

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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| Title of Walk | Sa Talaia | |
| Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description) | Sant Josep Remote parking place just off the road between Sant Josep and Petersberg. | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km | 9 | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m | 340 | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops | 2.25hr 3hr | |
| Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system) | M/B | |
| Grid reference of start point (if known) | Lat: 38.921733, Long: 1.280287 | |
| Directions to Start | Follow the PM803 from Ibiza town to San Josep and soon afterwards turn L towards Cala Vedella. Go around the bend to the R and several hundred metres along this road find a minor concreted road on the LHS with space for one car a few metres up or alternatively a gravel layby on the RHS of the main road just a few metres beyond the junction with potential parking for 2/3 cars. (There is also limited parking near the roundabout 700m further W) | |
| Short walk description | A walk to the summit of the highest peak on Ibiza. Views through the trees are better than expected and virtually all the climb is accomplished before the summit with an easy track walk for the return. | |
| Full Walk Description | Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far | |
| <p>From your parked cars return along your approach road to find a short tarmac drive on the RHS leading up to the gates of a house.</p> <p>Level with the gates follow a track moving L and then zig-zagging steadily uphill through terraces.</p> <p>Soon this strikes more simply directly up the slope between cultivated terraces.</p> | 135m, 2min | |

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| <p>When you reach a terrace with a fig tree on the RHS and a section of fence beginning on the LHS here turn L before the fence and walk level across the terrace to its end.</p> <p>Exit on the LHS and work through minor undergrowth following a clear footpath.</p> <p>When you reach a section of rock leading uphill (maybe 5m across) follow this uphill with the path indistinct for a short while until at the top of this rock band the path again becomes clear.</p> | <p>400m, 5min</p> |
| <p>Follow this now as it soon levels a little and emerges by an electricity pylon on a track.</p> <p>Turn L down the track for a few metres to find a footpath with finger-post ascending on the RHS (signed Sa Talaia).</p> <p>Follow this as it crosses a few terraces generally climbing steeply.</p> <p>When it levels you walk more gently along the LH flank of the hill with views soon opening out to the summit towers.</p> <p>Cross a col to the R and walk on the RH flank of the mountain soon dropping slightly to reach a junction also with finger-post.</p> <p>Turn R beside the fence soon climbing more steeply and now follow the zig-zags steadily up ignoring a junction where a path goes directly ahead just after a section of scree made by those taking short cuts!</p> | <p>900m, 12.5min</p> |
| <p>Reach the first tower with rock walls protecting it.</p> <p>Turn L along the track and soon reach the highest point now with reduced views.</p> <p>Continue to drop down this track until you round a sharp bend to the R with a steep drop off on the LHS. A short way along here there is a footpath shortcut on the LHS which cuts out a sweeping bend. (but you can just follow the track if you prefer)</p> | <p>2.5km, 46min</p> <p>3.2km, 58min</p> |
| <p>When you reach a junction on a cultivated plateau turn sharp R almost back in the direction from which you have come by gently descending.</p> <p>Pass a clear junction with a track going directly uphill on your RHS (with a sign to Talaia behind you) and the main track soon swings around 3 side of a square to get around a barranco.</p> <p>When you are walking on the 3rd side look out for a track going slightly up onto a terrace and then continuing level along it and take this as it wanders above a house and then across a barranco. (If you arrive at a more obvious R turn just below leading up to a house 50m above then you have gone too far!!)</p> <p>Follow this now along through forestry passing some small cave entrances on the RHS and then rounding a barranco before rising a little and then passing between sets of buildings on either side.</p> <p>You climb just a little before cresting the hill and now descending straight along a broader vehicle track to reach the main road and your car.</p> | <p>5km, 1hr 25min</p> <p>6.8km, 1hr 48min</p> |
| <p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p> | <p>Section of road walking at start is along very busy road – take care!</p> |

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