

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Vallcebre circuit
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Vallcebre Park on village streets near to tower (separated from church!)
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	14
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	550
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.75hr 5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.203904, Long: 1.818272
Directions to Start	Taking the C16 from Berga in the N of Spain turn L onto the B400 and travel for some 7km before turning L onto the B401 to Vallcebre
Short walk description	After some initial farm lane walking the fun starts with most of the walk along the top edge of a vertical limestone escarpment with panoramic views, before returning to the village through woods.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>With the tower behind you and to your RHS walk N uphill on a village street indicated as the PR-C 128 towards Barceloneta. (There is a small cafe opposite the tower)</p> <p>At the top edge of the village the tarmac gives out in favour of concrete and then becomes a rough gravel track. Ignore a turning on the LHS and continue ahead.</p> <p>Ignore a L turn to houses (Cal Sastre among them) and then a further L fork so that you swing round directly in front of a large (peach coloured) house.</p> <p>Beyond the houses there is a very large finger post and we turn R towards Mirador de Cap Deig.</p>	1.5km, 21min

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Run onto a concrete surface and then start descending with wide views of the limestone escarpment descending to the R into a nick and then ascending on the far side of this. (This will be our route)	
Meet the road and turn L and immediately R into the viewpoint – Cap Deig.	3km, 40min
To the LHS of this the waymarked footpath continues by descending along the edge – sometimes moving away to the R to avoid obstacles.	
Near the bottom you can see a bridge spanning the gorge and the footpath makes its way down to this and past a 4-way finger post (You could return to the village by turning R), crosses the bridge before starting to climb on the other side of the gorge.	4km, 1hr
For a few metres you are following a grassy track but you soon veer to the L to get nearer to the escarpment edge.	
Further up you are rejoined by the lane on the RHS and just above this you pass immediately to the LHS of a large building.	5km, 1hr 19min
Just past the house ignore a track to the R and continue ahead passing a sign for Grau de les Granoteres.	
Ignore a track off the R and continue ahead through fields and then soon reach a broad track where you continue directly ahead.	
Very quickly you reach a finger post with a footpath going off to the L and we take this soon reaching a second finger-post where we turn R uphill along the limestone edge.	6km, 1hr 36min
Undulate along this until you reach a couple of muddy or wet patches after which the path broadens to become a grassy track now firmly ascending.	
Just before you appear to be reaching the top of this look out for a Y/W showing your ongoing footpath route turning L to reach the escarpment edge, just beyond which is a metal cross.	7.4km, 2hr 4min
Turn R uphill towards a house which you can see in front of you, passing a finger-post ahead of you pushing you out to the track which runs through the middle of the farm buildings.	
At a junction beyond this keep directly ahead and then when the track becomes concreted keep to the R to take a more muddy alternative track (which quickly dries out!)	8.2km, 2hr 15min
Keep ahead at the next finger-post and shortly after this you can take a small diversion on a grassier track on the LHS which quickly re-joins the main track.	
Then at the bottom of a small dip there is yet another finger-post where your footpath route goes off the the L which takes you again out to the edge of the escarpment.	9.1km, 2hr 30min
When after some time you reach an electricity pylon turn R to drop about 20m before turning back to the L and into the woods.	10.1km, 2hr 49min
Finally reach a sign for Grau de la Mola and immediately afterwards a cross roads with finger-post where you turn R downhill towards Santa Magdalena and Vallcebre.	10.4km, 2hr 54min

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<p>A few hundred metres down take care to keep L at a fork and then continue to reach the Ermita de Santa Magdalena. This has a "broken" fuente in a rock a few metres to the L.</p> <p>Pass to the RHS of the Ermita to continue downwards.</p> <p>Reach a fence on your RHS which you follow around a stables to reach and cross a very broad forest track.</p> <p>Reach a large metal cross perched on top of a boulder and continue directly past this on a large forest track.</p> <p>When you reach a group of houses with a junction behind which is a rudimentary wash house, here turn R still on a track.</p> <p>At a track junction turn L and now the village appears on your RHS through the trees.</p> <p>Finally reach tarmac where you turn R and continue downhill to the village centre and your car.</p>	<p>11.2km, 3hr 11min</p> <p>12km, 3hr 23min</p> <p>12.4km, 3hr 29min</p>
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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