

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Cerro Pena Del Aguila
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Cercedilla. Valle de la Fuenfria. There are several parking areas within the park area but to make the walk slightly easier you need to try and park at the highest point on the road circuit.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	9km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	640m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hrs 8 min 4hrs
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 40.77049, Long -4.06968
Directions to Start	From Cercedilla train station go up the hill. The main road goes right but there is a road, Carretera De las Dehesas which goes straight ahead. It is signed M966 Las Dehesas. Continue up this road for 2km to the information office on right hand side. Continue up the road bearing right on a one way road. Continue up the road past a couple of parking areas. The road then turns left uphill before turning left again and going downhill. Park on the left hand side as soon as possible.
Short walk description	The start and the finish of the walk are in the forested area of the National Park. The views on breaking out from the forested area afford you views around the whole of the Guadarrama area. A steep climb on a short route but worth the effort for all the views.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Depart the parking area and head to the barrier.	1min/50m
Pass the barrier and join the track. After a short distance the track bears R around a corner and there is a path that goes straight ahead and up the hill in front.	2min/110m

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Take the path up to the fence and keep on the path. The path then meets a second fence with a gate/gap. Go through the gate/gap and follow the path up the hill. After a steep climb you meet a track on a corner marked with Y/W and red spots.	14min/600m
Go straight ahead and up the track following the red spots and ignoring the Y/W cross. You now have a steady but steep climb up to the Col (Collado de Marichiva). Here you meet a major track.	50min/2km
Cross the track and pass through the gate marked R/W. Turn L and follow the track up the ridge line. The track is initially steep but it gives you a rest shortly and then undulates up to the summit. The track stops prior to the summit so follow the path along the line of the wall to the cairn marking the summit (Cerro Pena del Aquila 2008m).	1hr35min/4.2km
You now leave the summit and take the path that shortly crosses the wall and is marked by cairns past a couple of sheep folds. You now follow the path down to the wall and follow the wall down the hill marked occasionally with R/W. You will find yourself initially on the left of the wall but will cross to the right hand side half way down continuing to follow the R/W. After descending about 300m in height you will find yourself on a small flat grassed area next to the wall with a gate.	2hr5min/5.5km
Pass through the gate leaving the R/W markers. Ahead is a small cairn on a stump which marks the start of a forest path. Descend the path until you meet a major track.	2hr15min/6km
Turn L and then almost immediately R onto a path marked with Red spots. The path gently descends but this become steeper and zig zags down until you reach a flat open field area.	2hr50min/7.9km
Turn L and follow the path marked Y/W and red spots. You eventually arrive at a fence and a gate. Pass through the gate and follow the fence around the house. Turn R and drop down to the road.	3hr/8.4km
Turn L and follow the road up to where you parked.	3hr8min/9km
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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This topographic map depicts the Sierra de las Dehesas region in Mexico. A prominent red line outlines a specific area of interest, which includes the Poyal de la Garganta, Poyal de las Vacas, Quemado de las Dehesas, Loma de Hoyo Cerezo, Ladera del Infierno, Loma de la Cierva, and Los Chiniques. The map features contour lines indicating elevation, with labels such as 1750, 1800, 1850, 1900, 1950, and 2000 meters. Key locations marked include Peña el Águila (2008m), Collado de Marichiva, Collado de Cerromalejo, and various smaller settlements and landmarks like El Tejo, El Hoyuelo, and Las Dehesas. A scale bar indicates 1000 meters. The map also shows roads (GR 10, PR 4, M-986) and geographical features like the Embalse del Tejo and the Valle de la Fuenfria.