

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

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Title of Walk	Pla de la Casa from Quatretondeta	
Location of Start	Quatretondeta	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	12.5	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	875	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hrs 5hrs45mins	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/C	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.725047, Long: -0.314562	
Directions to Start	Travelling from Castell de Castells on CV720 turn L at Facheca onto the CV754 to Quatretondeta. Park at entrance to the village near the rubbish bins.	
Short walk description	At 1371m (4524 ft) Pla de la Casa is the highest point on the Sierra de Serrella ridge with fantastic rock formation (Els Frares), a huge nevera on the way with breath-taking views. All on well-defined Y/W marked paths	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk uphill on the tarmac road away from the village. Turn first L into a concrete surfaced road signed PR-CV-24. (3mins, 214m)		3mins, 0.21km
The road ends at a building and you take the track that goes straight on. (4mins, 241m)		7mins, 0.46km
Ignore track on LHS (km 0.54) and another on RHS (km 0.81) and turn L onto a track with a vandalised notice board on the corner. (5mins, 0.42km)		12mins, 0.88km
Continue to a fork and go R. (3mins, 0.20km)		15mins, 1.08km
Continue on this track, ignore any tracks that join, and press on to "Font de l'Espinal" (23mins, 1.65km)		38mins, 2.73km
Continue straight on. The track is narrower now and soon becomes a path that zig-zags up through the trees, across scree and on to "Font Roja". (32mins, 1.38km)		1hr10min,4.11km

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Proceed uphill on PR-CV-24 182 to where a path joins on the LHS signed "Pla de la Casa". (3mins, 0.17km)	1hr13min,4.28km
Take this path up to the col and another signpost pointing L to "Pla de la Casa" (6mins, 0.33km)	1hr19min,4.61km
You have a choice here, turn L up to the summit or continue straight on around to other side of the mountain and reach the summit from there. If you do the former you return by the latter and visa versa. Today we decided on the latter.	
Therefore go straight on, keep L where another path joins from your RHS, and continue to traverse across the mountain gaining height as you go, over a scree to the next col to a fork (21mins, 1.08km)	1hr40min,5.69km
Go L, ignore path on your RHS after 50m and continue straight on signed "Pla de la Casa" that zig-zags up to the col. (12mins, 0.44km)	1hr52min,6.13km
Bear L here and follow path up to the summit. (an optional scramble for the last short section) (9mins, 0.26km)	2hr1min, 6.39km
Return back the way you came and on down to the nevera (ice cave). (8mins, 0.36km)	2hr9min, 6.75km
With the nevera on your RHS and the summit on your L continue on path up and over the col, across a flat(ish) area and down a zig zag to the path you came up earlier with the signpost. (28mins, 1.22km)	2hr37min,7.97km
Turn R onto this path and back the same way as you came up this morning i.e. down the path to a track, R again down track to "Font Roja". (9mins, 0.50km)	2hr46min,8.47km
Take path that leaves by the LH corner up at first then down you go. Ignore path that joins on your LHS (km 9.31) (notice board on corner) and continue down to "Font de l'Espinal" (31mins, 1.41km)	3hr17min,9.88km
Continue down track which then becomes concrete covered (km 11.77) and on to tarmac road. (33mins, 2.55km)	3hr50min,12.43k
Turn R and proceed back to the cars. (3mins, 0.23km)	3hr53min,12.66k
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	None

See map below.....



**Route followed is outlined in Red**

