

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Alt de la Pena de Sella	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Sella. Font Pouet Alemany, which is 12km north of the village.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	7.25	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	360	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.25hr 3.75hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.62677, Long: -0.29878 (junction on CV-770)	
Directions to Start	<p>From km 20.2 on the CV-770 (NW of Sella) on a sharp bend, turn onto a minor surfaced road heading NE (the co-ordinates given are for this junction, as some sat nav's will take you by an impassable route!). Follow it for about 7km to Font Pouet Alemany where the surfaced road ends (Lat: 38.63050, Long: -0.24780). Parking space for several cars. Large parties may prefer to park in Sella Lat: 38.60910, Long: -0.26920, and car share to the start. If so, still use junction co-ordinates and not those for the "Font"</p>	
Short walk description	<p>This little gem of a walk is relatively easy and gives access to a delightful high (1159m) summit and ridge, with spectacular views. From Sella the mountain looks (and is) daunting but, for those prepared to drive a little further the rewards are well worth it! Paths & tracks are straightforward and never too steep. But that said, the ridge element is rugged mountain walking</p>	
Full Walk Description	<p>Facing the font turn L along the continuation track, signpost to "Confrides GR-330"(R/W). Just before reaching a 'Y' junction, note ahead a mangled barrier on the R, which is level with a terrace on the R. Two terraces lower, before you reach the barrier, there is an old disfigured Y/W mark on a rock with a R/W one just above it. Take note</p>	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far

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<p>of these as you will return to this point in a few minutes. Here you leave the "GR" route.</p>	390m, 7min
<p>Continue to the R, past the barrier to visit the ruin (up on the L) of the "Coral de Carlos" (or Casa del Morro Carlos on some maps) with its fine view. Terraces descend into the depths of the barranco below and perched above them on the R, is the rock cone which will be your first top of the day. Now return to the old Y/W marker below the barrier.</p>	510m, 9min
<p>Go L across the terrace which is level with the Y/W marker, onto a path at its far end which passes through shrubs, to reach a fence enclosing more terraces. Turn L up alongside the fence to reach a terrace at its top. Turn R across the terrace with the fence on your R to reach a track at the far end, which emerges from a gate down on your R.</p>	880m, 14min
<p>Turn L, follow the track uphill to reach a terrace on the L (ignore a vague path on the R going uphill). Follow the terrace L until just past half way. Take a path on the R which climbs up a few bancals, then passes through a short section of scratchy gorse to reach a col and the first of a feast of views.</p>	1.19km, 21min
<p>Turn L and pick your way up the rock slopes, keeping just right of the left edge to reach this outlying summit (1116m). From the top walk along the bare rock ridge to its tip, to see the awesome view down to the east (not for vertigo sufferers). Return the way you came, and descend to regain the col.</p>	1.50km, 32min
<p>Now head the opposite way (WSW) and find the best line up the broad limestone ridge to a minor top (with ever expanding views). Descend to a second col, then up to gain the main summit of "Alt de la Penya de Sella".</p>	2.28km, 1hr 00min
<p>Pick out the best line down the slabby terrain, trending L a little to reach the third col, to pick up Y/W markers of a path coming up from Sella. Continue up following the markers and passing a thin post with Y/W marks on it and go over a subsidiary top. Then trend R on towards a higher top which is capped by a hollow circular cairn.</p>	3.09km, 1hr 19min
<p>Continue along the ridge. Ignore a path after about 50 metres which cuts back to the R. Go straight on (Y/W & R/W markers). Ahead, near the end of the ridge there is a renovated finca at "Mas de Salt" which now comes into view. This is your target. It perches precariously above the cliffs which tower over Sella and lay unseen beneath you on the L. Soon you join a cross track. Turn L and pass between steel gate posts with R/W & Y/W markers. Head through pleasant pine woods and as the trees end reach a junction. Turn L, a path appears immediately on your R. Ignore it and go straight on up (Y/W & R/W crosses) to the crest. Go straight ahead across terraces and follow a path down a steep slope to reach a rock platform, perched above sheer cliffs (approach the edge with care). It is yet another spectacular viewing point and para punt launching site.</p>	4.44km, 1hr 39min
<p>Return up the steep path and observe the renovated finca with a terrace view to die for on your R! Continue back to the last junction, ignore the track ahead and turn R (E) back along your outward track (Y/W) to reach the steel gate posts and the junction of tracks just beyond.</p>	5.51km 1hr 54min
<p>Ignore the track on the R (your outward route). Go straight ahead (no markers now).</p>	

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At a junction turn L downhill. Pass above a finca on your L, then curve around the front of another finca "Casa de Solta". Shortly you pass two tracks on the R to reach the font at the start.

