

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Eye of Montgo from Las Rotas	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Denia. Park in the car park beside the Restaurant Mena on the LHS just as you reach the sea and a little before you reach the end of the road.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	15	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	500	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 5hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.824363, Long:- 0.156865	
Directions to Start	Turn off the Denia-Javea CV736 at Km1.5 from Denia onto the CV7340 towards Las Rota (Les Rotes in Valencian). Continue to the end of the road.	
Short walk description	This challenging walk has many interesting features. The start with 1 ¼ km walk on lovely path beside the sea to cave down at water level (side trip down and/or view through hole from top). This is followed by a gruelling walk up steep, good paths, then an easy flat stroll across the Plana to the remains of eleven windmills, previously used to grind wheat. An optional return path follows, but the best part of the walk and its major raison d'être would be missed if you don't continue to the Eye of Montgo - quite a strenuous climb but worth the trouble.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From car park walk along road ESE. Take first road (Carrer de la Via Lactea) up R to sharp RH bend. Take chained off track going straight on to its end. A .		10min, 650m
Take path which starts with steps going down. Follow coast to bend in path and signpost B . The walk turns inland from here. But continue straight ahead for a worthwhile view of the caves below or take rough path down to visit the caves at sea level.		26 min, 1.2km
Heading inland continue along Y/W waymarked path which climbs steeply, then levels		

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out, to arrive at a track C .	50 min, 2.3k
Take this track following Y/W waymarks. Ignore track off R. Around 2 RH bends. Turn L at first road off L to T junction D (CV7362).	58 min, 2.9km
Turn L on road to monastery on RHS of road and sign to Els Molins E .	1hr 2min, 3.3km
Turn R and walk along side of monastery to sharp LH bend. Continue straight on in the direction Molins, walk past several windmills in various state of restoration to arrive at a lookout with information board F .	1hr 12min, 4km
At fourth from last windmill, find path straight on that leads to a track G .	1hr 15min, 4.2km
Turn L on track. Arrive at junction with tarmac surface road. bear L. Continue to T junction H . Turn L to another T junction I .	1hr 25min, 5.1km
Turn R and almost immediately find path L. Take path to T junction with track K .	1hr 29min, 5.4km
Take track L. Follow track ignoring minor tracks L and R to arrive at track off sharp L at a metal fire sign L .	1hr 37min, 6.4km
Take this track which contours round a small group of houses. After a RH bend, roughly when the houses and the peak of Montgo form a straight line, watch for path, marked in 2013 by yellow arrow on a stone and a cairn, going off L. - M .	1hr 43min, 6.9km
This path leads to Eye of Montgo. It is steep and rough. There and back.	2hr 43min, 8.9km
Continue on track to cross track. Turn R. Ignore next track off L. Continue to cross track N	2hr 51min, 9.4km
Turn L. Arrive at a chain across track and a small parking area with a walk board. Continue straight ahead and just before reaching the main road look for path off R marked by Y/W - P .	3hr 2min, 10.2km
Take path to track R .	3hr 5min, 10.4km
Take track R to path off L just before Y/W cross K .	3hr 8min, 10.6
Take path to main road J .	3hr 12min, 10.9km
Turn R and then L on road (there is a path straight over as well). Continue to first track off L at Basuras H. Follow this track to end S .	3hr 25min, 11.8km
Find path direction Torre del Gerro and follow to end at Tower T .	3hr 46min, 13.1km

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Follow cement walkway and then road back to car(s).

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

The footpaths can be very rocky and tough on the feet.

Map showing route followed

