

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKS

SIERRA DE CABECO D'OR

W25

CIRCUIT AND SUMMIT OF EL CABECO D'OR FROM THE CUEVAS DEL CANALOBRE

WALK SPECS:

-WITH SUMMIT: DISTANCE 10.2km - WALKING TIME 3 ¾ hrs – ASCENT 842mtrs.- GRADE VS

-WITHOUT SUMMIT: DISTANCE 8.5km - WALKING TIME 2 ¾ hrs - ASCENT 535mtrs. – GRADE S

(Walking time only add time for breaks and lunch)

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LEGAL NOTICE: Although we strive to make descriptions as correct as possible, use at your own risk.

TO THE START.

From Busot take the road towards the Cuevas del Canalobre for approx 4 km to a sharp RH bend approx 0.75km before the cave. Park in the car park on this corner. This is the start.

To pre-position a spare car at Pla de Cabecó.

The tough slog up to Cuevas can be avoided by spotting a car to ferry driver(s): On the road from Busot go approx 0.7km past the Km1 post and take the second of the roads signposted Partida Pla De Cabecó. This is just past a wall and columnar cypress tree on tie RHS. Continue to the end of this surfaced road and park near the signposted track to Cuevas del Canalobre. (This is on the return path – see ↩ below.)

THE WALK.

Note that times quoted are walking time only - no breaks.

Underlined letters are map references.

Total distance and
% of walk completed
based on total time

From the carpark take the unsurfaced track going up (N) by walk sign. Keep to the main track which passes a gateway L with concrete gateposts and another on the R with brick gateposts. Arrive at a casita on your LHS A.
(21min 1.4km)

1.4km 10%

Carry on down to a cross track at the foot of a pronounced rocky spine B. (6min .5km)

1.9km 12%

Turn R up the track to reach a cairn and path on R opposite an old casita on L C. (7min .4km)

2.3km 15%

Take this path, which starts level going South but soon zig zags up very steeply to arrive at a path marked off by stones with yellow paint marks D. (14min .5km)

2.8km 22%

(This path leads to a cave with a small doorway - an interesting short detour.)

Continue on the main path which passes above the cliffs on your RHS. And then through pinewoods to reach the Col at Polset, with its ruin and nevera E. (17min .9km)

3.7km 29%

To go to the summit of El Cabeco D'Or G find a path going L (NE). Follow the path which is clearly way marked with yellow and white flashes. It climbs steeply and it is necessary to negotiate an awkward scramble. Return trip (1hr 1.7km)

5.4km 56%

To continue the circuit the path passes obliquely in front and to the L of the ruin and drops down fairly easily with the mountain on your L and dramatic cliff scenery on your R then zig zags down to meet a track at an electricity pylon H. Go down a few meters to a signpost with a track going L. (55min 2.7km)

8.1km 81%

Take path R (PRCV226 to the Cuevas) around a barranco to reach a cross track K. (6min .4km)

8.5km 84%

Turn L and walk down the surfaced road to the signposted track off R M. (3min .1km)

8.6km 85%

↩ (If a Car was spotted, it would be here)

Walk along track to where it ends in flat area with old concrete "tank" N. Find path at end on RHS. (5min .4km)

9.0km 87%

Path zigzags up very steeply to the road at the Cuevas del Canalobre P. (15min .4km)

9.4km 94%

Walk down road to starting point. (12min .8km)

10.2km 100%

