

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Fornalutz – Puig de sa Bassa	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	The main square in the pretty village of Fornalutz, called the Plaça de Espanya.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	9.1 km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	633 m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	Walking time 3 hours 50 mins, total time 4.5 hours.	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 39.782425, Long: 2.740956	
Directions to Start	If coming by car, park in the car park off the Ma-2120 to the NE of the town centre, and walk the 100m or so down to the square.	
Short walk description	Pleasant walk up a wooded valley to a viewpoint with great views, and then on up to the peak with spectacular views all round. Return via a more open path, with views towards the mountains inland.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>Start at the main square in Fornalutz, the Plaça d’Espanya. Take the steps which lead upwards to the left of the church. Continue to climb northwards out of Fornalutz as the steps give way to a cobbled stepped track, and the views open up on the RHS over Fornalutz.</p> <p>After about 18 minutes you arrive at the main road (Ma-10), which you cross and head a little to the right to where you see a signpost for the walking path Camí de s’Alzina Fumadora, Sa Comuna, and you take this path for about 10 metres round a bit of a bend to the left to where you find a water tank. (point A) 20 mins.</p> <p>Ignore the small wooden post pointing you straight ahead, and continue to bend round to the left, following the wall on the LHS, as you start up a cobbled path.</p>		20 mins 0.5 km

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<p>After about 14 mins you reach a concrete road and turn right onto it. You stay on this concrete road only for a couple of minutes. It leads up past a house on your right, and round a left hand bend, to where you see a signpost on your right for a walking route s'Alzinaret. (point B) 16 mins.</p>	<p>36 mins 1 km</p>
<p>Take this path, looking at the start a little overgrown. You gradually realise you're walking up the lowest part of a small valley, and this is the general direction you want to take until you reach the road at the top. After about 6 mins where it looks as if there's a junction in the path, you take the left hand branch up, rather than the right branch (which goes level along a terrace).</p>	
<p>After another 6 minutes, as you're going up the floor of the valley, it looks as if the way ahead is blocked, but the path leads on a detour to the left, and just round the corner take the path up to the right.</p>	
<p>About 3 mins later you come again to the lowest point of the valley and cross it to a junction in the path (where an old disused car may still be). The major track leads round to the right, but you want to take the left hand fork, keeping a wall on your RHS. Immediately afterwards, continue straight ahead on the path marked with cairns, and pass through a green gate. The path continues quite steeply uphill on the shaded right hand bank of the little valley.</p>	
<p>About 7 mins later you come out into a clearing and you see a house ahead. You go up and pass to the right of the house, and the track becomes a surfaced road which leads you up to the main road (the Ma-10 again). (point C) 26 mins</p>	<p>1 hr 2 mins 1.8 km</p>
<p>Turn right and continue along the main road for about 30 metres, and take the track starting on the LHS of the road, going through a gate with warnings about big game hunting. Continue along this wide track as it wends upwards through the forest, until you come out from under the trees and reach a high point with a rocky outcrop on the RHS, onto which you can clamber to get some spectacular views. Good spot for a picnic! (point D) 22 mins</p>	<p>1 hr 24 mins 2.8 km</p>
<p>Continue along this path where the thick forest has now given way to sparser vegetation, with tall bog asphodel plants. The path does a zig-zag, then passes to the right of a covered water tank, before arriving at a junction (point E), about 5 mins after leaving the rocky outcrop.</p>	<p>1 hr 29 mins 3 km</p>
<p>You now start the climb to the peak, and you'll return to this junction on the way back down. So continue straight ahead on the track, rather than turning right. After about 200m there is another junction, and you turn left, passing to the right of a small house, and seeing more signs of Perill Arm de Foc. After another 1.2 km you reach the end of the track, where you may find the car belonging to the person on duty in the fire lookout tower on the peak. (point F) 25 mins</p>	<p>1 hr 54 mins 4.3 km</p>
<p>The final stretch up to the peak is on a path. Look on the ground for arrows formed from stones to lead you to the start of the path. The path is fairly well defined and leads up to the peak with its fire lookout tower and impressive 360 degree views. (point G) 15 mins.</p>	<p>2 hrs 9 mins 5 km</p>
<p>Retrace your steps down the path, and then down the track, turning right past the small house, to arrive at the junction point E. 36 mins</p>	<p>2 hrs 45 mins 7 km</p>

