

## COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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<b>Last Updated</b>		
<b>Title of Walk</b>	Caballo Verde Ridge (west to east) – Extended (the more difficult option)	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Benimaurel.	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	14.5	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	650	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	4hrs25min 6hr15min	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/B	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 38.773696 Long:- -0.127234	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	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)	
<b>Short walk description</b>	A circular route to and along the ridge (from west to east) descending under Penyo Roig towards Fleix and back to Benimaurell The extended section increases the overall distance of the walk by 4km and is all at the beginning of the walk. The first 3km of this extension, is a descent down a splendid Mosarabic path and then a section "off-piste" following animal tracks. It is steep, uphill and a little slippery in parts, particularly during or after recent rain, and has one short distance of exposure. A challenging but satisfying section. The remainder is fine. This initial section can be avoided by taking an alternative route, details of which will be given in the full walk description. The ridge section has a couple of simple scrambles.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>	
Turn R out of car park, past Bar Les Rogetes on your RHS and turn L at the top by the bins. Follow the road to the R signed "Juvees De D'Alt 3.2km" and continue up the road		

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<p>and out of the village. Pass a picnic area on your RHS and 100m further on a path joins from the RHS, next to a notice board and signed "Juvees De D'Alt 2.3km" Turn R onto this path. (11mins 885m)</p> <p><b><i>(Those wishing to avoid this more challenging route but meet up with their colleagues a little later, ignore this path and continue on the road. At a sharp LH bend a track joins on the RHS. (20mins, 1.56km.) Take this track, which goes up a little at the start then bears to the R and goes down. You should now be able to see your colleagues coming along to join your track. Your rendezvous point should be 5mins after leaving the road at your km 1.91 but you'll have to wait about 35mins for the others to join you)</i></b></p>	11mins, 0.885km
<p>Continue on this marked path which is level at first then zig zag down this splendid Mosarabic path. At approx. half way down on one of the RH bends go straight on onto an animal track that runs under the cliffs (no longer marked Y/W) (19mins, 1.115km)</p>	30mins, 2km
<p>Initially keep close to the cliffs and you are heading for the scree in the distance and the trees on the skyline. Your route is quite level at first but soon starts to climb. Press on to where you join a track (32mins, 1.12km)</p>	1hr2min, 3.12km
<p>Go R down this track, ignore another track on your RHS going up, and approx. 100m further on down a path joins from your LHS. (easily missed so keep your eyes peeled– at time of writing there was a blue water container opposite this path on your RHS) (6mins, 0.41km)</p>	1hr8min, 3.53km
<p>Turn L onto this path, down through the 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)</p>	1hr19min,4.15km
<p>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)</p>	1hr23min,4.33km
<p>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)</p>	1hr35min,4.67km
<p>Continue on this track, ignore another joining on your R, and press on to a road at the Col de Garga (restaurant on RH corner) (16mins, 1.02km)</p>	1hr51min,5.69km
<p>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)</p>	2hr1min, 6.38km
<p>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)</p>	2hr24min,7.65km
<p>Continue past a path that joins on your LHS with a signpost (km 8.95) and press on to the Col under Penyo. (1hr11mins, 3.14km)</p>	3hr35min,10.79k
<p>(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.)</p>	
<p>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)</p>	3hr44min,11.17k
<p>Turn L and then, after 12m, go R onto a path. Continue down this path through the</p>	3hr51min,11.44k

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trees to a part surfaced track. (7mins, 0.27km)	3hr53min,11.6km
Turn R onto this track and down to a country road. (2mins, 0.16km)	
Turn L onto this road, past "Caseta de Adolfo" on your LHS, ignore road that joins on your RHS (km 11.73), past a modern stone house on your RHS and "Font Del Penyo" on your LHS (km 12.02). 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)	4hr5min,12.4km
Continue up this track and go L and up at a fork (km 12.65) and again (km13.24), 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)	4hr25min,14.11k
Continue down this track, past a path on your LHS after about 40m and return to the cars i.e. L at edge of village, 1 <sup>st</sup> L, 1 <sup>st</sup> R, next L, R at signs, R at bin and L into the car park.(7mins, 0.39km)	4hr32min,14.5km
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	None



Route followed is outlined in Red

