

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Tossal Grau (Alberts Peak) returning over Solana del Garrofer ridge and the Rio Ebo.	
Location of Start	Vall d'Ebo	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	15.42	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	780	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 34mins 5hr 45mins	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.806474, Long:- -0.157435	
Directions to Start	From the CV715 Orba to Pego road – SE of Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. As you approach Vall d'Ebo go over bridge, straight on and park at the edge of the village	
Short walk description	An interesting walk that starts with a lovely mozarabic ascent out of the valley. Splendid views from the summit of Tossal Grau and the Solana del Garrofer ridge. Much on marked or clear paths and quiet country roads. There are two section "off-piste" which are a little rocky underfoot but not scratchy.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
With your back to the village walk back the way you came and turn second R (straight on) before the bridge onto a road (with a 20 kmh road sign). Continue with the barranco on your LHS, past a sewage treatment plant on your RHS and continue to a signpost indicating a G/W barranco crossing. (11mins, 0.76km)		11mins, 0.76km
Turn L, cross the barranco to a track and continue to the main road. (5mins, 0.34km)		16mins, 1.10km
Turn R up the main road for 290m to a path on your LHS with a timber post marked G/W. Follow this path, past a ruin on your RHS (km 1.87), and on up the mozarabic trail that zig-zags up the steep mountainside out of the valley. Press on as the path becomes less steep, past another ruin on your RHS (km 2.50), to a large pot-hole on your LHS and turn R to follow the path. (31mins, 1.59km)		47mins, 2.69km

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Interesting pot-hole this, said to be 90m+ deep and often abseiled by local climbers, mainly weekends and fiestas.	
Continue on path up to a track. (3mins, 0.16km)	50mins, 2.85km
Turn L onto the track and continue to where a track joins on your LHS. (4mins, 0.23km)	54mins, 3.08km
Go L onto this track. After 25m go R onto another track which immediately bears L heading towards some bee hives. After 130m, just before the bee hives, take the path that goes off on the R/straight on and up. Go L after approx. 300m (ruin opposite) press on, past a ruin on your LHS (km 3.87), to the col. (17mins, 1.03km)	1hr11min,4.11km
Turn L and on to the summit (6mins, 0.21km)	1hr17min,4.32km
Return to the col by the same route and turn L onto the path. (6mins, 0.21km)	1hr23min,4.53km
Proceed down to a Y/W path and turn L (6mins, 0.35km)	1hr29min,4.88km
Continue on this path until it meets a country road. (15mins, 0.71km)	1hr44min,5.59km
Turn R onto this road and up to a col with a building on your LHS. The road becomes generally unsurfaced or badly maintained from here. Continue over the col and press on until you reach a house on your LHS. (30mins, 2.15km)	2hr14min,7.74km
Continue for a further 60m and turn L off the road and onto a rarely used track going up which in places is badly water damaged. Keep going up ignoring any other tracks that join. The track ends at the last of four small earth bank (5mins, 0.26km)	2hr19min,8.00km
Now we continue "off-piste" proper. Go over the bank and after 30m go R parallel with a small stone wall on your RHS for another 30m. Press on up to the col. From here the small summit is now visible and up you go. (11mins, 0.46km)	2hr30min,8.46km
Leave the summit on the RHS down to a fire damaged terraced area. (neglected for many years) Continue over, past a ruin on your RHS, to the other side. Turn L here and after a short distance down join a rarely used but distinctive path. (5mins, 0.19km)	2hr35min,8.65km
Continue on this path that initially traverses the mountain then zig zags up to the col where it ends. (the path forks about 20m from it's end but you continue straight) (ideal place for lunch) (13mins, 0.60km)	2hr48min,9.25km
Go R off the path and it's "off-piste" again for a short stretch. A nearby cairn marks your way. Proceed over the col, bearing slightly L and aiming for the LHS of a tree stump on the far side of the col. Here starts another rarely used path marked with a cairn (not easy to find SO CONCENTRATE) (8mins, 0.27km)	2hr56min,9.52km
Take this path that initially zig zags down. On one bend to the R the path is difficult to identify but cairns mark your way here and down you continue to where you join another path with a cairn on the corner and a clump of 8 trees opposite. (7mins, 0.32km)	3hr3min, 9.84km
Turn L onto this path which, after a few metres, zigs to the R then zags to the L and goes on traversing around the mountain. 10m after a dead bush on your RHS and a cairn opposite your route goes R off this path. (9mins, 0.39km)	3hr12min,10.23k
Initially your route is not clear but soon you pick up a path that zig zags down to the flat ground below. Proceed for short distance then go L down to a track. (8mins, 0.37km)	3hr20min,10.60k

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<p>Turn L onto this track and continue down to where another track joins on your RHS. (4mins, 0.21km)</p>	<p>3hr24min,10.81k</p>
<p>Turn R onto this track that soon becomes concrete surfaced. Go L/straight on at a fork. Tall grass now for approx 80m. Track becomes surfaced again. Ignore a track that joins on your LHS after approx 20m and continue down until a narrower concrete surfaced track joins on your RHS with a ruin opposite. (8mins, 0.49km)</p>	<p>3hr32min,11.3km</p>
<p>Turn R onto this track and continue to its end. (3mins, 0.25km)</p>	<p>3hr35min,11.55k</p>
<p>Continue straight on and follow an animal trail with an olive orchard on your RHS and a ditch on you LHS. Swing L at the end over a ditch onto a lower level into another olive orchard on your LHS. Go straight on when the orchard ends to where another begins again on your LHS. Press on to a concrete surfaced country road and go L down to a T junction. (5mins, 0.40km)</p>	<p>3hr40min,11.95k</p>
<p>Turn R for approx 150m to a water crossing. Just before this crossing a rarely used track joins the road. Take this track to it's end at a terrace (2mins, 0.14km)</p>	<p>3hr42min,12.09k</p>
<p>Go sharp L and continue through the terrace to a small gully. Turn R and follow the gully on your LHS for 20m to a stone wall and turn L, cross the gully and through another terrace (stone wall on your RHS) for approx. 100m to a main road (2mins, 0.18km)</p>	<p>3hr44min,12.27k</p>
<p>Turn R up road. After a short distance the road bends to the L. You go straight on (ruined building ahead) leaving the road . Proceed over open ground, turn R after 20m and up to arrive back at the road between two ruined buildings (5mins, 0.24km) (if this section appears very overgrow stay on the road)</p>	<p>3hr49min,12.51k</p>
<p>The path you now want is on the opposite side of the road. Climb over or walk around the traffic safety barrier (armco) cross the road and proceed on the signed path opposite. Ignore the two paths that leave on the RHS, swing to the L and down into the valley (13mins, 0.69km)</p>	<p>4hr2min,13.20km</p>
<p>Turn L just before the barranco and follow the path with the barranco on your RHS. The path now drops down and crosses the barranco. (8mins, 0.29km)</p>	<p>4hr10min,13.49k</p>
<p>Continue up the other side to a concrete covered track. Go L onto this track and down to a road where you turn L. Stay on this road past Font de Serra on you LHS and on to Vall d'Ebo (21mins, 1.63km)</p>	<p>4hr31min,15.12k</p>
<p>At the T junction go R for 20m then L up a ramp, enter the village and back to the cars. (3mins. 0.30km)</p>	<p>4hr34min,15.42k</p>
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<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>None</p>

Route followed is outlined in Red