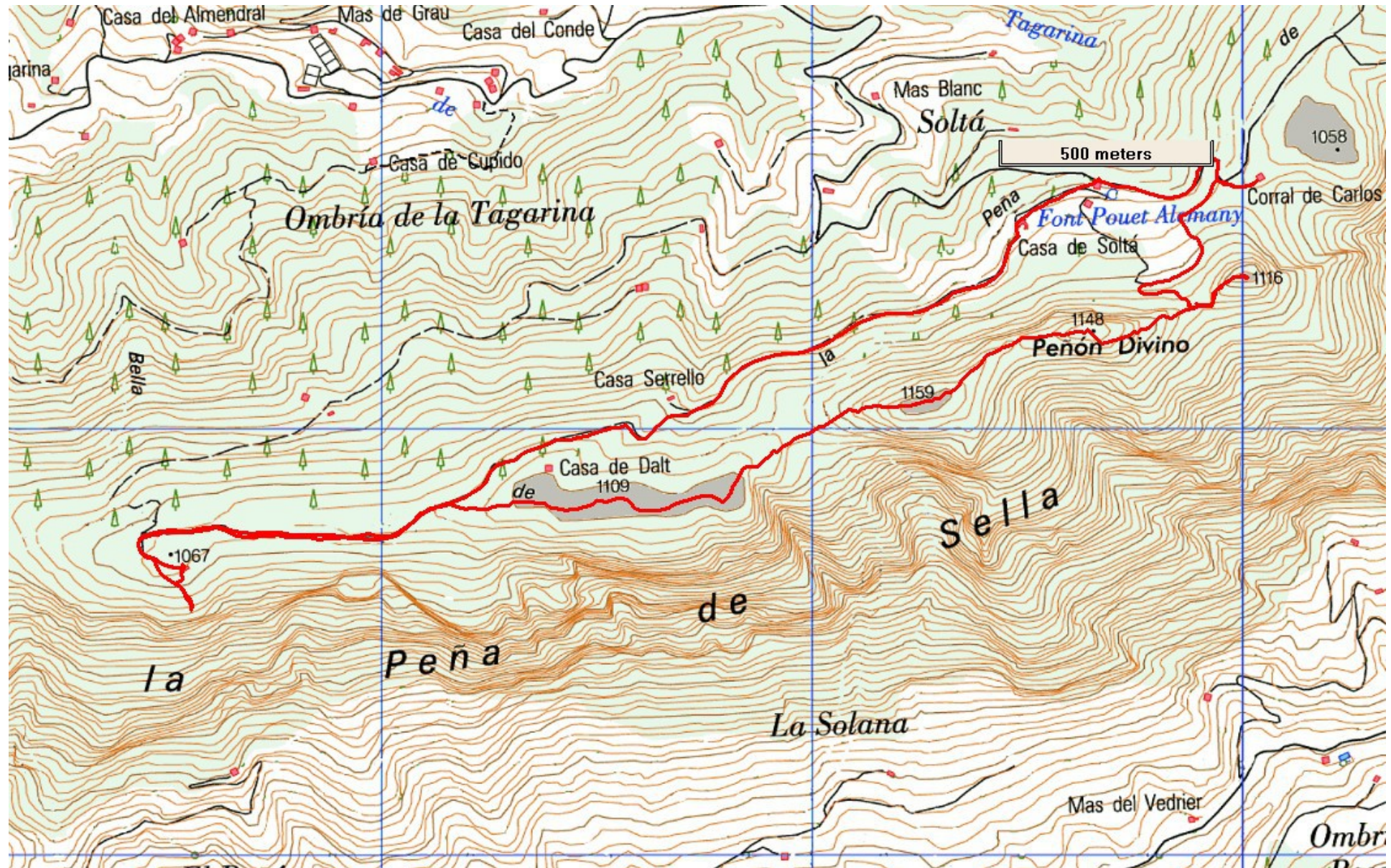
7.25km 2hr 15min

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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Ensure you choose a clear day for the views.
Don't forget your camera.
Lots of rock flowers appear on the ridge in the Spring.

Route followed is outlined in Red



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