

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Ebo horseshoe from Vall d'Ebo
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Vall d'Ebo Avenida Marina Alta beside the open area at the E outskirts of the village.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	17
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	680
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.5hr 6hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.80654, Long: -0.157267
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. (Also car park behind Bar L'Entra.)
Short walk description	A horseshoe route initially on the Carrasca ridge flank W of the Ebo gorge across some rough terrain followed by a descent to cross the gorge and then easier but longer return on the E bank of the river.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far Start by facing the village and turning L by a partially completed house (Mar '18) and immediately past the car park and a row of bins. At the end of this short street turn R and follow this ascending slightly and keeping to the L of the Co-operativa building to reach a T-jnc. where you turn L. Keep ascending to pass a bar on the LHS (Capri) and when the tarmac runs out follow a fence on your RHS as it turns R and runs along the side of a pig pen to reach tarmac again. Here turn L. Keep directly ahead soon rising up beside calvary stations until you can see a large religious monument directly above you and look carefully 20m before reaching this for a track running off more level on the RHS (opposite a building). Take this. 430m, 5.5min 760m, 10.5min

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Follow it into a barranco and curve around to the R in this soon ascending more steeply on concrete.	
At a junction on a level section turn L.....	925m, 13.5min
..... following the concrete up steeply again and zig back to the L.	
Just a few metres above this look for a track taking off to the R and follow this and soon leave this on the RHS onto a footpath which traverses over to the R.	
This zig-zags up to reach a terrace which you follow ahead and level to intercept a rough track. Turn L uphill on this.	1.4km, 22min
At a spur the continuation of the track is not obvious but you stay on the same level and turn around to the R on the terrace soon reaching a long abandoned car wreck from where the track becomes clearer again.	
Now follow this ahead for some time until you swing L around the head of a barranco towards a building which is part of an abandoned estate planned for construction.	2.4km, 35min
Just before the building turn up beside it and then a little to the L to intercept in 15metres an indistinct and overgrown track heading off to the R. Follow this through bushes descending and rising around a couple of barrancos until you reach a section that continues ahead across rough ground (but still on the old track).	
Here take care to look for several cairns just a few metres off to the RHS which mark the beginning of an old engineered path.	3km, 46min
Go up a short rocky section and then continue to the L onto a much clearer but thin line of path.	
Follow this ahead now alternatively dropping slightly and rising a little more to eventually arrive at clear terraces where there are 2 baths below you on the LHS (!!)	
and a large rock covered well. (worth a peep).	3.6km, 57min
Continue ahead on the terraces just rising slightly until the path becomes less clear and rises and falls a little more to reach a patch of scattered trees. (The engineered sections are now not always clear.)	
Immediately the trees end rise a little at a cairn to find the continuation of the path and here the rough traverse of the scree commences. There are numerous cairned options along here none of them necessarily better than the other. The intention is to keep level although you will have to climb and descend at times to avoid patches of vegetation and rocks.	
After a while you reach a series of rocky ridges which you must pass and now looking ahead above an abandoned patch of terraces slightly to your L you can see a patch of "bald" white rock. This is your objective although to reach it you must first reach the terraces just above and to the RHS of a ruin and the RHS of the terraces.	5.5km, 1hr 44min
Once there an engineered path rises up beside the terraces on the RHS and then curves across a terrace to reach a small rock step which you mount and then follow indistinct tracks diagonally up to the R to intercept the "bald" rock patch.	5.7km, 1hr 49min

