

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Caballo Verde Ridge (west to east) – Extended (the easier option)	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benimaurel.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	14	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	550	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hrs11min 5hr45min	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.773696 Long:- -0.127234	
Directions to Start	On entering the village take first right (parking sign) and follow road around edge of village in the direction of Alahuar Hotel. Car Park on right just before Bar Les Rogetes (old Bar Oasis)	
Short walk description	A circular route to and along the ridge (from west to east) descending under Penyo Roig towards Fleix and back to Benimaurell.	
Full Walk Description	<div> <div> Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far </div> <div> <p>Turn R out of car park, past Bar Les Rogetes on your RHS and turn L at the top by the bins. Take next L signed "Cavall Verd". The route is marked Y/W. Go R at bottom, L at end, then first R that goes up and swings to the L and turn R onto a concrete covered track that takes you out of the village. Walk up this track to where a path joins on your RHS signed "Collado De Garga" (6mins, 460m)</p> <p>Turn R onto this path. Press on onwards and upwards to a road. (28mins, 1.47km)</p> <p>Turn R onto this road (no longer marked Y/W) then, after 220m on a sharp RH bend, turn L onto a track which goes up a little at the start then bears to the R and goes down. (Wonderful views from here). Continue on, ignore another track that joins on your RHS going up and approx. 100m further down a path joins from your LHS. (Easy to miss so keep your eyes peeled – at time of writing there was a blue water container opposite the path on your RHS. (13mins, 0.98km)</p> </div> <div> <p>6mins, 460m</p> <p>34min, 1.93km</p> <p>47mins, 2.91km</p> </div> </div>	

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Turn L onto this path, down through some trees, R over a gully and back up on the other side. Leave this path on the RHS at a cairn near the valley bottom. (11mins, 0.62km)	58mins, 3.53km
Go down a short distance to a barranco, turn L up the barranco for about 50m then cross over and continue on the other side traversing upwards parallel with the barranco on your LHS (a few cairns mark your way) Your route now takes you back over the barranco. (4mins, 0.18km)	1hr2mins,3.71km
You now proceed straight up on the other side, a steep but easy climb over large rocks, up to a track where you turn L (12mins, 0.34km)	1hr14min,4.05km
Continue on this track, ignore another joining on your RHS, and press on to a road at the Col de Garga. (restaurant on RH corner) (16mins, 1.02km)	1hr30min,5.07km
Turn L onto this road then after 30m turn R onto a path marked Y/W. Continue up to a concrete surfaced track, turn R up this track for 20m to a timber house then L back onto the path which you follow up to a cross paths. (10mins, 0.69km)	1hr40min,5.76km
Go straight on here signed "Cavall Verd 4.3km" going west to east. Ignore a path that leaves on your LHS and continue on the main path to the ridge with views on to Penyo (good lunch spot this)(23mins, 1.27k)	2hr3mins,7.03km
Continue past a path that joins on your LHS with a signpost (km 8.33) and press on to the Col under Penyo. (1hr11mins, 3.14km)	3hr14min,10.17k
(For those experienced in difficult mountain walking there is a route to the RHS of this Col that takes you to the summit of Penyo. There is some exposure and scrambling.)	
Turn L at the Col and follow the path down to a track. Go R and immediate L and down this track to a "T" junction. (9mins, 0.38km)	3hr23min,10.55k
Turn L and then, after 12m, go R onto a path. Continue down this path through the trees to a part surfaced track. (7mins, 0.27km)	3hr30min,10.82k
Turn R onto this track and down to a country road. (2mins, 0.16km)	3hr32min,10.98k
Turn L onto this road, past "Caseta de Adolfo" on your LHS, ignore road that joins on your RHS (km 11.11), past a modern stone house on your RHS and "Font Del Penyo" on your LHS (km 11.40). Continue past a road that joins on your LHS and 60m later turn L onto a track (ignore the Y/W cross) (12mins, 0.80km)	3hr44min,11.78k
Continue up this track and go L and up at a fork (km 12.03) and again (km12.62), past several terraces on your RHS and a few metres after passing a notice on your LHS bear R keeping a stone wall on your LHS (red spot on this wall). Continue to the end of this orchard and go R onto a path. Go down this path that zig zags down, past a small house on your RHS, through the trees and on. You're now heading for Benimaurell and a well-deserved beer. The path joins a track which you follow in the same general direction on to a concrete covered track where you turn R. (20mins, 1.71km)	4hr4min,13.49k
This track is the one you used earlier when you left the village so after about 40m pass the path you took earlier, now on your LHS and return to the cars i.e. L at edge of village, 1 st L, 1 st R, next L, R at signs, R at bin and L into the car park.(7mins, 0.39km)	4hr11mins, 13.88km

Route followed is outlined in Red

