

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Cabeco d'Or circuit and summit	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Busot. Campo road in the direction of Jijona.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	11.1km (summit)	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	840 (to summit)	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hr 40mins (summit) 5hr 20mins (summit)	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B for circuit VS/B for summit	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.506178, Long: -0.408153	
Directions to Start	From the A70 at junc 67 take the CV800 towards Jijona. The second turning is signed Busot. Follow the Busot signs to the roundabout at the junction of the CV773 (approx. 6.5km on the CV773) and 774. Follow the CV774 towards Jijona for 2 km's. Make a R turn at a sign for "Partida Pla Cabeco 1", then turn immediately left following a campo road initially parallel to the main road. Follow this road around a few bends to the end. Immediately after a finger post on the left there is a small parking area R opposite a fenced house, and just below another house.	
Short walk description	A delightful walk on this interesting mountain with an optional short scramble to the summit. Avoids a stiff ascent to Cuevas de Canalobre at the end of the walk.	
Full Walk Description	<p>NB – the optional ascent to the summit is included in this description. If omitted you save yourself 2.2km, 250m of ascent and 1hr of walking time .</p> <p>From the parking walk back down the road a short way to a finger post where you turn R along a track.</p> <p>Walk to the end of this at a wide open area and find a second finger post indicating a footpath climbing steeply on the RHS.</p>	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far

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Follow this up in zig-zags until it arrives in a corrie where you join a row of pipes and conduits under a small concrete protector.	
Keep going to arrive at a viewing platform with timber fence and parking for the Cuevas de Canalobre.	940m, 18mins
Walk down the road past the ticket office and toilets (!) admiring the view up to a fort on high above us on the RHS.	
At a sharp bend to the L at a second parking area take the track that goes almost straight ahead with a fingerpost indicating the route. (Ignore track going directly uphill to the RHS)	1.8km, 31 mins
Follow this rising and falling gently along the slopes of the mountain with fantastic views ahead and up to the R. Ignore any side turnings off this track.	
When you reach a fork with a fin of rock directly in front of you, keep R uphill.	3.6km, 59mins
Pass a metal cross on the RHS a little back from the track and then a short way ahead looking across on the LHS you will see across the barranco an entrance to a cave house built into the wall.	
Keep ahead to shortly arrive at a sharp bend L with a small building and outside fuel tank and just before this watch carefully for the footpath going off steeply uphill to the R (with Y/W markers)	4.0km, 1hr 6mins
Follow this ahead with many zig-zags and opportunities for shortcutting the correct route which you should avoid. Soon there are views ahead to some impressive orange cliffs which you could visit with a diversion from the path.	
When you pass above thee you can look down and see a formed entrance into a cave house.	
Eventually you arrive at a col and just over the lip of this is a ruined nevera (ice house) with circular walls in the ground and a ruined house.	5.6km, 1hr 42mins
After admiring the new views for a while return a few metres to find a turning to the R (L as you come up to the col) which you take as a level route for a few metres and then this starts to climb steeply across scree.	
Soon you arrive under some crags and make your way L under these to arrive at a short scramble up a rock ramp.	
At the top of this you turn to your R and continue to cross a scree descent (which you ignore) and scramble up a second rock band to a col.	6.4km, 2hr 2mins
Now all that remain is to make your way up the ridge line on the LHS as best you can. There are several braided paths to chose from but in the end all go the right way.	
Near the top you reach a ruined building with 2 rooms one of which is a cave with a well built into the floor and soon above this you reach the summit with its trig point, large water deposito and views all around.	6.9km, 2hr 15mins
Return to the col with the nevera.	
There are 2 things to take care with. Firstly stay close enough to the ridge on your immediate descent to ensure that you find the R turn to descend the uppermost crag.	

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Secondly at the foot of this be sure to turn L across the top of the scree run and follow the Y/W markers to the top of the second small climb down.

Once at the col with nevera continue ahead past the ruin and level for a few metres and then start descending on a clear path with Y/W markers.

Work across a barranco from R to L and then arrive at some excellent views out to the R of fins of rock which ascend the mountain and also a view down to the forat (hole) in the rock which we viewed earlier from below at the cave car park.

At a spur you turn around to the L and can then see clearly ahead of you a col with electricity pylons running across it and beyond this a second hill as continuation of your ridge.

Slowly we make our way down towards this on our well marked zig-zag path until just above the col when we move rightwards and below the col.

Further on we reach an electricity pylon with a broad track below which we follow to a path junction where we turn R.

As we round a second barranco and rise slightly to exit this we ignore a cross roads of paths and continue straight ahead.

Here turn R and a little way further down reach a track junction with fenced gardens.

Turn L and reach your parked car.

7.8km, 2hr
38mins

8.6km, 2hr
53mins

10.6km, 3hr
32mins

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

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Route followed is outlined in Red

