

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

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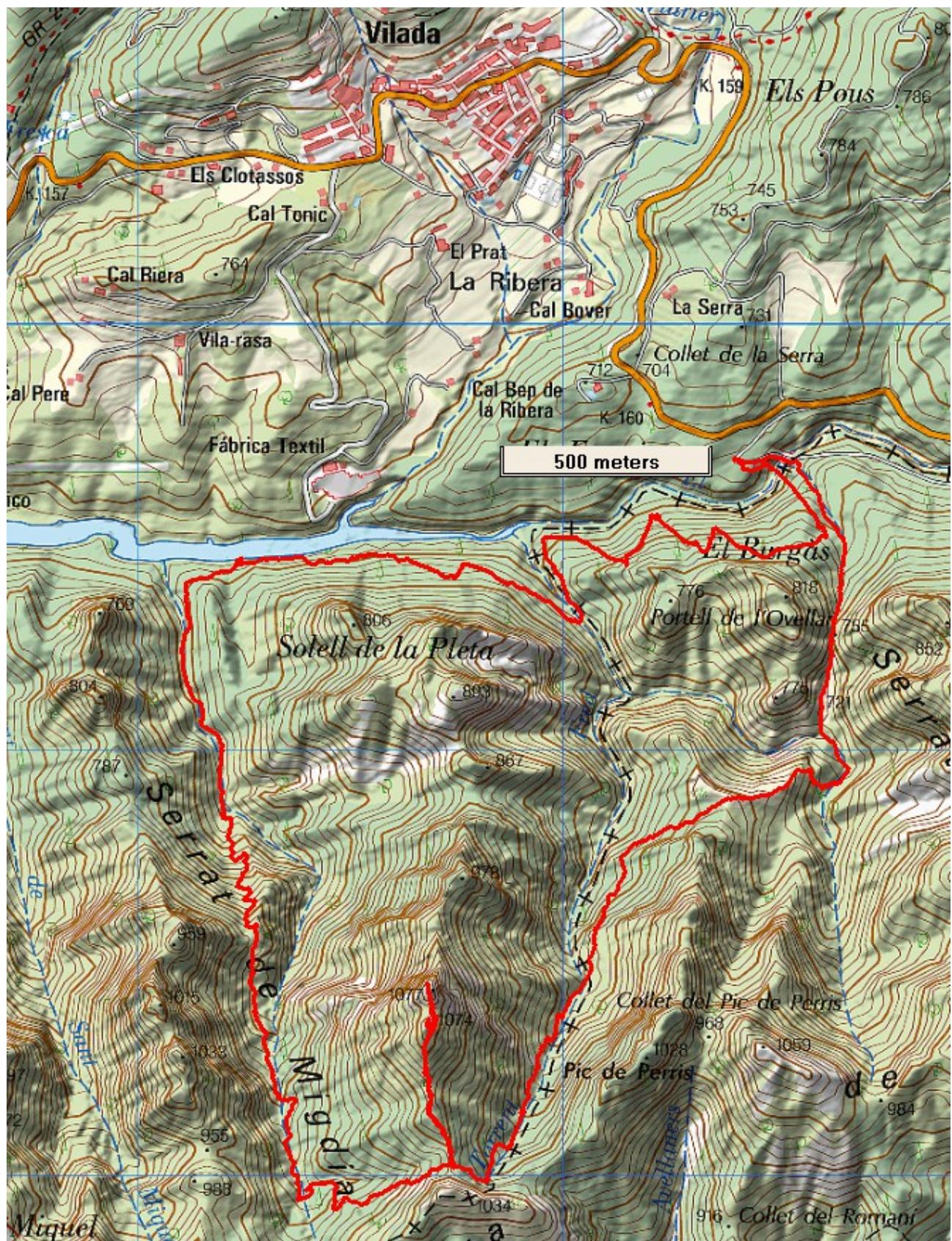
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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Vilada circuit to Serra de Migdia	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Vilada. Slightly E of the village on the C26.	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	9	
<b>Key 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>	<p>Walk down the obvious track to the river and cross on the dramatic bridge.</p> <p>At a finger post on the far side of the bridge turn uphill to the R signed to La Portella.</p> <p>After a few metres uphill continue directly uphill along the gully ignoring the footpaths going off R and L.</p> <p>Walk through a dramatic rocky defile and start to descend on the other side.</p>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
		150m, 2.5min
		680m, 14min

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<p>At a junction with a finger post turn R signed to San Miguel and Berga.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Good spot for lunch!</p> <p>Now retrace your steps to the col and turn R downhill.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Soon reach a further junction where we turn abruptly R now signed Camins del Portella again.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Reach the Font dels Colletons (tucked in on the RHS) and continue down the valley.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Pass an indistinct path on your LHS with 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Cross the bridge on your LHS and return to your car.</p>	<p>1km, 21min</p> <p>2.9km, 1hr 5min</p> <p>4km, 1hr 28min</p> <p>4.2km, 1hr 33min</p> <p>4.3km, 1hr 35min</p> <p>6km, 2hr 6min</p> <p>6.6km, 2hr 17min</p> <p>7.6km, 2hr 31min</p>
<p><b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b></p>	<p>Very steep paths are encountered on this walk!</p>

**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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