

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Mediodia Summit – Puntal del Morrut	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Tormos Public Piscina car park	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	12km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	765m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.75hr 5.25hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.7989, Long -0.0771	
Directions to Start	Coming from the south (Orba) on the CV715 at the outskirts of the village turn L (signposted to Costera del Moll) into Calle Pozo. Take the next L (Carrer Val de Llaguart) and then take the 2nd turn on the RHS just after the bins. Drive to the end opposite a plaza and turn L into Avenguda Joan Carles I. Drive a few hundred metres along this past the playground and piscina and park on open ground 50m further on the LHS.	
Short walk description	A circular route on this popular mountain ,with extensive scenic views of mountains and coast	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so fa
Turn R out of car park and cross road and take the first to the L, and at the top of this continue around a bend to the R and down to 'stations of the cross' and cemetery.		440m, 6min
At a finger post turn immediately L (ignoring finger post) and walk along the back of the stations of the cross and then some houses on an improving path.		
Some of this has been badly affected by boar excavations but with care you can find the correct route up.		1.4km, 26min
Continue straight up and ignore L and R forks to arrive at a level section which winds under some colourful crags.		

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Continue on this path taking care to turn R uphill at a junction for a few metres before turning L along a level terrace.	
This continues uphill until you have a view of a gated cave to the L at which point you meander down into a riverbed where the clear path ends.	2.3km, 44min
and from now on you will be on thinner hunters' paths. Climb steeply up on the RHS for a few metres and then after climbing along a terrace cross again and out on the L side.	2.4km, 46min
Wind up a grassy path on the LHS following occasional green dots(crossing once to the RHS for 30m) of the barranco to reach a grassy plateau.	3.4km, 1hr 10min
The path continues level for a short while (70m) and then climbs a little on the L to reach a second plateau with a large cave to the LHS and shortly above this 2 wells and a trough.	3.7km, 1hr 15min
Continue directly ahead in a rocky valley crossing to the RHS and following the lowest path up to the col - soon with red dots – to the ridge (cairn).	4.1km, 1hr 25min
Turn L and wind up this faint path to cross a small col and then drop through prickly bushes into the shallow valley on the L.	
Continue until you can see a clear route going off to the LHS and the summit marked by a cairn. You will need to retrace your steps back to this point, so head up across open ground with little in the way of paths to reach the summit of Puntal del Morrut – the highest point on the Mediodia range.	4.5km, 1hr 31min
Retrace your steps back down to the faint path at the small col again and turn L, wind through the trees on a very feint path to meet a ridge directly ahead (you might need to peer ahead to see this!) and follow this slightly below the edge on the RHS.	
There is an awkward step down some sloping rocks and then the path continues ahead before turning abruptly R on a more obvious mozarabic line and then crosses a barranco before rising slightly and above the ruin.	5.4km, 1hr 50min
Pass behind the ruin and drop a little to your L to cross the barranco on your R just above a rectangular metal structure and find a thin path dropping a little before turning onto a terrace on your RHS. Continue along the terrace taking any opportunity to drop on paths to lower terraces and aiming for a (sometimes) wet corner with small pond before turning L away from this and out to a corner with a small wall and a waterfall (normally dry) on the RHS. This is called Pla d'Oms.	5.8km, 1hr 58min
Continue ahead now dropping steeply and with crags above you on the LHS and reach a rocky corner where you turn abruptly L where care is needed to find the continuing engineered path.	6.3km, 2hr 8min
This zig-zags a little before reaching a corner where the original line is lost and you drop R on a clear path soon down scree to your L and into some trees.	
The path ahead is now marked with red paint splashes and this leads you to another corner where you turn L around a spur and continue to drop back into pine trees.	6.8km, 2hr 20min

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When you quickly reach a rocky lump directly ahead of you turn slightly L and continue down through the trees.	7km, 2hr 23min
As you reach a barranco line directly ahead of you dropping to the R you must turn L back into a corner with trough and thick vegetation.	7.2km, 2hr 28min
Struggle through this to pass a ruin on your LHS and climb steeply up a rocky ramp.	
Towards the top of the rocky ramp exit at a cairn to the R and follow on easier ground	7.4km, 2hr 33min
across a flat area before following the path around to the R and soon dropping downhill.	
Ahead and to your RHS you will see a ruin and we continue on the path to reach a spur where you turn R (now on a Y/W marked path which has joined from the L) to reach the ruin.	8km, 2hr 45min
Pass this and continue downhill to a spur with a couple of isolated pine trees and follow the path around the spur to the L. Now continue ahead on a clearer line with frequent Y/W markings in zig-zags to eventually reach a lower ruin on a grassy plateau. Here there are signposts!	8.8km, 3hr 1min
Pass the ruin and join a track and at a junction turn L to cross a small cultivated field to riverbed where a footpath (Y/W) continues ahead.	
Cross the barranco several times before finally leaving it up a wall on the RHS and then level across the terrace of oranges to meet a broad track.	9.6km, 3hr 13min
Continue to meet tarmac road where you turn L for a few metres.	9.9km, 3hr 18min
Take the first track on the R just after a high wall and follow this over a rise and down beside a deep barranco on the LHS to join a road.	10.4km, 3hr 23min
Cross this directly ahead to continue on a track on the LHS of the river bed.	
Just before this ends there is a highly visible stony ramp going up L. Take this and join the track swinging slightly L.	10.9km, 3hr 29min
Follow this to a T-jnc where you turn R.	11.1km, 3hr 32min
Continue ahead to cross a barranco now on tarmac and just after the first house on the RHS turn L directly across the stone field with neglected orchard.	11.6km, 3hr 39min
Cross a pipe and continue ahead erring slightly L until just below the large wall of the car park where you can find a track on the LHS leading back to the parking area.	
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Good mountaineering navigation skills required

Route followed is outlined in Red

