

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Mont Raya (Pic de la Ratlla or Pic de la Mola as shown on maps)
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Tavernes de la Valldigna. Carrer Doctor Gomez Ferrer.
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	14.5
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	850
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	4.5hr 6.5hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	VS/B/Scr
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 39.077211, Long:- -0.262932
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Turn off N332 near a BP garage (km 236) onto CV 50. Follow signs to Tavernes. At the 4th roundabout just as you enter the town, turn right onto C'Del Mestre Serrano, take the 5th road on the left into the one way system, turn 2nd right then right again onto C' Doctor Gomez Ferrer and park on the roadside.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A fine walk on mozarabic paths, forestry tracks and a ridge, not exposed, most paths well marked. Mainly straightforward, but some sections are rough and steep. The scrambling just before the summit is minimal. Low in its grade. Extensive views from many points along the route.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Turn L (east) along the footpath and bear up right, when the road beside you bears left. Continue uphill, then bear L to reach a signpost. Turn R on the PR-CV 38 Y/W across a bridge over a water channel signed to 'Alt de les Creus'. Bear up R to pass a deposito de agua. At a signpost, keep R to reach another signpost pointing straight on to some Iberian ruins.	10min, 700m
Turn R along the main path to reach the 'Font de Cantus'.	25min, 1.22km
Continue in the same direction and scramble over fallen rocks, the path turns L uphill then reaches a junction at a signpost.	31min, 1.56km

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Continue straight ahead towards 'Font de la Sangonero', ignore a path on the L leading to the first Cross and continue ahead to reach a signpost for the PR-CV 38 pointing L to the main Cross, ignore it.	1hr 3min, 2.6km
Continue straight ahead (Y/W cross), passing a lime kiln and a ruin and at a signpost go L (straight ahead), after 30 metres turn R to reach the 'Font de la Sangonero'.	1hr 32min, 4.3km
Go a few paces further then bear R at a signpost towards 'Pic de la Ratlla'. Eventually you arrive at 'Puntal de Massalari (599m).	1hr 54min, 5.5km
Continue along the ridge staying close to the crest, at times above precipitous cliffs. Going via "Panta Dels Germanells' (594m), then passing 'Pilo Dels Quatre Termes' (594m), to reach an unmarked col (the unmarked footpath descending to the L will later be your descent route).	2hr 13min, 6.7km
Go straight ahead and up to pass through the barrier of cliffs, via a very short scramble up a vegetated cleft and continue to the summit. Nearby you will find a steel box containing a log book.	2hr 29min, 7.05km
Retrace your steps back to the unmarked col.	2hr 42min, 7.4km
Turn R down the unmarked path (cairn) and follow this steep, rough and loose stoney path, down to reach a forestry track, which is visible far below.	2hr 55min. 7.9km
Turn L along the track to reach a junction with a signpost, near a picnic area. Continue L along the track for about 100m to another junction on the R.	3hr, 8.3km
Follow the main track, passing a sign off to 'Pla de la Font del Barber' to reach a junction of tracks beside a ruin.	3hr 09min, 8.9km
Turn L and continue along the main track to a junction with a track on the L at a signpost. Continue straight ahead towards 'Tavernes' on PR-CV 38 and after a few hundred metres turn R at a signpost onto a narrow path signed to 'Tavernes'.	3hr 26min, 10.2km
Follow this path to a junction with a signpost. Go straight ahead, the path soon turns downhill on the spectacular mozarabic pathway. About half way down you reach a junction with signpost.	3hr 59min, 12km
Turn L onto 'Cami dels Borregos' (path of the sheep) signed 'Tavernes'. The path skirts down beneath cliffs where there is a little exposure, before a final plunge down into the forest leads to a cross track, next to a concrete water channel.	4hr 26min, 13.5km
Cross over the channel and turn L onto the track (PR-CV 38), follow it alongside the water channel, past a path with signpost joining from the L. Continue straight ahead onto a surfaced section, to pass a second signpost near the start, bear R onto the footpath beside a road and turn left to reach the parking place.	4hr 44min, 14.5km
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<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	The short scramble is NOT optional if you wish to reach the summit.

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Route followed is outlined in Red

