

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

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Orba Castle Circuit	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	<b>Murla.</b> Park in Cemetery Public car park.	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	14.5	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	690	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	4.5hr 5.33hr	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/B/Scr	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat. 38.762357, Long. -0.082113	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Follow CV750 Alcalali to Murla road, in Murla turn R to cemetery car park (signed with "P")	
<b>Short walk description</b>	A circular clockwise route through forest paths and tracks, visiting 2 summits, includes a scramble and exceptional views of Fontilles.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>	
Turn R from car park and pass a childrens playground and swerve R onto a path, soon after take the feint L fork.	5 mins.	
Walk along this well trodden path to meet a concrete road and turn L	10mins.	
soon after look to the R for a pylon and turn R onto a path, pass the pylon and continue towards terraces and onto a feint path below the top terrace, go straight ahead across the next terrace then turn R (cairn)down the LHS of a small copse, at the bottom turn L.	1.25 Km	
Follow along the copse to the end, trend L then almost immediately R alongside a scrubby area.	1.5 Km	
Turn L and follow a winding path upwards until it levels off near a ruin.	2.6km, 45 mins.	
Walk forwards and turn L on the tarmac road, continue to a junction and ignore L turn, as the road starts to drop nearing trees on RHS turn R down path ( marked Y/W ) winding down to a junction with large boulders, although marked with Y/W cross turn L..	3.5 Km, 1 Hr.	

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<p>Continue now on a broader path to reach an obvious drop off on RHS (cairn) under a small tree, follow along the RHS of a wall then wind R then L through fruit tree area and cross riverbed, pass through bamboos and on rise of hill turn L to emerge on tarmac.</p>	4.7km, 1hr20min
<p>Turn L to enter Campell village, turn L at top of first street then R (Av. Tramos Pan ).....</p> <p>cross the square to the LHS of church and soon after turn L at PR sign (181 Isberts dam ), follow the stony path down to meet concrete surface and turn L, ignore first turn to R and soon after ( 50 mtrs. ) turn R on a Y/W path signed Fontilles ,reach a Font. Pass to RHS of Font up a surfaced road to meet tarmac road, turn L and cross road,.....</p> <p>after 50 mtrs. Turn R up hillside, soon after level off and almost immediately turn L and upwards, now wind up a scramble following old red dots, level off and walk L across to ruins – Castell de la Plana.</p>	1 hr. 30 mins.
<p>Backtrack for 100 mtrs. Then turn L and follow very feint path (cairns, old red dots),</p> <p>follow this winding path to ascend to an area with small stone structures ( arabic ruins )</p> <p>continue through this area and along a rocky pathway ( cairns ) pass through a small forested area and across the stony path to meet tarmac.</p>	6 Km, 1hr.50min
<p>Turn R to reach a picnic area</p>	7.4km
<p>Turn R and pass through a picnic area ,emerge on tarmac ,continue forwards for 150m then turn R on clear track after 50 mtrs drop off at LHS (cairn )onto path ,trend L and soon after cross riverbed and follow cairns on a forest trail to reach a water deposito.</p>	8.2km
<p>Pass to LHS of depositor onto an ascending path , and continue to emerge on surfaced camino , turn L to reach a junction , take R fork onto a track with old chain and continue forwards to reach an open area with a concrete wall at far side</p>	9.25 kms. 3Hrs.
<p>Step over this wall onto path below, ignore a path to L and next path to R, follow this narrow path to reach a junction, ignore L turn ( chain across ) turn R and R again to reach a PR post, turn L and wind L and cross a decaying bridge over riverbed, continue forwards and up a small rise to turn R (G/W mark).</p>	3 hrs.15mins.
<p>Turn up R through trees, keep winding up to the R (cairns) on a clear path then wind L and up a bank-side to meet a broad forest track, turn L and follow this track to a G/W finger-post.</p> <p>Soon after on RHS of track (yellow arrow on rock) turn R up a path, follow this rocky winding path (cairns and G/W paint) upwards aiming for large pine tree above, wind R and across to Orba Castle ruins.</p>	11kms. 4 hrs.
<p>Backtrack 50 mtrs to turn R (G/W and Red paint) to start working downwards below the LHS of ridge, follow this rock hopping path across then rise R over the final crest and down more stony path to reach the col ( PR post ).</p>	12km
<p>Turn L along camino and as road reaches a shallow dip with sign 'Cami Port '</p>	12.7km
<p>Turn R up surfaced road which turns into track ,ignore a R fork and continue directly ahead to reach 'Leper colony ' wall ,follow the wall to the corner, the path then trends L then R along a wall with a water pipe to emerge at tarmac.</p>	13.6km, 5hr 10min

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Turn L and soon after reach a sign "Cami Vell de la Vall de Laguar", trend R on tarmac for a few mtrs to reach a large fig tree at LHS (sign) turn L and continue back to car park....

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**Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

None

Route followed is outlined in Red

