

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Barranc d'Infern, Juvees d'Alt i la Carrasqueta.
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Vall d'Ebo
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	16
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	670
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.25hr 5.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/C/Scr
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.806480, Long: -0.157436.
Directions to Start	From the CV 715 -Orba to Pego road - SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over the bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village.
Short walk description	An exploration of the narrow valley of the Ebo followed by an ascent on a track and barranco to return over the Carrasca ridge to Vall d'Ebo. For a slightly easier, but longer version of this walk, see:- "Val d'Ebo to Col de Garga and return" in Walks in Spain.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the car parking turn around to face E and walk along the lane with the 20kph speed limit and a weight limit for heavy vehicles.	
Pass the sewage farm and continue to a junction where you turn R slightly uphill on concrete.	860m, 9.5min
Continue past the fuente and ignore the next fork to the R and continue until you drop down to the end of the track which finishes in the river bed.	1.9km, 24min
Now continue ahead across the river bed, keeping R as the river turns R to find the easiest way forward and as soon as practicable keep to the RHS on flat slabs alongside the river bed.	

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You will reach a cairn and footpath	2.3km, 31min
working up to the R away from the river and this soon levels and turns around to the R through forestry before dropping down again to re-join the river bed.	2.6km, 35min
Now there is nothing for it but to continue down this line, weaving in and out of occasional vegetation and scampering over rocks along the valley bottom.	
The scenery here is magnificent and you can appreciate the course that the river has carved out over the centuries.	
Soon the river bed narrows and you make your way between walls of rock.	
When you reach a section of massive boulders (think 4-5m high) then the easiest course in general is to keep to the RHS and shortly after passing these and some scoured runnels in the river bed you will finally arrive at a small dam.	5km, 1hr 22min
Pass this on the LHS and walk down a rock ramp that gently slopes down to re-join the river bed.	
Proceed with caution from here. The vegetation thickens a little and you have to weave in and out to pass through it, but you will need to keep to the RHS of the river bed in order to see your next path.	
This appears at a cairn and almost immediately there are a set of Y/W markers to guide you steadily up the hill.	5.3km, 1hr 26min
Although this path is broken down in part, the majority of it is a joy and finally it arrives at a track where you turn R.	6.3km, 1hr 48min
Follow this as it rises a little to reach a well on the RHS and then drops over a col to descend a little around a barranco and then commence a steady climb .	
Follow this now for about 2km (about 29min) until you reach a barranco with the remains of a corral with fence parts and pallets scattered around and here leave the track and make your way up this barranco.	8.3km, 2hr 19min
Generally the going is easy and in the event of vegetation blocking the route, erring slightly L is the best solution.	
Follow this for some 600m until you can see up on your LHS a craggy ridge line that rises beside a tributary of the barranco.	
Make your way up to this and – keeping R of the crags – gain the ridge and walk up it.	
You must take care now to intercept a path that crosses you from R to L, marked with cairns but a very thin line just as the ridge merges into the flank of the ridge line in front of you. Take this path to the R.	9.3km, 2hr 42min
Walk almost level into a barranco corner from where you turn R and climb gently.	
Now you can settle down as you rise steadily on this line, looking out all the time for the yellow paint splashes and occasionally dropping a little. The ridge line above on your L looks prohibitively high, but in fact you will join it ahead as it starts to drop.	
Continue ahead until finally you join the main ridge.	10.4km, 2hr 59min

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<p>Now cross this and drop a little (maybe 50m) to get around rocks and then ascend again on a clear line that sweeps rightwards once it is past the end of the rocks and opens up the views to a col in front of you.</p> <p>The path becomes vague for a few metres across rough ground but is soon clear again as it descends to the clear col.</p> <p>From here you can rise up any way you want to reach the next summit which is to your RHS.</p> <p>Now turn L along the ridge to continue your progress across to the next summit and finally when you are over this you drop to a col with very large cairn and a path which turns L to start a descent.</p> <p>Now follow this down easily as it rounds a lower barranco and when close to the bottom with olive terraces in front of you, look out for a fork where you turn R more steeply to drop to a track.</p> <p>Turn L along this and quickly R at a track fork.</p> <p>Walk along the track passing a wrecked car past which you ascend a few metres, walk along a level terrace and then around a bluff on the LHS to descend on a clearer track again.</p> <p>When this reaches a cairn on the RHS turn R along this terrace</p> <p>and at the end walk directly ahead onto a footpath.</p> <p>Descend on this as it zig-zags down (Avoid any rising forks off this path) to join a concrete track where you turn L.</p> <p>This drops a few metres and then turns around to the R and reaches a further junction where you turn R to drop down into a barranco.</p> <p>Now turn L and walk out to reach a tarmac road beside a large building.</p> <p>Walk ahead on the tarmac until you can turn R up a bank onto a footpath beside a chainlink fence.</p> <p>After a few metres turn L down onto a village street and continue ahead to pass the Bar Capri on your RHS.</p> <p>If you do not need refreshments, then continue past the bar and take the next R turn which takes you to your parked car.</p>	<p>12km, 3hr 26min</p> <p>13.3km, 3hr 47min</p> <p>13.8km, 3hr 54min</p> <p>14.2km, 4hr</p> <p>14.4km, 4hr 2min</p> <p>14.8km, 4hr 6min</p>
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Scrambling in the river bed for the first 5km or so.

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red

