

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk Alcala de la Jovada via Forada ridge – the easier route

Location of Start Benissiva

Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km 15 km

Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m 660m

Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops 3hrs54mins
5hrs

Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system) S/B

Grid reference of start point (if known) Lat: 38.819519, Long -0.225284

Directions to Start Take the CV700 Pego to Planes road. Park behind the Co-op in Benissiva (on the right just as you enter the village)

Short walk description Two different mozarabic paths to and back from the ridge – very impressive. Route over quiet roads, tracks, and paths. You visit an impressive Nevera (ice house), a cave house on the ridge and the Forat (stone arch). Magnificent views of the Gallinera valley.

Full Walk Description

Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far

Walk out the back of the car park into the village. Turn L at the church and continue to the main road. Cross this road, turn R and after 30m go L up a road, initially with steps on the R side, to the top. Turn R here and then, after 20m, turn L (you're now in Benitaia) signed La Forada. After 100m proceed straight out of the village on a tarmac surfaced road with a timber post on the corner again signed La Forada. Continue on this Y/W marked road to where a road joins on your RHS with a stout timber signpost on the corner. (21 mins, 1.54km)

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Ignore this road and continue straight ahead to the end of the road. (6 mins, 0.41km)

27 mins, 1.95km

Proceed straight ahead on track and after 60m take the path on your R that takes you to the ridge (14 mins, 0.8km)

41 mins, 2.75km

Continue straight on a cairned path down to a ruin. Immediately after this building turn R onto a track, past a timber building on your RHS and continue to a road where you turn R (9 mins, 0.48km)

50 mins, 3.23km

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Proceed down road to where a barranco crosses and turn R onto an unsurfaced track. (6 mins, 0.52km)	56 mins, 3.75km
Continue along this track and bear L just after a refurbished renovated building on your LHS (18 mins, 1.28km)	1hr 14min, 5.03k
Ignore track on R (5.72km) and continue on to meet another track where you go L. (17 mins, 1.34km)	1hr 31min, 6.37k
Bear R at a fork and go straight on where a track joins from the RHS with a stout timber post on the corner.	1hr37mins, 6.85km
Continue to a fork and go L. (6mins, 0.48km)	1hr47mins, 7.44km
Keep on this track, over a barranco (km7.17) and up to a main road. (picnic area opposite. (10mins, 0.59km)	
Cross the road, go R for 50m then take the track that joins on your LHS. After 100m go L up to a Nevera. Continue past the Nevera on your LHS, take the path through the trees and rejoin the track. (4mins, 0.30km)	1hr51mins, 7.74km
Turn L onto this track, ignore a track that joins on your LHS (km7.98) and continue straight on to the edge of a village (Alcada de la Jovada) where the track becomes a road. (7mins, 0.52km)	1hr58mins, 8.26km
The village is well worth a visit but our route today takes us straight on for 70m then R and on to a main road. (3mins, 0.21km)	2hr1min, 8.47km
Cross the road and turn R. After 120m go L onto a country road and down to an ancient deserted village (km8.89) (well worth a wander around) and on to where a track joins on your RHS signed "Cami 2 De La Foradada Adsuvieta" (7mins, 0.61km)	2hr8mins, 9.08km
Turn R onto this track then L onto another track (stout timber post on RHS opposite. (3mins, 0.23km)	2hr11mins, 9.31km
Continue up to a T junction and turn L (km9.47). Ignore track on your RHS (km9.53) and another on your LHS (km10.04) and bear L at fork. (12mins, 0.83km)	2hr23mins, 10.14km
Up you go to the ridge where you join another path. (10mins, 0.56km)	2hr33mins, 10.70km
Turn L here and follow the Y/W marked path to the forat where the views of the entire Gallinera valley are simply stunning. (7mins, 0.34km)	2hr40mins, 11.04km
Return the same way back to the path you came up on your RHS and continue straight on seaward. Go L at a fork and continue to a junction with another path. (8 mins, 0.49km)	2hr48mins, 11.53km
Turn R here and you can now see a cave house in the cliff. Stay on the ridge path to a ruin with the cave house inside. (12mins, 0.54km)	3hr, 12.07km
Return back the way you came, straight on where the path you came on earlier joins on your LHS and down you go on a splendid mozarabic track. Ignore paths that join on your LHS at km12.79 and 12.80 and continue down to a track and turn R. Continue to a T junction, go L and back the way came earlier to the cars (54mins, 3.07km)	3hr54mins, 15.14km

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions None

Route followed is outlined in red

