

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Walk description originally prepared by:-	David Harbach, CBMW, September 2013	
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Title of Walk	Col de Rates via Parcent	
Location of Start	Parcent	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	11km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	435m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2hrs50mins 4.5hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/A	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.741800, Long: -0.072484	
Directions to Start	From Alcalali take CV-720 towards Parcent. At intersection turn L on CV-715 direction Tarbena. Turn R on road to La Piscina Restaurante and at end park opposite sports complex	
Short walk description	Good walk on well-established paths mostly marked, tracks and quiet roads. Wonderful views from the Col	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk back to the CV-715 (3mins 220m)		3mins, 220m
Turn R to bridge and turn L onto a road/track at the biffer bins (1min, 70m)		4mins, 290m
Continue down track, marked Y/W, almost to its end and drop down to the L into the barranco. (6mins, 460m)		10mins, 750m
Continue down barranco to a bridge, leave the barranco on the LHS onto a road and continue straight on to a main road. (8mins, 470m)		18mins, 1.22km
Turn R onto main road. Ignore the first turn R with a finger signpost and proceed to a road that joins from the L (an old building that looks like a hen battery on the corner). Turn R onto a path opposite. (4mins 400m)		22mins, 1.62km
Cross a barranco and continue to another track which you join going straight on. (2mins, 110m)		24mins, 1.73km
Continue on this track which soon becomes a road and go L at a fork (6mins, 460m)		30mins, 2.19km

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Continue to "X" roads and go straight on. (7mins, 520m)	37mins, 2.71km
Press on past an emita on your LHS up to a fork with a fingerpost and turn R (4mins, 290m)	41mins,3.00km
Continue to road intersection and turn R. (3mins, 290m)	44mins, 3.29km
Continue to fork and go L. (2mins, 110m)	46mins, 3.40km
Turn L at a "T" junction. (10mins, 0.73km)	56mins, 4.13km
Continue to end of road. (8mins, 0.62km)	1hr4mins,4.75km
Go straight onto a path and up we go. At a fork with a finger post go L (ignore Y/W cross) (29mins, 1.65km)	1hr33min,6.40km
Continue up to a main road and turn L. (9mins, 0.55km)	1hr42min,6.95km
Continue up to the Col turn R then R again after 10m onto a path (just below a cyclist station) (5mins, 330m)	1hr47min,7.28km
Continue down this path to a main road. (4mins, 280m)	1hr51min,7.56km
Cross this road, over the mirador and take the path going down. At a fork with a fingerpost turn L, (4mins, 170m)	1hr55min,7.73km
Continue down path to track with nature sign on LHS. Continue straight on old track passing cement block burning enclosures, ignoring paths off R, to arrive at a "X" tracks with fenced in orange grove. Go R and very soon arrive at a track off sharp L (ignore Y/W "X" on concrete block). (36mins, 1.88km)	2hr31min,9.61km
Take this track which eventually follows an old water trough. At a bend to the R take the track/path going straight on that continues following the water trough. (7mins, 0.49km)	2hr38min,10.10k
The track/path soon bears R, becomes a path still following the trough. Drop down into an olive grove and on to a concrete surfaced road. (7mins, 0.50km)	2hr45min,10.60k
Go L up this road, over main road, cut corner on path then L onto the road back to the cars. (3mins, 240m)	2hr48min,10.84k
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

Route followed is outlined in Red

