

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Gata Rivers & trails	
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Gata de Gorgos Car park at end of Carrer Pou de Pedreguer off the CV748 and opposite to Restaurant Trosset.	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	9	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	285	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	2.5hr 3.25hr	
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	M/B/Scr	
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 38.776739, Long: 0.082817	
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From traffic lights where Xabía road meets N332 drive 200m North and take left turn (Calle Trossets). After 100m, opposite Restaurante Trossets, turn right & park in car park.	
<b>Short walk description</b>	1 hour of interesting river bed boulders, interesting rock formations, cliffs and caves to see before well-defined trails up to Font de la Mata and back to Gata. Walking is over loose stones & boulders and a few hand-holds are needed but there is no exposure.	
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<div> <div> <b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b> </div> <div> <p>Walk S along Carrer (or calle) Trossets over a small brow and down to where the road turns R. Here continue ahead into Carrer Roquetes (which becomes C/ Sant Antoni). At its end follow it R and then immediately L into C/ Baix and follow this down steps to the edge of the river where you turn R beside railings.</p> <p>Walk along a short way before climbing some steps on the R and at the top of these turn L along a boardwalk. When you reach an info board displaying some rock climbs keep R and uphill on steps.</p> <p>Keep ahead at a fork and when you reach tarmac turn L uphill and soon leave this ahead onto a gravel track with R/W marked post.</p> </div> </div>	
	600m, 8min	
	1km, 15.5min	

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Follow this down hill and swing around to the L and almost immediately leave the track down a footpath on the RHS which descends to the river.	
Scramble up the river bed until you walk through a narrow squeeze between river boulders and then keep L to find a footpath which leaves the river bed directly opposite a large square garage on the other side of the river.	1.5km, 24.5min
Follow this up to the first bancal (terrace wall) and here turn R above the wall and follow this thin path as it ascends 2 more terraces. When you reach a large rocky patch keep R descending to the end of a dam in the river.	1.7km, 30min
Descend on steps to cross the dam and up the other side and immediately at the top find a faint path going off L and soon pushing through bamboo and soon reach a rocky ramp which descends to the river.	1.8km, 32min
Keep on this side of the river and amble along a grassy terrace which soon descends to the river bed which you walk along over stones and pebbles until you find a track joining you from above on the RHS.	2.2km, 40min
Here turn L across the river bed to find a footpath ascending with R/W/Y markers.	
Crest the hill (with views off R to Cstell d'Aixa) and ignore a path off to the L.....	2.7km, 50min
and keep ahead soon dropping to a valley where you turn R and then quickly L on an ascending track.	2.9km, 54min
Ignore a track off to the R and then soon turn to the R on your track to reach a finger-post at a complex junction from which there is an optional small descent to Font de la Mata by following the descending concrete track on the RHS.	3.9km, 1hr 12min
Return to this junction and (from this direction) continue over a chain and turn R immediately past the end of the ruin passing a complex water deposito on your LHS.	
Continue ahead soon joining a rising concrete track coming up on the LHS and then continue ahead. (still with R/W/Y markers)	
350m from the deposito find a footpath with Y/W cross descending to the L and then L again more or less doubling back in the direction from which you have come but descending rapidly.	4.4km, 1hr 20min
Follow this down to meet concrete and continue ahead still descending.	
Soon join tarmac going uphill and at a building keep L on a concreted track between walls. Walk between a second set of buildings and keep ahead now on a gravel track descending.	
Reach a ruin at a T-jnc where you turn L.	5.4km, 1hr 37min
Follow this delightful path down now for some time ignoring side turnings and soon walking down a ridge with views directly ahead to Gata.	
Eventually reach the river bed at the bottom of a couple of zig-zags and cross the river and walk up the path on the far side (now retracing your steps from earlier).	6.7km, 2hr

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When this meets a track turn L and follow this to walk ahead on tarmac. Drop a little and turn R down towards the river on a walkway. At a fork continue R and down and then as you enter the area used by vehicles take the 3<sup>rd</sup> turning on the L to retrace your steps directly ahead to reach your parked car.

