

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Bola del Mundo and La Maliciosa
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Puerto de Navacerrada The car park at the junction of the M601 and the SG615.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	16
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	900
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.5hr 6hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 40.789532, Long: -4.001979
Directions to Start	Cercedilla is reached to the NW of Madrid from the AP6 motorway at junction 47. The M614 and M622 lead to the village with the railway station on the outskirts. Take the railway from here or drive up to Puerto de Navacerrada on the M622 and M601.
Short walk description	A walk over a summit clad with radio equipment followed by an easy ascent of a rocky top leading to a tough barranco descent and then easier and more enjoyable return routes through forest and across a ridge.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>From the car park walk back towards the cafes and restaurants and take the first turning on the L rising up towards the chair lift buildings.</p> <p>40m up this look out for some steps going up to the L and take these. At the top of these turn R and a few metres later turn L now rising on a concrete track.</p> <p>Walk through a pedestrian gate and continue now up the zig-zags until you reach the buildings at the top of the Bola del Mundo. (Some way up there is a junction where you can either go R or L – both join a little ahead)</p> <p>Before reaching the fenced enclosure of the buildings and masts at the summit turn R along the fence and then L at the fence corner.</p>	3.1km, 55min

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<p>Continue directly ahead with the trig point slightly off to your R and soon find an eroded path descending down the ridge line.</p> <p>This soon swings slightly to the R (ignore a less obvious path going off slightly L) aiming for the obvious col directly in front of La Maliciosa.</p> <p>The col has a construction similar to a milk churn on stilts – a rain gauge.</p> <p>From here there is an optional excursion up to the summit of La Maliciosa which is easy but rocky going and will take you about 35min.</p> <p>If you do not make this excursion to the summit then at the col turn R on an obvious and occasionally waymarked (Y/W) path. (Coming from the summit obviously turn L)</p> <p>This soon leads down an unpleasant path beside a barranco. It is heavily eroded and tough going unless you enjoy scree and rock hopping.</p> <p>Finally you will reach a fuente (de Campanilla) where there are picnic benches and running water under the trees – a good stopping point.</p> <p>Drop down from this on a wooded track and intersect a gravel track where you turn R (signed to the Mirador de Canchos – 2.2km) and enjoy a kilometre or so of idyllic walking before the slope kicks up more steeply.</p> <p>Arrive at the Mirador on your LHS and take some time to admire the views and the 3 explanatory plaques before returning to the track and taking the footpath that is signed up the ridge line towards Las Cabrillas.</p> <p>Follow this up through woodland soon with a metal water pipe for company until it reaches a col (Collado de los Emburriaderos).....</p> <p>and here cross briefly to the L before crossing back again to the R to continue on the good path with the water pipe.</p> <p>Pass a path descending to the R and soon after this looks out for the point where your path doubles back to the L.....</p> <p>and rises to meet the ridge.</p> <p>Drop down over the ridge just a few metres to intercept a path going to the R with Y/W markers and follow this back to the now obvious buildings at the Puerto.</p> <p><small>Spanish maps included within these descriptions are provided courtesy of the Spanish IGN and remain © Instituto Geográfico Nacional</small></p>	<p>4.8km, 1hr 23min</p> <p>5.8km, 1hr 55 min</p> <p>8.6km, 2hr 45min</p> <p>11.1km, 3hr 20min</p> <p>12.8km, 3hr 48min</p> <p>14.1km, 4hr 8min</p> <p>14.4km, 4hr 14min</p>
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>The descent from the col between Bola del Mundo and Maliciosa is unpleasant.</p>

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Route followed is outlined in Red

