

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Barrancos de la Canal and Cova extended clockwise
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Pego, Pla del Metge Almela
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	9.5
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	480
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3.25hr 4hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	MS/B
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 38.838446, Long: -0.121450
<b>Directions to Start</b>	<p>Pla del Metge Almela. Approaching Pego from:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-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.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-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.</p>
<b>Short walk description</b>	A good workout in remote scenery with fantastic craggy views using little known engineered paths and terraces.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <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>Ignore the first turning to the RHS and at a fork keep L on a rougher tack and departing from the concrete.</p> <p>Cross a barranco bottom and admire the crags on the RHS which are used for climbing</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b></p> <p>675m 8.5mins</p> <p>1.1km 14mins</p> </div> </div>

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instruction. The track goes ahead steeply in zig-zags and when you pass a fenced finca on the RHS the track deteriorates a little, plateaus and descends a little. There is a junction with a signpost to the LHS (Bodoix) and we turn L to follow this up soon in zig-zags.	2.5km, 39min
Reach a spur where we turn R.....	3.2km, 54min
along the spur and still rising and after a few zig-zags to ascend to the L we reach a junction marked with a cairn.	3.6km, 1hr 4min
Here turn R and follow this delightful path as it zig-zags up a small crag and then continues to ascend easily before crossing a spur and descending to a barranco with ruins slightly off to the L.	4km, 1hr 14min
Just before reaching the barranco the path swings to the R and descends beside it before turning L to cross the barranco and then up R onto a terrace.	
From here you must follow the cairns rising steadily and in general making your way across to the R although there are one or two parts where you must walk back to the L on a terrace to gain the next level.	
Soon you are walking on generally grassy terraces and slowly gaining height until you emerge at a junction with a path that crosses you from L to R.	4.7km, 1hr 30min
Here turn L and ascend again in zig-zags quickly passing a deep and unguarded well on the RHS and then reaching a finger-post where you turn R downhill.	5km, 1hr 36min
After only a few metres this path continues down a gully to the L and then at a further finger-post keep ahead and slightly R.	
Reach a spur where you swing back around to the R and now continue ahead until you reach a patch where trees have fallen and been cleared to the LHS of the path.	
Watch closely now for a junction with a cleared path on the LHS (obvious but not signed) which doubles back along a terrace.....	5.4km 1hr 47min
before starting to descend past yet another well and then on down across terraces.	
Eventually the character of this path improves and becomes an obvious engineered path before reaching a junction where you turn L still downhill. (great views down into the barranco now!)	
Lower when you are walking just above the barranco on your LHS and more level you must ignore all side turnings off to the L and continue until you reach a track.....	7.5km, 2hr 47min
..... where you swing R and uphill soon reaching tarmac which you follow back to a T-jnc.	
Here turn L and retrace your steps down to a junction and R to find the Calvario and the plaza where your car is parked.	
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	None



Route followed is outlined in red

