

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Val d'Ebo to Col de Garga and return	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Vall d'Ebo	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	17	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	690	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.5hr 5.75hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/C/Scr	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.806480, Long: -0.157436.	
Directions to Start	From the CV 715 -Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.	
Short walk description	An exploration of the narrow valley of the Ebo followed by an easy ascent and return over the Carrasca ridge to Vall d'Ebo	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the car parking turn around to face E and walk along the lane with the 20kph speed limit and a weight limit for heavy vehicles.		
Pass the sewage farm and continue to a junction where you turn R slightly uphill on concrete.		860m, 9.5min
Continue past the fuente and ignore the next fork to the R and continue until you drop down to the end of the track which finishes in the river bed.		1.9km, 24min
Now continue ahead across the river bed, keeping R as the river turns R to find the easiest way forward and as soon as practicable keep to the RHS on flat slabs alongside the river bed.		
You will reach a cairn and footpath		2.3km, 31min
working up to the R away from the river and this soon levels and turns around to the R		

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<p>through forestry before dropping down again to re-join the river bed.</p> <p>Now there is nothing for it but to continue down this line, weaving in and out of occasional vegetation and scampering over rocks along the valley bottom.</p> <p>The scenery here is magnificent and you can appreciate the course that the river has carved out over the centuries.</p> <p>Soon the river bed narrows and you make your way between cast walls of rock.</p> <p>When you reach a section of massive boulders (think 4-5m high) then the easiest course in general is to keep to the RHS and shortly after passing these and some scoured runnels in the river bed you will finally arrive at a small dam.</p>	<p>2.6km, 35min</p>
<p>Pass this on the LHS and walk down a rock ramp that gently slopes down to re-join the river bed.</p> <p>Proceed with caution from here. The vegetation thickens a little and you have to weave in and out to pass through it, but you will need to keep to the RHS of the river bed in order to see your next path.</p> <p>This appears at a cairn and almost immediately there are a set of Y/W markers to guide you steadily up the hill.</p>	<p>5km, 1hr 22min</p>
<p>Although this path is broken down in part, the majority of it is a joy and finally it arrives at a track where you turn R.</p> <p>Follow this as it rises a little to reach a well on the RHS and then drops over a col to descend a little around a barranco and then commence a steady climb.</p>	<p>5.3km, 1hr 26min</p>
<p>Follow this for some 3.5 kilometers until you reach the point where you can see over the hill on your RHS to sweeping view across to Cocoll and Aixorta.</p> <p>Now turn R and double back on yourself on rough ground. You must hunt out a set of yellow paint splashes a little way on. These are on the RHS of the shallow plateau as you look up the ridge in front of you to the S.</p> <p>The yellow markings take you over a shallow col and drop only a few metres before commencing to rise up on a clear mozarabic path.</p>	<p>6.3km, 1hr 48min</p>
<p>This disappears at a point where the original line zig-zagged back to the L but by pushing uphill a little you are soon re-connected with it as it rises to reach a col with a rocky buttress in front of you.</p> <p>Pass over the col and descend a little with the objective of avoiding the worst of the rough rocks higher up on your RHS. Find the easiest going you can muster and continue then to climb more steeply and reach a poorly defined col with cairns which you cross to the R and then swing L.</p>	<p>10km, 2hr 37min</p>
<p>Now walk almost level into a barranco corner from where you turn R and climb up to cross a second col on an outlying ridge.</p> <p>Once again you pass over the col with cairns and swing L now traversing into a bigger barranco corner where the path line is clear and rise to exit the corner.</p>	<p>10.4km, 2hr 45min</p>
<p>Now you can settle down as you rise steadily on this line, looking out all the time for the yellow paint splashes and occasionally dropping a little. The ridge line above on your L</p>	<p>10.6km, 2hr 49min</p>
	<p>11km, 2hr 57min</p>

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<p>looks prohibitively high, but in fact you will join it ahead as it starts to drop.</p> <p>Continue ahead until finally you join the main ridge.</p> <p>Now cross this and drop a little (maybe 50m) to get around rocks and then ascend again on a clear line that sweeps rightwards once it is past the end of the rocks and opens up the views to a col in front of you.</p> <p>The path becomes vague for a few metres across rough ground but is soon clear again as it descends to the clear col.</p> <p>From here you can rise up any way you want to reach the next summit which is to your RHS.</p> <p>Now turn L along the ridge to continue your progress across to the next summit and finally when you are over this you drop to a col with very large cairn and a path which turn L to start a descent.</p> <p>Now follow this down easily as it rounds a lower barranco and when close to the bottom with olive terraces in front of you, look out for a poorly defined path leaving the more obvious one which descends dangerously and steeply. Continue ahead on the poorly defined path to reach the terraces.</p> <p>Immediately you reach them turn down R threading your way down through the terraces until you can go no further and then turn L along a terrace, taking any opportunity to drop another level when you can.</p> <p>Soon you reach a poorly defined track which you join as it turns R to drop down the hill and reach a track junction.</p> <p>Turn L here and walk along the track passing a wrecked car past which you ascend a few metres, walk along a level terrace and then around a bluff on the LHS to descend on a clearer track again.</p> <p>When this reaches a cairn on the RHS turn R along this terrace</p> <p>and at the end walk directly ahead onto a footpath.</p> <p>Descend on this as it zig-zags down to join a concrete track where you turn L.</p> <p>This drops a few metres and then turns around to the R and reaches a further junction where you turn R to drop down into a barranco.</p> <p>Now turn L and walk out to reach a tarmac road beside a large building.</p> <p>Walk ahead on the tarmac until you can turn R up a bank onto a footpath beside a chainlink fence.</p> <p>After a few metres turn L down onto a village street and continue ahead to pass the Bar Capri on your RHS.</p> <p>If you do not need refreshments, then continue past the bar and take the next R turn which takes you to your parked car.</p>	<p>11.9km, 3hr 14min</p> <p>13.6km, 3hr 41min</p> <p>14.7km, 4hr 1min</p> <p>14.9km, 4hr 5min</p> <p>15.5km, 4hr 12min</p> <p>15.9km, 4hr 9min</p> <p>16.1km, 4hr 21min</p> <p>16.5km, 4hr 25min</p>
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Scrambling in the river bed for the first 5km or so.

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