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### **Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

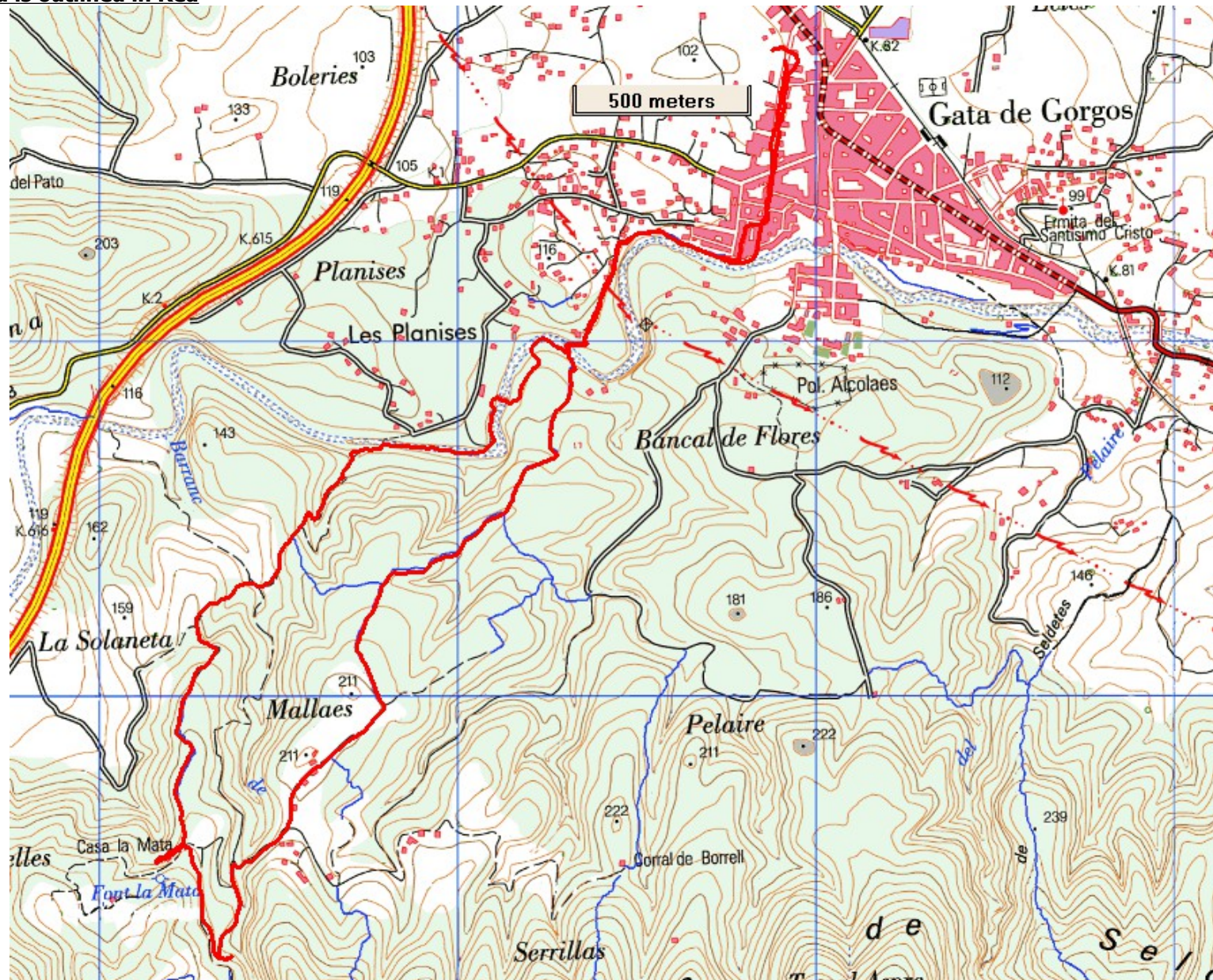
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**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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