

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	The summits of Morron Chico (1444m) and Morra de las Moscas (1502m) via caracol	
Location of Start	Zona Recreative car park at La Perdiz N side of road.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	16	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	840	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr50mins 6hr30mins	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 37.868857, Long -1.520834	
Directions to Start	Leave El Berro to the S on Calle Juan Batista and drive past the Casa Forestal Quemados. At the T- junc, turn R. At the next junc turn R again to La Perdiz. Park in the Zona Recreative car park on the RHS at La Perdiz	
Short walk description	A delightful walk along an open ridge with a stiff climb up a fire break followed by an enchanting track up to the 2 summits of the ridge. Return via a "village" of ice houses (neveras) and woodland tracks.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
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. (6mins, 0.44km)		6mins, 0.44km
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 your route. Take this to the R. (29mins, 1.06km)		35mins, 1.5km
Follow this past 3 zigs to the L and then when approaching what might have been a 4 th zig to the L the path continues ahead through a breach in the rock, round a spur and drops a little.(10mins, 0.50km)		45mins, 2km
Keep ahead on this path as it moves across the slope rising steadily to reach a viewpoint		

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of the final set of zig zags up a rocky gully – named el Caracol. (22mins, 1.10km)	1hr7mins,3.10km
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. (19mins, 0.90km)	1hr26min, 4km
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. (16mins, 0.80km)	1hr42min,4.8km
At the top of the barranco turn L where you will see a clear path going across to 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.	
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 up to the R to emerge on easier ground which you follow to the summit building. (23mins, 0.94km)	2hr5min,5.74km
Retrace your steps down both scrambles and down to the first col where you rise up directly ahead to soon meet the clearer path you left earlier lower down. (14mins, 0.73km)	2hr19min,6.47km
At the plateau with the main ridge in front of you go L at a fork, marked with a cairn. (4mins, 0.20km)	2hr23min,6.67km
Follow the cairns up the ridge to the higher of the two summits, Morra de las Moscas. (13mins, 0.65km)	2hr36min,7.32km
Continue over the summit and down the other side following the cairns and sliding to the LHS of the next lower summit. Continue down then through the trees and steeply down to a track. (21mins, 1.04km)	2hr57min,8.36km
Turn R onto this track, through a gate and on to a “village” of ruined neveras. (ice houses) (10mins, 0.61km)	3hr7min,8.97km
Continue down to the last nevera then L onto a path going downhill and bear R into the trees. Go through the trees and out to follow a small valley going down keeping to the LHS. The path then crosses to the RHS. (20mins, 1.03km)	3hr27min,10km
Ignore path on RHS, pass a ruin on your LHS and continue on looking for a less well defined path that goes under a large bough (like an arch) of a pine tree and descends steeply in the direction of a track. Just before reaching the track turn R on a clear path with Y/W markers and follow this down on the RHS of a barranco. Pass a ruined nevera. (26mins, 1.51km)	3hr53min,11.51k
Continue to where the path joins the main track and go R. (8mins, 0.45km)	4hr1min,11.96km
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 onto a footpath signed Senda de Dinosaurs. (35mins, 2.98km)	4hr36min,14.94k
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 never reach as we turn slightly uphill again to cross our footpath at	

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the start of the walk in the firebreak. Continue ahead and back to the cars. (15mins, 1.19km)		4hr51min,16.13k
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None	

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

