

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

Walk description originally prepared by:-	David Harbach, CBMW, May 2012
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Title of Walk	Alcada de la Jovada via Forada ridge
Location of Start	Benissiva
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	15.7 km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	650m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4 hrs 5.5 hrs
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	N 38 49.123 W 000 13.542
Directions to Start	Take the CV700 Pego to Planes road. Park behind the Co-op in Benissiva (on the right just as you enter the village)
Short walk description	Two different mosarabic paths to and back from the ridge – very impressive. Route mainly over quiet roads, tracks, and paths with an ascent “off piste” back from Alcada to the ridge (quite steep but clear). Magnificent views of the Gallinera valley.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk out the back of the car park into the village. Follow the road L and continue to the main road. Cross this road turn R and after a few meters take the steps on the L going up. At the top turn R onto the road then first L. After a few meters bear R. Continue on this Y/W marked road to a RH T junction with a signpost indicating to go R to the Forat, which you ignore (20 mins, 1.54km)	20 mins, 1.54km
Instead continue straight ahead to the end of the road. (6 mins, 0.42km)	26 mins, 1.96km
Proceed straight ahead on track and after 60m take the path on your R that takes you to the ridge (13 mins, 0.8km)	39 mins, 2.76km
Turn L on the ridge and after 30m turn R onto a Y/W marked path down to a ruin. Immediately after this building turn R onto a track, past a timber building on your RHS and continue to a road where you turn R (8 mins, 0.5km)	47 mins, 3.26km

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Proceed down road to where a barranco crosses and turn R onto a track. (5 mins, 0.52km)	52 mins, 3.78km
Turn L just after a refurbished finca (17 mins, 1.27km)	1hr 9min, 5.05k
Ignore track on R (5.72km) and turn R onto another track (17 mins, 1.37km)	1hr 26min, 6.42k
Ignore track on L (6.56km) and proceed to a road where you turn L. (5 mins, 0.36km)	1hr 31min, 6.78k
Proceed, past ancient village on LHS, up to a main road where you turn R (5 mins, 0.48km)	1hr 36min, 7.26k
First L into village, past washhouse RHS, through village, past the piscina bar RHS and across main road (9 mins, 0.72km)	1hr 45min, 7.97k
Proceed down this road to a junction where you turn R (12 mins, 0.96km)	1hr 57min, 8.93k
At the end of this road turn L onto a track (7 mins, 0.5km)	2hr 4min, 9.43k
After 15m turn R onto open ground and up to the summit (11mins, 0.57km)	2hr 15min, 10km
Continue seaward along the ridge path (of sorts) until you reach the Forat (the rock arch) (48mins, 2.16km)	3hr 3min, 12.16k
Proceed down from the Forat to the ridge path where you continue seaward. At a junction with another path turn L onto a mosarabic trail. (8 mins, 0.49km)	3hr 11min, 12.7k
Proceed down off the ridge onto a road and L at T junction and back the way came earlier back to the cars (41 mins, 3.07km)	3hr 52min, 15.7k

Walk Recommendations or restrictions None

Hard Copy of map showing route attached:- No

Software copy of map showing route attached (if appropriate):- No

GPS file of route attached (if appropriate) Yes

Web link to GPS file (if appropriate) No

Photos of walk attached No