

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	La Muntanya Sud d'Alcala and part Forada ridge	
Location of Start	Alcada de la Jovada Piscina bar at W end of village.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	14.5km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	470m	
Key Statistics for walk - <u>Walking time</u>	3.5hr walking time 4.5hr completion time	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	N 38 47.655 W000 15.266 Lat:- 38.794373, Long:- -0.254703	
Directions to Start	From the Orba to Pego road near Pego take the CV712 signed to Vall d'Ebo. Continue past Vall d'Ebo to Alcada de la Jovada and park on edge of village near the swimming pool	
Short walk description	A lovely walk over wide tracks, a short section of road and marked paths. The walk visits a nevera, a landing strip and part of the Forada ridge with splendid views of the Gallinera valley	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk into village centre past Bar Piscina on your LHS into Church square. Leave square from top LH corner go L and R and take upper road with metal railings on your LHS. Go through gate and continue on path, L over ancient aqueduct and up to building with two antennas. Go round building to the LHS, R up ramp and L onto wide track. (9mins, 0.58km)		9mins, 0.58km
Follow track (past a notice on the RHS regarding a treaty signed in 1245 between the Christians and the Moors) to a building with a notice about winepresses or the like (14mins, 1.13km)		23mins, 1.71km
(It's worth a detour to see these presses. Take the track opposite this building for about 90m, R across a small field, follow the path through a low wall and it's a short distance ahead)		

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Continue on the wide track (now with fence along a mouflon reserve), ignore the tracks on the RHS at (2.31km, 3.21km and 3.56km), to a landing strip. (used for refuelling aircraft employed in either crop spraying or fire fighting) (27mins, 2.12km)	50mins, 3.83km
(It's worth taking another detour here to a well preserved Nevera (ice house). Cross the landing strip to a notice board, take the track that runs parallel to the strip which, after about 80m, takes you down to the Nevera)	
Turn R, proceed up to the end of the landing strip, onto a track on the LH corner and down to a cross tracks (9mins, 0.74km)	59mins, 4.57km
Turn L onto a wide track which you follow (ignoring the few tracks that join on either side) down to a main road (45mins, 3.47km)	1hr44mins, 8.04k
Cross this road and continue down the road opposite (ignore the track on the LHS near a barranco that crosses the road) and turn L onto a track that goes towards a timber cabin. The turning is not that obvious SO KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED (13mins, 1.05km)	1hr57mins,9.09k
Proceed past this cabin on your LHS to a ruined house (4mins, 0.24km)	2hr1min, 9.33km
Turn L onto Y/W marked path, with the house on your LHS, for 50m then R and up to the ridge (4mins, 0.19km)	2hr5mins, 9.52k
Turn L on ridge and continue on the path until you reach a large stone built ruin. (27mins, 1.29km)	2hr32min,10.81k
(Inside this ruin is a cave house which is well worth a visit. When you continue with the walk be sure to look back after a short distance to see the cave house from the outside - pretty impressive).	
Continue on the path until you reach a fork. (9mins, 0.41km)	2hr41min,11.22k
Take the L fork at a stout timber post towards the forat (stone arch). (if you miss this turning you'll soon know because the path will begin to descend into the valley below) Before the forat take the path on your L that takes you off the ridge (7mins, 0.4km)	2hr48min,11.62k
(an excursion to the forat is well worth the effort.)	
Turn R where path forks (11.88km), ignore track that joins on LHS (12.25km), ditto RHS (12.36km) and turn R onto a track that joins (12.94). Continue on this track following BTT signs and ignore track on LHS (13.10km) and turn L onto concrete surfaced road. (26mins, 1.76km)	3hr14min,13.38k
Proceed past ruined Moor village (worth a good look around if you have time) to main road and turn R (7mins, 0.52km)	3hr21min,13.90k
First L into village,then R past the lavadero on RHS and back to the cars (7mins, 0.60km)	3hr28min,14.5k

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None
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Route followed is outlined in Red

