

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Maigmo summit	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Agost	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	15	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	870	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hrs 6hrs	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/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 hard-standing on the LHS of the road.	
Short walk description	A circuit up to a rocky summit. After a leisurely start there's a tough ascent to the first col. and on over the rocky and slightly exposed summit. Except for the summit the route is 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

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<p>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 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)</p> <p>Here there is a rest and picnic area.</p>	1hr30min,5.88km
<p>At the walled picnic area turn L on a braided footpath rising steeply towards the summit ridge. Take any one of the braids as these all lead towards the summit. After a while you reach a small plateau directly below the summit.</p> <p>Take a breather here and then.....</p>	1hr 39min, 6.1km
<p>Work up the path towards the summit. When you arrive at a junction just before a clump of holly oak the L turn is our descent route. However continue ahead R and to the L of the summit crags working up an easy staircase in the rocks (man made) traversing L to reach the summit. The trig point is a few metres further along the ridge guarded by a short crevice which you can jump or tread carefully along!</p>	1hr 52min, 6.6km
<p>To continue retrace your steps back down the staircase and then back down your ascent path until you push through the holly oak to reach the junction. (There is at least one other thin path before this which looks uninviting!) Double back along this clear path dropping steeply and quickly passing a tricky descent on scree around a rock slab. Once clear of this the path improves steadily as you descend and pass to the R over a shallow col and then continue descending along the next ridge line the fantastic views both back to the summit and over to the R from the ridge.</p>	
<p>Reach a junction with a cairn and keep R initially level</p> <p>and descending steeply and crossing the ridge line to the R. Work down this steep footpath into a gully and descend this with difficulty. Eventually the path moves to the R away from the gully to quickly meet a track.</p>	2hr 18min, 8km
<p>Turn onto this track and continue to where a path joins you on your LHS and where the track begins to rise and two water pipes built into a wall lie ahead. (13mins, 0.4km)</p>	2hrs39min, 8.7k
<p>Turn sharp L onto this path and down you go (under a bridge carrying a water culvert) to a track.</p>	2hr57min,10.6k
<p>Turn L onto this track down to a cross road of tracks with a notice board.</p>	3hr7min,11.1km
<p>Turn sharp L here onto a track that soon becomes little more than a path and goes down into a barranco. (6mins, 0.34km)</p>	3hr13min
<p>Follow this down to where a path joins on your LHS (2mins, 0.16km)</p>	3hr15min
<p>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)</p>	3hr28min
<p>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)</p>	3hr45min

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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)

4hr

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Some minor scrambling to reach the top (avoidable)

See map below.....

