

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Morron de Alham via caracol
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Zona Recreative car park at La Perdiz N side of road.
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	14
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	800
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	4hr 5mins 6hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/B
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 37.868857,Long: -1.520834
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Leave El Berro to the S on the Calle Juan Batista and drive past the Casa Forestal Quemados. At the T-jnc, turn R. At the next jnc, turn R again signed to La Perdiz. Park in the Zona Recreative car park on the RHS at La Perdiz.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A delightful walk along an open ridge with a stiff climb up a fire-break followed by an enchanting track up towards the summit of the ridge. Return via woodland tracks.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Walk back down along the road for a few metres and then take the clear track off to the L with picnic tables on the RHS and immediately a footpath with signboard on the L (Senda de Dinosaurs).Follow this until it intersects a firebreak and here turn L and steeply uphill.	440m, 6.5mins
The path levels for a while with good views of your intended struggle ahead up a steeper slope. Follow this until unexpectedly you come across a clear path going from R to L across you route. Take this to the R.	1.5km, 35mins
Follow this past 3 zigs to the L and then when approaching what might have been a 4 <sup>th</sup> Zig to the L the path continues ahead through a breach in the rock, rounds a spur and drops a little.	2km, 45mins
Keep ahead on this path as it moves across the slope rising steadily to reach a viewpoint	3.1km, 1hr 7mins

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of the final set of zig-zags up a rocky gully – named el Caracol.	
Take these and arrive at a spur which the path crosses and drops briefly with the continuation of our path clear above us on a spur in the distance. Take care when you reach a rocky spur to find the continuation of the path turning L at a patch of scree and stones.	4km, 1hr 26mins
Continue to follow up in zig-zags gently making your way into a barranco that separates the main ridge from the summit of Morron de Alhama.	4.8km, 1hr 42mins
At the top of the barranco turn L where you will see a clear path going across the peak from R to L on a rising line which does not appear to be going to the top. This is because you need to clear 2 small scramble crags.	
The first is very short and after this the path climbs quite steeply for a few metres to reach the second crag line.	
This is easily surmounted by working up the middle for a few metres and then taking to a sloping ramp going up to the R to emerge on easier ground which you follow to the summit building.	5.3km, 1hr 50min
Retrace your steps down both scrambles and down to the first col where you rise up directly ahead to soon meet the clearer path.	6.1km, 2hr 7mins
At the plateau with the main ridge in front of you keep to the path and follow this as it drifts to the R away from the ridge line and then starts to descend.	
Follow this faithfully at first descending very gradually and then more steeply to cross a barranco and some steeper scree. As you round a corner to the L there is a dramatic rocky fin jutting out away from the easier ground and we pass above this	7.7km, 2hr 45mins
and continue around a spur on a less clear path to the L. Now below and on the RHS we can see a clear track and building.	
Follow the cairns down to a rocky spur and search for the cairns at the RH edge of this as it descends to a plateau with scattered boulders.	
Continue ahead looking for a clear "channel" that weaves through the rocks on the RHS of the ridge and beyond this look for a less well defined path that threads a large bough (like an arch) of a pine tree and descends steeply in the direction of the track.	
Just before reaching this turn R on a clear path with Y/W markers and follow this down on the RHS of the barranco.	8.6km, 2hr 52mins
Pass a ruined nevera and join the main track.	10.2km, 3hr 17mins
Continue down this ignoring the first turning on the LHS (which runs back to El Berro) and then take the next turning on the R as a footpath signed Senda de Dinosaurs.	12.6km, 3hr 46mins
Cross a small suspension bridge and almost immediately note a Mina de Agua on the RHS and then a viewpoint on the LHS. Continue directly ahead on this path soon running above a track which we never reach as we turn slightly uphill again to cross our footpath at the start of the walk in the firebreak. Continue ahead and back to the car.	
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	None



Route followed is outlined in Red