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Here continue ahead to find a thin path which steadily curves around to the R and drops to intercept an engineered path where you turn R.	
Follow this downhill zigging back to the L once and soon descending to join a track which rises up on your RHS.	
Follow this a few metres to pass a well on your LHS.....	6.3km, 1hr 59min
..... and then onwards to start descending and reach a finger-post on the LHS.	6.5km, 2hr 1min
Turn L down this path (part of the 10,000 steps route) with Y/W markers to reach the barranco bottom.	7.5km, 2hr 22min
Here turn R down the river bed a few metres crossing a gravel patch to the L to find a path on the opposite bank ascending.	
Take this still with Y/W markers ascending to pass a set of water troughs (often running with water) and then on beneath some crags and eventually out to reach a track with a house on the LHS. Turn R uphill away from the house and after only a few metres reach tarmac and then a junction where you turn L.	9.4km, 3hr
Now the going is all easy and you continue along this road (with intermittent rock/gravel sections) for some kilometres to reach a junction with the main road between Pego and Vall d'Ebo.	13.3km, 3hr 49min
Here turn L and drop down to reach a sign post on the RHS for the Rigugio Figuereta where we turn R on a track.	13.6km, 3hr 52min
Climb up to a col where there is a finger-post on the LHS and here turn L on a Y/W marked descending engineered path.	13.8km, 3hr 55min
Cross the main road and continue descending to reach a ruined farmhouse and pass to the LHS of this and cross the river bed to reach a track.	15.3km, 4hr 20min
Continue ahead now with the river bed on the RHS and soon reach the outskirts of the village and your parked car.	
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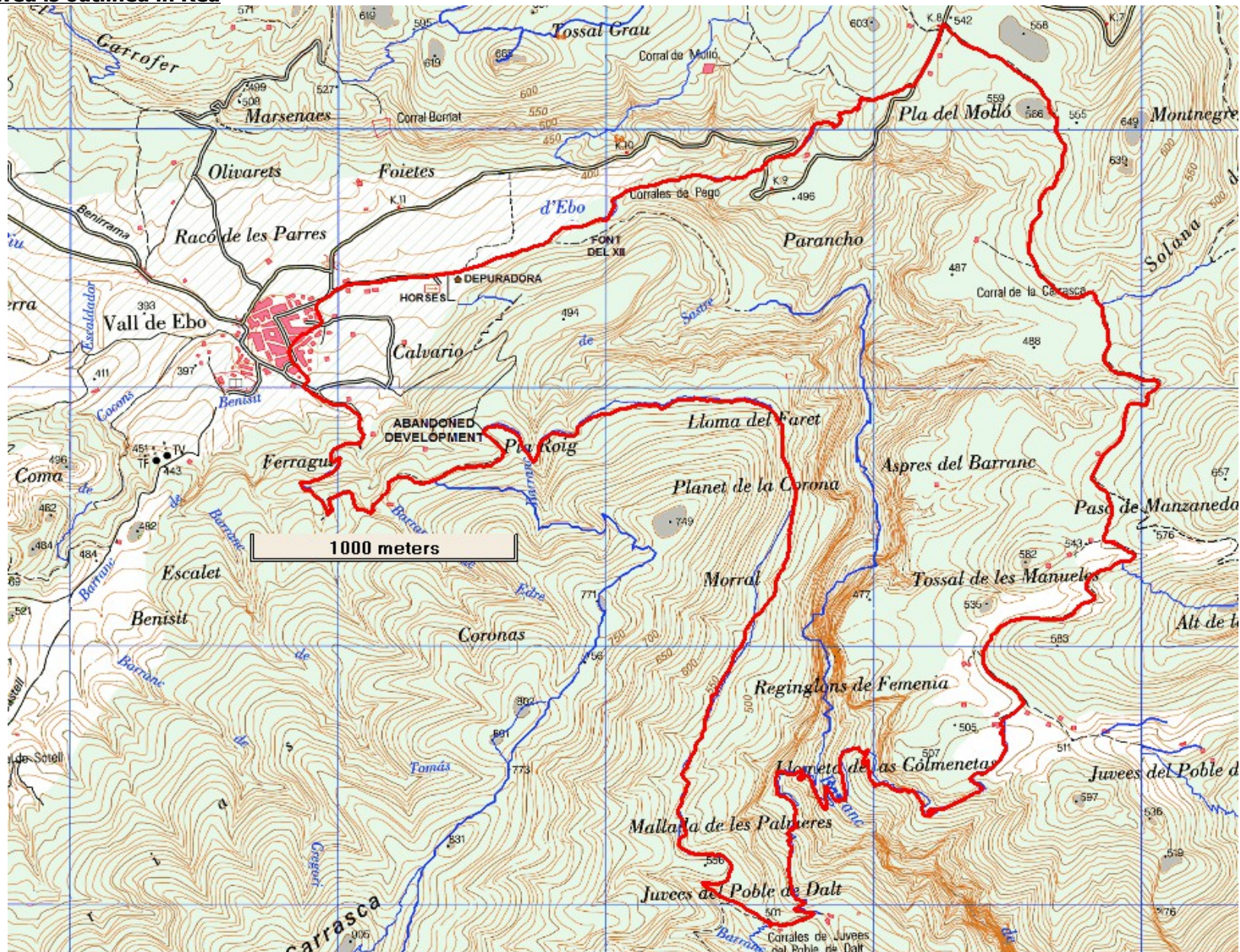
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

An arduous traverse for 40 mins across the open scree area, but otherwise good paths.

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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