

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**When completed please send this form to webmaster@walksinSpain.com**

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Title of Walk	Sierra de Orxeta
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Finestrat. Partida Arquet
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	16
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	860
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4 hrs. 30 mins. 5 hrs. 20 mins.
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS / B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.55565, Long: -0.21773
Directions to Start	CV767 Benidorm to Finestrat road , at the large roundabout just before Finestrat turn L on CV759 direction Vila Joiosa, immediately before KM 5 turn R up narrow surfaced road, follow for 1.3 kms and park on open ground near large pylon.
Short walk description	A long steep early ascent is rewarded along one of the longest ridges on the Costa Blanca with spectacular and extensive views of coast and mountains.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk down the track towards a ruin then take the R fork onto a narrow path (with cairn), follow down the slope and across and L on the topside of a terrace wall to reach a prominent pine tree and start to wind up on this path, continue to reach a small junction	15 mins.
Go directly across although barred with small stones ,within a few metres reach another junction with stones across also ignore these and continue up – follow this clear path upwards with ' several false summits ' ignoring any small turns to the L to eventually reach the trig point	2.9km,1hr 15 min
Pass to LHS of trig point on a narrow path and soon after take R fork (Y/W on rock) reach a Y/W finger post	3.3km, 1hr 20min
Meander along the ridge on the ridge to the next finger post	3.6 kms.

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within a few metres meet a junction and turn R with embalse to RHS stay on this winding path and at the next small junction take R branch.	5.7km.1hr.55min
continue to reach an old info.board	6kms.2 hr.10min
start to work down L (cairns) follow this very uneven loose rocky path down (cairns) to reach a mesh fence.	6.5km.2hr 25min
turn R and the path broadens to a track to emerge at tarmac	7.1 kms
turn L and follow the road through houses and wind L , then ignore a L fork and wind R soon after with mesh fence to LHS ,pass mesh gates and turn L onto an unsurfaced road.	7.5km.2hr 40min
follow for a short distance then wind R in front of No 15 follow this narrow path (running parallel to a main Rd on RHS) and reach a tarmac road.	8.2km 2hr 50min
Turn L for a few metres and just in front of Casa Carmen turn up path on RH bank side, pass to R near a ruin and soon after with Builders merchants below to RHS, path splits – take L fork upwards on path resembling a water channel, work up to ridge and continue along and follow up next small summit to large cairn	9.3km.3hr.25min
continue along this undulating ridge top interspersed with cycle /motorcycle paths to reach a small copse of pine trees on a hill top	9.7km 3hr.35min
continue along the ridge to reach a junction with varying paint marks -	10.4km.4hr 5min
take R fork with yellow arrow and continue along winding path aiming for a pylon ahead	11.2km.4hr 10min
drop off to L immediately after the pylon and soon after pass across an old building site with long abandoned building materials and join a forest track to turn R, ignore next L turn and as path narrows continue along the ridge with view of Benidorm in front until just before last knoll of ridge turn L (cairns).	
Start to zig zag down (some cairns) path becomes very uneven and water damaged, make the best way down an old quarry area with a red roofed dwelling to the immediate RHS , pass directly across this quarry basin with Benidorm to forefront then onto a more obvious path winding L and R to reach a surfaced road	12.5km.4hr45min
Turn L, soon after pass a small house and turn R onto a gravel track, ignore cyclist path to RHS and continue on track passing through a 'rubbish tip' area to reach a junction created by cyclists.	13.7km.4hr55min
Take R fork (cairn) to meet a broad track	13.8km, 5hr 5mins
Turn R (cairn) ,within a few metres take path at RHS (cairns) and reach a small cultivated area ,go directly across (cairn at far side) ,rise up a bank and turn L, continue on path and rise up a second bank ,turn L again (cairn) aiming towards a mesh fence , follow alongside fence to a junction.	14.25km, 5hr 15min
Take R fork and descend to join a track ,turn R then take R fork (cairn) (ignore path to L) continue then take next L turn (ignore further paths to L) and reach a track	14.6km
Turn R and pass to LHS of a casita ,ignore first L fork but soon after take next L	

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(cairn) ,follow the forest path (ignore cyclist path to LHS) and continue to meet a track , turn L and almost immediately reach a small junction (cairn below pine tree)	14.95km
Turn R and continue ,trend R past some metal posts and cross a riverbed , to turn L along a well walked path along RHS of riverbed to reach a junction.	15.75km
Turn R ascending to reach cars.	16km

Walk Recommendations or restrictions	An exceptionally long and tough early ascent.
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See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

