

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Morrón de Alhama from Collado Mangueta	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	El Berro Collado de Mangueta	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	9	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	425	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hrs 5hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 37.869874,Long: -1.568041	
Directions to Start	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 junction turn R signed to La Perdiz. At the next T-jnc, turn R again. At the third complex jnc turn R almost back on yourself and soon arrive at the Collado. (about 35mins from El Berro)	
Short walk description	On high level ridges and trails across Espuna	
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far	
Leave the car park the way you arrived and descend the road for 20/30 metres where you meet a track going off left with a marker post.	150m, 3mins	
Take this and follow it over a small rise to descend towards a col where the track turns sharply to the L. Here look for a smaller footpath going straight ahead uphill and take this.	330m, 5.5mins	
Follow this up through trees to arrive at a bare rocky plateau which you cross following cairns rising slightly through the trees.		
Once clear of the trees the path is less clear with several options cairned but essentially you are traversing along the side of the ridge line and heading towards the summit almost directly in front of you.		
Soon you arrive on the ridge line and keep ahead by whatever means suits you to arrive at a small rocky summit.	1km, 20mins 1.4km, 30mins	

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<p>Here look ahead to see the continuation of the ridge with a summit in the distance with a small building on top.</p>	
<p>Head towards this picking the best line you can find until at a plateau</p>	2.1km, 43mins
<p>you join a path coming in from the L and then follow this ahead and down to a col just before the summit with the building on top.</p>	2.6km, 53mins
<p>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 scrambly crags.</p>	
<p>The first is very short and after this the path climbs quite steeply for a few metres to reach the second crag line.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	3.1km, 1hr 4mins
<p>Retrace your steps down both scrambles and down to the first col where you rise up directly ahead to soon meet the clearer path.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	4.1km, 1hr 21mins
<p>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 and continue around a spur on a less clear path.</p>	5.5km, 1hr 47mins
<p>Now below and on the RHS we can see a clear track and building.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Here look out for cairns on the L which indicate our path going off at an acute angle to head towards a barranco on our L with Y/W markers.</p>	6.1km, 1hr 59mins
<p>After crossing a few large boulders the footpath is much clearer and heads into the barranco bottom. After a few metres on the LHS of this it crosses to the R and stays there as it rises steadily.</p>	
<p>Walk through a band of trees and at the other side of these head more steeply up towards a ruined building which turns out to be the first of 8 ruined neveras.</p>	7km, 2hr 19mins
<p>Amble through these rightwards on an indistinct grassy track and find a sign board by the last of them and then take the steeper track up to a spur which acts as excellent viewpoint</p>	7.4km, 2hr 26min
<p>Continue on the track as it undulates a little to round a corner to the L and then shortly arrive back at the col where you left it to ascend the ridge.</p>	7.6km, 2hr 29min
<p>Follow the track back up to the road, turn R for a few metres back to the car park.</p>	
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

Route followed is outlined in Red

