

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Barrancos de la Canal and Cova extended anti-clockwise
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Pego, Pla del Metge Almela
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	9.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	480
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.75hr 4hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.838446, Long: -0.121450
Directions to Start	Pla del Metge Almela. Approaching Pego from:- <div style="text-align: center;"> -Orba on CV715 turn L after PEGO town sign (large steel pylon on corner) into wide road. Continue to Stop sign and you're there. -El Vergel/N332 on CV700 turn R at 2nd island signed Adsubia. Straight on over two islands, L at 'T' junction, pass Mercadona on LHS, straight on at next island, straight on at Stop sign, R immediately after college and you're there. </div>
Short walk description	A good workout in remote scenery with fantastic craggy views using little known engineered paths and terraces.
Full Walk Description	<div> <div> Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far </div> <div> <p>From the car park move south along the road beside a wall with blue tiles cresting it and turn R into the avenue (Passeig Calvario) with a line of trees that leads to the cemetery. At the end of this keep R down a tarmac road straight ahead and at a junction turn L signposted "Figuereta".</p> <p>At the first turning to the RHS turn R and follow the tarmac as it soon swings up to the L. Go over the rise and slightly downhill now on gravel to reach the end of the track near a set of fenced gates.</p> </div> <div> <p>650m,9mins</p> <p>1.6km24mins</p> </div> </div>

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<p>Here turn L across a chain and onto a track which quickly diminishes to become a footpath.</p> <p>Ignore some early R turns and continue ahead soon rising more steeply and after a stiff climb reach a junction where the path continues ahead or you can turn R still uphill. Take this R turn with G/W marker.</p> <p>Now continue ahead as the constructed path weaves across terraces and passes several ruins and wells (not always obvious!) to reach a much clearer path where you turn R and uphill.</p> <p>Follow this around to the L, ignore a finger-post pointing back to the R and at a col continue ahead across open ground without much of a path and swing slightly to the R to intersect a path descending from your R. (At the col you could walk uphill to the R to reach a second finger-post and there turn L back downhill. You are simply cutting the corner here)</p> <p>Continue down this path until you pass a large and distinctive open well (slightly dangerous!) on your LHS and about 100m after this the path zigs back to the L and reaches a finger-post on an open terrace signed R to Barranco de Pintor.</p> <p>Here turn R along the terrace dropping once or twice until the terrace runs out where you start to descend through more rocky terrain soon aiming for a barranco now in front of you.</p> <p>Cross the barranco to the L and then follow the now clear path up to the R and just before the ruins this swings L and continues to climb.</p> <p>The path reaches the summit of a spur and then starts to descend with a couple of zig-zags to avoid crags before reaching a path across your line where you turn L.</p> <p>Now you are following a G/W marked path and this descends easily to reach a track where you turn R.</p> <p>Descend now on this track soon passing below the crags used by the climbing school and then out to a junction with a road where you keep R and on down the hill.</p> <p>Ignore any side turnings until you reach a T-jnc beside a large barranco on your L and here turn R to return along the Calvary and back to your parked cars.</p>	<p>3.7km, 1hr 9min</p> <p>4.1km, 1hr 20min</p> <p>4.3km, 1hr 25min</p> <p>5km, 1hr 40min</p> <p>5.4km, 1hr 50min</p> <p>6.5km, 2hr 10min</p>
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

Route followed is outlined in red

