COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk

MALLA DE LLOP FROM FAMOCA

Location of StartFamorcaKey Statistics for walk - Distance in km10.8km.Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m772mtrs.Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops4hrs.Key Statistics for walk - Grade5/A

Grid reference of start point 739508E 4290780E

Directions to StartTake the CV720 from Castells de Castells to Famoca.

Take first **L** into village and drive to end and park by

tennis/sports club. This is beginning of walk.

Short walk description

Full Walk Description

Although quite strenuous, there are no vertiginous parts. The rewards are definitely worthwhile. Although walking time is only 4 hours, the views and points of interest warrant reserving 6 hours to complete walk. The views are among the best you'll find.

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THE WALK

NOTE: TIMES QUOTED ARE WALKING TIME ONLY – NO BREAKS. UNDERLINED LETTERS ARE MAP REFERENCES.

Elapsed Walking Time/ Distance so far

From the car walk up concrete road passing old track off R and At L bend find path going off R A. (6min.4km) 6min .4km Follow path which rises steeply, passing several water huts to arrive at a flattish area that is often wet. The path crossing this area is not always distinct so look ahead and spot another slightly larger water hut and head towards it. In front of this hut is a fuente. (60min 1.9km) 1h 6min 2.3km NOTE: Drinking water available here. 1h 9min 2.4km Find a path going steeply up behind the hut. Arrive at Nevara **B**. (3min .1km) From the Nevera turn **R** (**W**). Your next objective is a ridge of craggy rocks that can be seen in the distance. The path flattens out a little at first but then climbs steeply to arrive at the end of this ridge and a small col C. (25min 1km) 1h 34min 3.4km Go forward a few meters to admire the great views of Pla de la Casa to the W. Return to the beginning of col to find a cairn indicating a path going up.(SE) Take this path and head up. There is a confusion of minor paths in this area. Your objective is to 2h 4min 4.8km reach the ridge. At top bear L (E) and follow path to trig point of Malla de Llop D. (30min 1.4km) Look for cairn **ENE** marking start of descent into canal. There is no definite path into the canal and the way down is guite steep and requires care but is not difficult. Head for the path visible in the canal **E**. (13min .6km) 2h 17min 5.4km Follow path down canal to a burnt area. Now look for path off L heading up and out of the canal. It is marked by a Y/W way marker F just before it starts to climb. (30min 1.3km) 2h 47min 6.7km Climb up path to reach ridge G. (8min .3km) 2h 55min 7.0km Cross ridge and take path going down L. Do not continue on the more obvious path which goes R and up. The path going down L soon becomes guite clear. Follow this path skirting hills and arrive at almond bancales and track **H**. (55min 3km) 3h 50min 10.0km Take track ignoring all side tracks to arrive at concrete road down to car(s). (16min .8km) 4h 6min 10.8km

