath strikes L uphill, beside a Montgo natural park boundary sign.</p>	<p>2.71km 49min</p>
<p>Follow the footpath as it winds up, to reach a well and enclosure, turn L up steps and continue to emerge beside the first three Mollins.</p>	<p>2.94km 57min</p>
<p>Pass to the left of the third Mollin and turn R beside a small water tank, descend through trees to a restored Finca. Head towards the sea and follow a vague path bearing leftwards between pylons and join another small footpath, turn R and continue to a wider path which leads to the main group of Mollins and Mirador.</p>	<p>3.24km 1hr 4min</p>
<p>Continue through the Mollins to the vehicle access track. Turn L go straight on at junction, eventually it becomes surfaced and arrives at the Cap Sant Antoni road, beside the Santuri de la Mare.</p>	<p>4km 1hr 13min</p>
<p>Cross the road with care onto the track opposite. Follow it (YW) ignore side turns, then just before a junction where the main track turns right and ahead is a barrier, look for a green dot on the left corner of the last (derelict) building on the left (former Guarda Civil prison).</p>	<p>4.4km 1hr 17min</p>
<p>Walk to the back corner of the green fence on your L to pick up a footpath, which weaves across open ground to junction with a track, opposite a small interesting Finca.</p>	<p>4.89km 1hr 23min</p>
<p>Turn R, follow the track which becomes a footpath with Y/W markers. It leads north towards the sea, ignore side paths and at a "Y" junction bear R ("Cova" painted on stone). Eventually it descends down the flank of the barranco very steeply and is rough (one short section with chain) to arrive on a level path above the cliff edge. Turn R here to find the hole in the roof of the cave (exposed) or L to the sign post which is directly above the cave access and it's optional scrambling/chain descent and traverse to the cave entrance. Torch not essential, unless you wish to explore the inner depths.</p>	<p>6.18km 1hr 49min</p>
<p>Follow the signed route (NW) towards "Torre del Gerro" (Y/W) along the sometimes exposed footpath overlooking the rocky shoreline (one section has chain, another rope but neither are essential). Ignore a steep path off L (Y/W cross) and continue steeply up steps to reach a track and view point, overlooking Cova de l'Aiguadol and towards Les Rotes.</p>	<p>6.78km, 2hrs</p>

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<p>Turn R up a rough track to its crest. Turn sharp L by a bench up a track to its end. A footpath continues and then climbs steeply to reach the Torre del Gerro (a 16th Century look out).</p>	<p>7.19km, 2hrs 10min</p>
<p>Follow the signposted (Y/W) footpath PRCV-355 towards "Cim Montgo" inland (S). Note, the unfinished urbanisation of more than 40 years on your R! Continue until it becomes a track beside an interesting "glass art House" this leads to the Cap Sant Antoni road.</p>	<p>9.29km, 2hrs 40min</p>
<p>Turn R along the road and at the stop sign, just before the junction with the CV-736 take a short path on the R, cross the road with care, to rejoin the outward path, follow it to a track. Turn R continue until at a R/H bend a footpath goes straight on through trees, to rejoin the gravel drive turn L and return to the car park.</p>	<p>10.5km 3hrs</p>
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>Much of the track is good, but some is particularly rough and rocky, a short section verges on scrambling & the descent into the cave (optional) is scrambling!</p>

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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