

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Tossal Verd via Orbeta from Benidoleig	
Location of Start	Bar Ballestra, Benidoleig	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13.3km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	495m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hrs 5hrs including stops	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.792867, Long: -0.028077	
Directions to Start	Enter Benidoleig using the CV 731 or CV733. At the roundabout in Benidoleig park close to the Bar Ballestra. There is parking around the bus stop and the area by the recycle bins. There is additional parking behind the newly built houses.	
Short walk description	The route takes us above Benidoleig before taking good paths towards Orba. On reaching the area of Orbeta we gently climb to the ridge above the Orba valley and head back towards Benidoleig. There are a couple of sections where the path could be a bit scratchy. You will be greeted by great views of the Orba valley and beyond along this hidden gem of a route.	
Full Walk Description	<p>Depart the Bar Ballestra and walk on the main road towards Orba. After 150m follow the road uphill into the old village past the Bar Bonavista and towards the church. 3min 150m</p> <p>At the church bear L and after 30m at the Restaurant Temple turn R. 6min 400m</p> <p>Go downhill past a road on your L and follow the road round to the L at a crossroad. Do not go straight down the hill. After bearing L turn R after 20m and go downhill. 7mins 450m</p> <p>Follow the road to the bottom of the hill and now start to climb. You will pass several houses as you ascend. You eventually leave the houses and the road continues to wind uphill. It turns into a track and then reverts back to road and then back to track. The track eventually flattens out and you see a new concrete track ahead heading more steeply uphill. On your right there are some low walls and the signs of a path that</p>	

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heads off to your R and back on yourself.	36mins 2.4km
Follow the path back on yourself, initially parallel to the road you have just come up. The path rises and then starts to descend. You start to get views of the head of the Orba valley ahead of you. Descend down the path which zig zags past and old ruin and eventually enters an urbanisation (Porta de Orba) at the end of a cul de sac and turn around.	1hr, 3.7km
Proceed along the road which is initially flat before it turns R and steeply downhill. Follow downhill until you meet C/Ludwig Beethoven where you turn sharp L.	1hr5min 4.1km
Follow the road past a modern house on your L which has a wall with metal 'pole' railings on top. Just after the house turn L onto a country road.	1hr8min 4.3km
Follow this road up a small valley and then round to the R and into another urbanisation. Shortly after you pass the basura area on your R there is a junction and a small path between two houses.	1hr20min 5.1km
Take this path for about 50m and re-join the road. Follow the road until you reach a Y junction.	1hr22min 5.3km
Bear L and head more steeply uphill. The road zig zags uphill and then flattens as you reach houses on your R and L. You are now looking to turn R up a track between the houses.	1hr27min 5.7km
Follow the track up towards the mast. Just prior to reaching the area of the mast there is a path on your R. Turn R and follow the path.	1hr 31min 5.9km
The path leads you up onto the ridge. Take care and keep on the main track which eventually leads you on to a large wall and to the head of a small valley where you are heading slightly L and continuing up hill. The path is now becoming less distinct so you need to be looking for small buildings ahead of you and heading towards them. The first building is a low ruin in a sparsely vegetated area. Pass to the L of building.	1hr 58min 7.1km
The path now leads you towards another building and again the path is difficult to follow in parts but is kept open by hunters and animals. When you reach the second building go down the R of the building.	2hr13min 7.8km
Follow the path over a couple of walls before the path turns L and then up and over a couple more walls. You now reach a flat and more open area where you bear L and follow the line of the old very low walls. You now reach some thicker undergrowth where you pass through and now pick up the path that is heading half R.	2hr18min 8km
The path gentle leaves the high ground and heads towards the head of the small valley where you move over to the L and ascend the main rocky area. The path now leads you towards the low area on the horizon. You may pick up indication of R/W tape which is marking your route. You are now heading to the low point on the ridge marked by an old rust metal sign.	2hr38min 8.8km
Pass the sign and follow the path that takes you gently down to the R off the hill to your R. The path leads you down into the valley and to the valley bottom where you pick up a more distinct path.	2hr53min 9.5km
The path winds around to the L and start to look like a track as it now goes up the hill out of the valley. The path track does eventually become a full track and you reach a hunters lodge and a more major track.	3hr 10km

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Turn L onto the main track and head downhill. You now start to see houses appearing in front of you and the track joins a road. Shortly after joining the road turn L and down a major track. It is the first track on the L.

3hr6min 10.5km

Follow this track initially on the flat and then more steeply downhill. Shortly after entering the trees you will see a path marked with a W/Y cross.

3hr17min 11.2km

Follow this path which take you down a small gully and after 100m meets a concrete road. Turn L down the road and after a few meters turn R onto a path signed to the Mirador.

3hr20min 11.4km

Follow this path downhill, past the Mirador and the old lime kiln and then more steeply downhill towards Benidoleig. The path eventually meets a concrete road where you turn L. Follow the road into the village. You are now retracing your route out heading back to the Temple Restaurant and the church and downhill to the Bar where there will be refreshments waiting!

3hr 52min 13.3km

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red

