

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Tormos easy circuit via Isbert's dam.
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Tormos piscina car park
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	8.8km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	252
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.2hr 3hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.7989, Long:- -0.0771
Directions to Start	Coming from the south (Orba) on the CV715 at the outskirts of the village turn L (signposted to Costera del Moll) into Calle Pozo. Take the next L (Carrer Val de Llaguart) and then take the 2nd turn on the RHS just after the bins. Drive to the end opposite a plaza and turn L into Avenguda Joan Carles I. Drive a few hundred metres along this past the playground and piscina and park on open ground 50m further on the LHS.
Short walk description	A pleasant afternoon stroll or pre-lunch appetizer in dramatic countryside.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>From the car park, turn L and walk up the road passing some stone "huts" on the RHS.</p> <p>At the jnc at the bottom of the hills turn L and go up and pass a water pumping station on the RHS.</p> <p>Take the 2nd turn on the R after some 50m and at the foot of a large concrete wall.</p> <p>Follow this around to the R and into a barranco with orange groves.</p> <p>At a point where you can see over on the LHS some steps going up through terraces you will also see a less clearly defined track crossing the barranco below the steps and returning the way you came on the other side of the barranco. Take this. It becomes a</p>	<p>300m 4.5mins</p>

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little rougher and is effectively a stream bed.

Soon this joins a tarmac road where you turn R and move steeply uphill and under some pylons.

870m
12mins

The tarmac runs out but the track continues past a large well and ruined finca on the RHS.

When this thins still further it becomes a simpler engineered path with a mountain bike sign (triangle with 2 circles under it) and this runs 20/30 metres up a few terraces. Behind a small conifer in front of a wall there is the mountain bike sign to show that you turn L along the terrace.

Follow this to the end and join a broad track where you turn R uphill for a few metres and then take the L track ignoring the continuing track going steeply uphill.

1.3km
20mins

As this descends there are zig-zag bends and then a complex set of intersections. The objective is to continue ahead until you have a small hill directly in front of you and there turn R downhill. (Before this there are several other turns to the L and R which you ignore)

Cross a valley bottom and up a rise and then keeping a fence on your LHS follow the main track down to reach a tarmac road where you turn R.

2.0km
29mins

Ignore the next set of junctions and follow the tarmac road.

Ignore all turnings R or L and follow the main road as it becomes a gravel track on the RHS of the valley.

Work around and across a barranco with a walled finca on the RHS and a set of poly tunnels on the L.

Just past a ruin on the RHS pass a visible set of foundations on the RHS for a house that has not been built and sometimes in the trees on the LHS a caravan covered with canvas sheeting and ignore side turnings as you continue on this side of the valley.

Pass a gated cattle ranch on the RHS

3.6km
50mins

and descend on a concrete track to cross the main valley bottom with fantastic rock scenery all around you. Continue ahead to cross the valley again with a building up on the RHS. Continue beside an avenue of conifers and ignore a track on the RHS continuing into the mouth of the valley with steep sided crags on either side.

Pass a pumping station on the LHS and drop into the valley bottom.

4.2km
58mins

Cross this and work up to the LHS of the valley to emerge on a broad path (originally the path used to bring materials for the construction of the dam). Turn L and uphill here back in the broad direction from which you have come.

Pass through a short tunnel where a torch is helpful but not essential. As you continue ahead you pass a large white house on your LHS.

4.7km
1hr 8mins

Continue ahead to reach a track junction where you turn R steeply uphill. Follow this around to the L and further up where the track follows around to the L and onto a terrace and towards a small building there is a continuation of the path going steeply uphill which you follow.

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60/70m up this there is a junction where you can turn R and back on yourself but we proceed more or less straight ahead onto a level terrace. There is a mountain bike sign here indicating our route along with a Y/W cross!

4.9km
1hr 12 mins

Follow this through a marshy area and under a bamboo tunnel (Dec 17) and then along a path past a landslip to reach a concrete farm track going uphill to the R. After the concrete has given out and been replaced by gravel there is a turning doubling back on the R (concrete) which you ignore. At the top of a small crest there is another track descending steeply straight ahead. Ignore this and go uphill to the R to arrive at a second crest with a further concrete track doubling back to the R and our footpath continuing ahead and slightly downhill.

5.6km
1hr 23mins

Follow this down ignoring all side turnings and 5m before a large telegraph pole at the main road there is a path going off to the L and level across a terrace strewn with rubbish and plastic bottles which you can take or if you miss this then 5m beyond the telegraph pole there is a steeper (but clearer) path down to the L and this continues as an engineered path downhill.

50m further ignore the turning off to the L and swing a little around to the R to arrive at a large concrete domed well. Take the track R and out to the road. Turn L down the road for some 60m and look out for the Y/W marked path leaving this to the LHS and going more steeply downhill.

6.1km
1hr 30mins

At a road go straight across and down a broad track downhill for 30m and find a continuation of the engineered path off L again also with Y/W. This soon joins a wider track which you follow downhill ignoring a turn to the R and arrives at the valley bottom.

Cross the river (sometimes dry) and turn R and then keep level to the R near to the valley bottom, ignoring a steeper track going uphill.

6.4km
1hr 37mins

Walk past a small finca on the LHS used as a stud with a fenced enclosure beyond it with horses normally in occupation. At the end of the fence cross the river and continue ahead on the other side of the river bed. Take a slight L fork and re-cross the river, go up a short bank and turn R, ignoring all tarmac to continue ahead on a rough track beside the river.

7.3km
1hr 48mins

Soon after a L turn onto a flat terrace look out for a steep ramp going uphill crossing 4/5 terraces (just before the track ends) and turn L onto a track between terraces until you reach the end at a T-jnc where you turn R.

8.0km
1hr 56mins

Now you are heading directly towards the village of Tormos.

Once this becomes tarmac you drop down to cross a barranco and once up the other side of this you reach the first houses of the village on the RHS and a fenced on the LHS. Once this ends turn L directly across some terraces and head straight up crossing a small wall with water pipe and as you see the large wall of stones marking the wall of the car park move L to reach a clear track ahead to the road and your car.

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red