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<p>Turn left at this junction and follow the path down to a stile at the main road. (point H) 10 mins</p>	<p>2 hrs 55 mins 7.5 km</p>
<p>Turn left on the main road and walk about 50 metres to find the start of the path down, signposted Camí de s'Alzina Fumadora, Fornalutz 45 minutes. Follow this path the whole way down, which is well signposted and easy to follow. At its end you turn right onto a concrete road which after 10 metres or so leads you back to the water tank at point A. 30 mins</p>	<p>3 hrs 25 mins 8.6 km</p>
<p>Now you have to retrace your steps back to the start. Pass to the right of the water tank, and follow the path round to the right, keeping the wall on your RHS. Cross the road and take the stepped path going down, which leads you back to your starting point in the Plaça d'Espanya. 25 mins.</p>	<p>3 hrs 50 mins 9.1 km</p>
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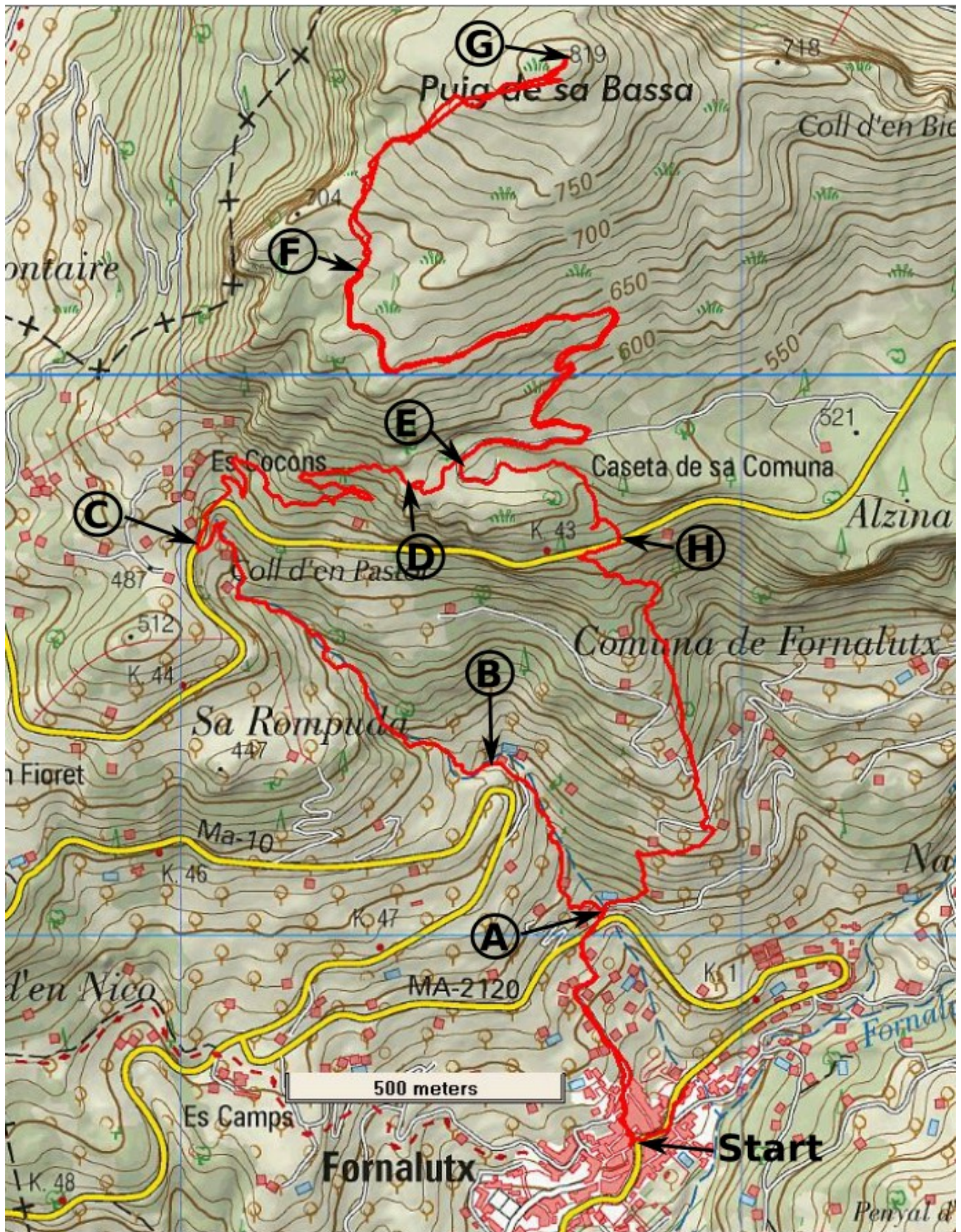
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

The area above the Ma-10 (between points C and F) is an area where there are danger signs "Perill Arm de Foc" – danger firearms, and to enter it you go through a gate warning of big game hunting there.

see map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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