

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Penya Mulero and More	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Guadalest. Parking on a small rural camino off from the road to El Trestellador restaurant.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	18 Km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	1070 m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	5 hrs 10 mins 6 hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/C	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.65651 Long: -0.19681	
Directions to Start	CV70 Polop to Guadalest road ,at km33.5 turn L at sign for Hostal EL Trestellador, after a few hyndred mtrs.take a L turn doubling back – follow this around to a RH bend with a fence to LHS and park on a track to RHS	
Short walk description	This is a walk that provides absolutely stunning views for the most of the day into the valleys on both sides of the Penya. The modest 600 metre ascent rewards walkers with beautiful 360 degree views from the top of Penya Mulero. Being at high altitude it can be cold and snowy in winter with only minimal shade in summer.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk up the track where you have parked curving around to the L and just as the track appears to end you are in the corner of a barranco with a clear path continuing ahead.		
Ignore this path and instead work up a thin path on the RHS of the barranco.The initial intent is to stay close to it ,but to avoid brambles it is best take zig-zags of some 5-10m on each terrace to find the best way up , keeping in mind to stay as close to barranco as possible.		50m, 1 min
Soon you arrive on a grassy and level plateau on the RHS of the barranco with views above to the crags. Move half right across this feint path and then still heading half right up through pine trees until you meet a small ridge heading more directly up the mountain. Take this – there is little vegetation on this first section.		260m, 6.5min
		425m, 10min

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Now avoid a small rocky knoll above you by working L, behind the knoll there is evidence of a gully trending up to the R to reach the ridge line , to reach this you must trend L going steadily up until reaching a small patch of scree more or less directly below the crags , do not take the more direct line up the steeper part of the gully.

Once under the crags follow the clear footpath working up , soon you see the end of immediate crags on your LHS as they give way to scrub , here the best line moves R (still uphill) away from the gully and soon levels as it traverses out on the shoulder of the mountain,now looking down on the rocky knoll that you earlier looked up to.

680m. 16.5min

Follow this ever improving footpath until it arrives at a terrace , cross this and on to a track.

1.2km 31min

Reach a breeze block building with a track junction and take the L turn steeply up still on a track.

1.4km 34min

This soon ends on a further terrace which you cross to the far L to find a thin footpath slanting up hill to the R.

Follow this as it gains height and shortly before cresting the ridge watch for it turning R through bushes and ascending more directly to the ridge line.

Crest the ridge and drop directly over for a few metres to find a well established cairn.....

1.9km 45 min.

...with footpath coming down from the ridge on the RHS and one leading L , ignore these and take the steep down ward path.

Follow this down for some considerable time , ignoring a L fork and make for track far below.

As the path nears the track it trends R towards some terraces with buildings , the path is a little broken and winds down through scrub (cairns) ,to become clearer and join the major track.

3.4km.1hr.16min

Turn R and continue on this broad track , soon after a sharp LH bend and approaching a cream coloured finca look for an old wire gate on LHS.

4.86km.1hr50min

Turn L through this and walk across to reach some 'blue metal' gates , turn L through these and walk round RHS of orchard and down into a dip , come out of dip and wind L, ignore first R fork and soon after reach another R fork (cairn).

5.14km 1hr54min

Follow this forest path along LHS of valley bottom passing to RHS of a wooden hunters' hide.

5.46km 2hrs

Start to rise steeply then level off in trees to reach a broad junction.

5.9km 2hrs7min

Take L fork upwards and continue to look for a narrow path (cairn) leading up LH bank side.

6.38km2hr 13min

Turn L up this feint path and start to work R and wind upwards aiming for a pass between crags above and to the R , soon the path rises steeply towards the L crag (cairns) and passes through some hollyoaks then winds across to join a track near a small fruit terrace

6.95km2hr27min

Turn L and continue to reach a house with an ' oil drum ' at entrance and sign for Benimantell (red dot).

7.6km.2hr40min

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Pass the house and soon after reach a large pine tree with old Y/W marks.	7.69km.2hr42min
Turn R and wind down and across RHS of a fruit terrace , at far side follow path through trees to emerge out at a rocky col , turn L and spiral down the mozzarabic path – trend L at the bottom and follow path – pass an ' open air ' eating area.	8.26km.2hr58min
Soon after pass a ruin.	8.38km.3hr17min
Join a broad track and turn L.	8.46km.3hr21min
Continue on this track walking through the Buddhist Community retreat to reach a large 'modern' house.	10.8km.3hr56min
Pass to rear of this large house and wind up to a yellow house , walk to rear RHS corner of this.	10.9km
Go directly in front on to a path , follow this steeply upwards and trend L just before reaching ridge top (cairns) ,scramble up to the crest.	11.3km4hr11min
Cross over and on to a narrow path descending (steeply in places) to reach a small junction , aim R towards a cultivated terrace in front ,soon after drop onto a track.	11.8km.4hr29min
Turn R and soon after reach a junction.	12km.4hr32min
Turn R up a path (cairn) and wind along and upwards to emerge at a broad track.	13.1km.4hr49min
Turn R and continue up to the fingerpost on the col.	13.6km.4hr55min
Follow broad track now descending , just before reaching a hunters post on RHS.	14.3km5hr5min
Turn R down a path (cairn) and wind down , ignore the first L fork , continue steeply down to reach a junction.	14.9km5hr19min
Turn L down wards (red dot) by a waterpipe and contiune to reach a broad track.	15.4km.5hr26min
Turn L and ignore another fork coming in from L and soon after arrive at a small finca.	15.9km.5hr31min
Pass this and continue to reach a junction.	16.3km
Turn L slightly ascending on a track which winds L to reach a casita 'El Benifet'.	16.4km.5hr40min
Now follow the track R and meet a broader track.	5hr 43min
Pass the chain and turn R (Y/W) this soon leads on to tarmac and continues down to reach cars.	17.8km6hrs.
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

Route followed is outlined in Red

