

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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**Title of Walk** Tossal Trails (short version)

**Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)** Benissa, Motorway tunnels, near Benissa.

**Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km** 10kms

**Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m** 450

**Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops** 3hr and 3hr 45min

**Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)** MS/B

**Grid reference of start point (if known)** Lat: 38.741228, Long: 0.054384

**Directions to Start** From Benissa, take the N332, Valencia direction, and turn right on to the motorway approach road. By the "Tome su tiquet" sign, take the small road on the right sign-posted "cimiterio". Follow signs to the cimiterio until you come to the yellow "cimiterio municipal" sign. Do not turn right here but continue along the Cami de Valencia (part of it unsurfaced) until you come to the tunnels under the motorway and park there.

**Short walk description** A circular walk, climbing Tossal del Moro from the Benissa side, following the Serellas ridge (wonderful views) and returning via country tracks and terraces.

### **Full Walk Description**

### **Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far**

Just before the mouth of the tunnels, look for a small cairn on the RHS and take the narrow uphill track.

After 25mins the track becomes less clear and narrower and bears to the right. A small part of it is exposed. Continue uphill.

25mins

Arrive at Tossal del Moro.

30mins

From the summit take the track which goes down to the left and follow this. After about 15 mins the path descends to the right through the pines and makes its way down the terraces following Y/W waymarks and turquoise blobs. Ignore an obvious patg going R by a cairn to pass a small casita. The path widens to a track which bends downhill to

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reach a main track and a finger post. Turn R.	55mins
Follow the track and the Y/W/R waymarks. This narrows to a path winding through the trees to reach a finger post. Turn L to climb to Serrellas.	1hr 5mins
Follow the clear track up to the Trig Point. Wonderful views all round.	1hr 30mins
From here take the track to the right and keep following cairns and y/w waymarks as the track bears down and arrives at a ruined finca.	
Go round the finca, passing another small ruin to arrive at another fingerpost. Take the Benissa direction and follow this narrow track until it turns into a broader track.	1hr 55mins
This track becomes a concrete road and, when you come to the crossroads, keep straight ahead. At the next junction, ignore the rough track to the right and follow the concrete road as it bears left. Just before the second electricity pylon, (not counting the pole between the two pylons up to the right, you can see a ruined finca. Look for the cairn and follow the track up towards the finca.	2hr 10mins
Walk along the terracing in front of the finca and find the path marked by a red dot & a red cross three or four terraces down. Where the path forks, ignore left and right turns and take the track in front (marked by a red cross). After passing a large pine tree you will arrive at a road. Turn left. Opposite the second electricity pole there is a small track on the right. This will take you past a house with a white pony in the (rather neglected) grounds. The pony is not guaranteed!	2hr 25mins
Arrive at a T junction, turn right and continue under the chain. As you come to the first curve start looking for a cairn on the LHS.	2hr 35mins
Take the narrow track. Pass a small abandoned finca on the left and look for a cairn just below it. Keep following small cairns as you make your way down the terraces, until you arrive at a junction with a broader track where you turn left.	2hr 45mins
Ignore a track off to the left and follow the main track which brings you to the road where you turn right. Follow this road until you arrive back at the tunnels.	3hrs

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**Walk Recommendations or restrictions**                      None

see map below.....

Route followed is outlined in red

