

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

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Vilada circuit to Serra de Migdia
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Vilada. Slightly E of the village on the C26.
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	9
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	700
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3hr 4.25hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/B
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 42.129480, Long 1.940248
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From the C16 road travelling N towards the Cadi tunnel turn R towards Vilada on the C26. Pass through the village of Vilada and continue down through zig-zags to cross a river. A little way after this (about 1.5km) look out of a track doubling back on the R signed to Canals de San Miguel. It is almost impossible to make the turn R here so you will need to continue a little way until you can find somewhere to turn around. Then drive down the track for 150m and park.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A steep walk up through woodland with revealing views of jagged mountain tops leading to the summit of Serra del Migdia and a return through woodland and along a river.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Walk down the obvious track to the river and cross on the dramatic bridge.	150m, 2.5min
At a finger post on the far side of the bridge turn uphill to the R signed to La Portella.	
After a few metres uphill continue directly uphill along the gully ignoring the footpaths going off R and L.	
Walk through a dramatic rocky defile and start to descend on the other side.	680m, 14min

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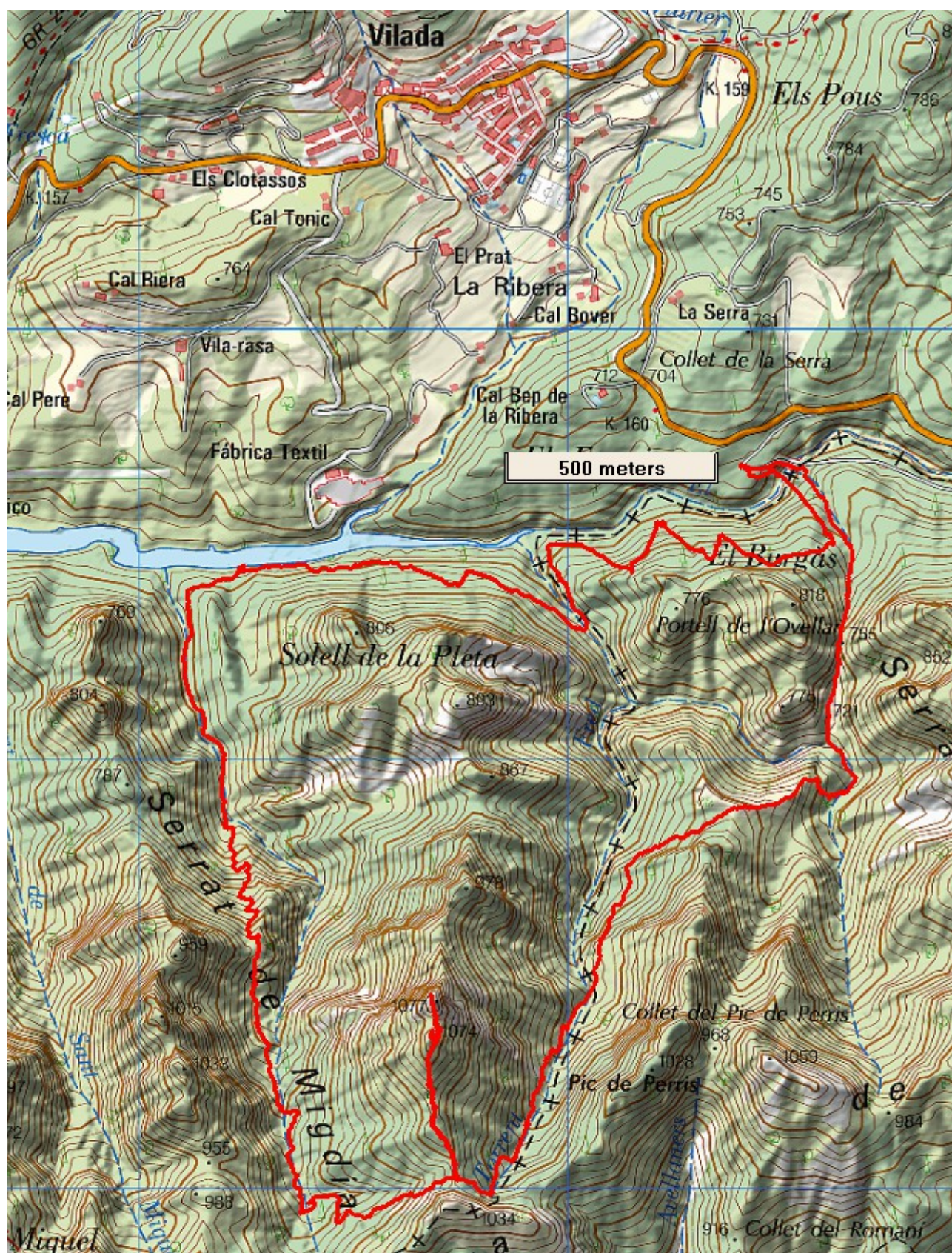
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At a junction with a finger post turn R signed to San Miguel and Berga.	1km, 21min
Walk up a short clear rib with fantastic views and then start to descend in woodland before climbing very steeply (best to use the waymarked zig-zags here)	
Drop into a gully with some running water and follow this uphill changing sides occasionally before emerging finally at a small col – Collet dels Pins – with a finger post to the R signed to Serra del Migdia.	2.9km, 1hr 5min
Turn R here to ascend passing over several false tops before dropping down a short section protected with a rope and ascend the final top with Catalan flag and vertical drop off on the far side.	
Good spot for lunch!	
Now retrace your steps to the col and turn R downhill.	4km, 1hr 28min
After several sets of zig-zags arrive at the Font dels Coms and then soon reach a junction with a finger post to the L pointing to Camins del Portella to the L, we turn R (or straight on really!) descending.	4.2km, 1hr 33min
Soon reach a further junction where we turn abruptly R now signed Camins del Portella again.	4.3km, 1hr 35min
Zig-zag down to the L to reach the stream bed and then follow this down crossing from side to side to find the best route until you ascend steeply again on the L to avoid a crag and then continue your descent.	
Reach the Font dels Colletons (tucked in on the RHS) and continue down the valley.	6km, 2hr 6min
Soon swing around to the R around the base of a spur and a footpath joins you from the L before shortly leaving you again to descend to the river bed. We keep R on both occasions soon heading uphill with the river/reservoir on the LHS.	6.6km, 2hr 17min
Pass an indistinct path on your LHS with a a yellow cross and continue ahead soon drifting around to the R to run beside a stream. Finally you cross this and continue a short way ahead before doubling back to the L.	7.6km, 2hr 31min
After the bridge comes into view through the trees on your L reach a junction just above a gully. It is best to continue ahead into the gully ignoring the first junction and then turn down the gully to reach you outgoing path.	
Cross the bridge on your LHS and return to your car.	
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	Very steep paths are encountered on this walk!

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**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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