

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Maigmo circuit avoiding the summit	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Agost	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	16	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	617	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hrs10mins 6hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.478642 Long: -0.638653	
Directions to Start	Travelling from Alicante to Alcoy on the A7 exit at junction 481 onto the CV827 to Agost. At approx. km 4.5 park on the hardstanding on the LHS of the road.	
Short walk description	A circuit up to a col. below the summit, around the back of the mountain to reach the other col. and back down. After a leisurely start there's a tough ascent to the first col. but the rest is fine. Mostly on tracks and well defined paths with a short distance on quiet roads. Absolutely stunning views.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Cross over the road and up a track on the other side. After about 40m you reach an old railway track (known as the Via Verde) now used for walking and cycling. Turn R onto this Y/W marked track. Continue through two tunnels, the first approx 380m long and the second approx. 520m long (so bring a touch) and on, ignoring any tracks that join, past La Cierva Restaurant (km3.39) and on to a road. (45mins, 3.71km)		45mins, 3.71km
Turn L up this Y/W marked road. Cross a main road (km3.96) and after approx. 50m turn first R onto another road. (5mins, 0.36km)		50mins, 4.07km
Continue up this road to nearly the top and turn R onto a track. (6mins, 0.35km)		56mins, 4.42km
Up you go to the end. (4mins, 0.25km)		1hr, 4.67km
Proceed up a steep bank and R onto a path that goes around a house and up. You soon come to a fork in the path. You can go either way as they join again after a short		

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distance. Now for the tough bit. Up you go and just when you think it can't get any steeper it does!! On and up to the col. you go. (30mins, 1.21km)	1hr30min,5.88km
Here there is a rest and picnic area. The path going up on the L takes you to the summit but that's for another day perhaps. We take the tarmac surfaced road that takes you over the col and down. On a RH bend a track joins from your LHS. (15mins, 1.04km)	1hr45min,6.92km
Go L onto this track and up we go again. Ignore a track going down on your RHS (km7.12) and a path that joins also on your RHS approx. 60m further on where the track swings to the L and press on to another col. (16mins, 0.79km)	2hrs1min,7.71km
Over we go and down we zig zag, past a path that joins on your LHS with an ornamental well (km8.83) and another also on you LHS marked with a cairn and on to where another joins where the track begins to rise and two water pipes built into a wall lie ahead. (38mins, 2.16km)	2hrs39min,9.87k
Turn sharp L onto this path and down you go (under a bridge carrying a water culvert km10.86) to a track. (18mins, 1.16km)	2hr57min,11.03k
Turn L onto this track down to a cross road of tracks with a notice board (10mins, 0.70km)	3hr7min,11.73km
Turn sharp L here onto a track that soon becomes little more than a path and goes down into a barranco. (6mins, 0.34km)	3hr13min,12.07k
Follow this down to where a path joins on your LHS (2mins, 0.16km)	3hr15min,12.23k
Go L onto this path then, after 10m, go L again onto a G/W marked path. Go over the barranco and up the other side. Join another path and continue going up steeply at first and then less so to a signpost (13mins, 0.65km)	3hr28min,12.88k
Turn sharp R here onto a track and signed "Camino Esquena De Gos 2.3km". Continue down, ignoring any other that join, until you reach a weird multi intersection of tracks. (17mins, 1.29km)	3hr45min,14.17k
Your route is straight on but if in doubt, a short distance to your R is a signpost where your direction is signed "Presa De La Murtera 1km" Continue past a large embalse on your RHS (nearly empty at time of writing), through a cutting and down to the old railway track you walked on earlier (but another section). Go L onto this track signed "Merendero Via Verde 2.4km", through a tunnel, approx. 250m long and a short distance further on go R off the railway track and back to the cars. (21mins, 1.73km)	4hr6min,15.9km
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

Route followed is outlined in Red

