

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Gata circuit via Font de Mata
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Gata de Gorgos. 38.777801, 0.082742 Calle Trossets, 75 metres from junction of main N332 road. Turn first right and park on waste ground at end of road.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	8km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	220m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.25 hrs 2.75hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.777801, Long: 0.082742
Directions to Start	Gata de Gorgos 38.777801, 0.082742 Calle Trossets, 75 metres from junction of main N332 road. Turn first right and park on waste ground at end of road.
Short walk description	A nice circular walk from Gata and affording lovely 360degree views over Montgo and the surrounding area.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the car park turn right at road junction (opposite Trossets restaurant) and continue straight until reaching the Rio Gorgos. Descend steps and turn right and walk up slope parallel to the river, continue up slope until reaching a T junction and turn left.	12 min, 1 km
Follow road which becomes a stony track all the way until reaching the dry (usually) river bed	20 min, 2 km
Cross to directly opposite side of river bed and find track that rises to the right. Keep going up until you see a track to your left, take this track and keep climbing following the white and yellow markers. Keep on this track until you come to a junction of tracks. Straight ahead you will see the AP7 motorway in the distance. Turn left here and continue climbing in a southerly direction.	45 min, 3 km

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Keep on this clear track for the next kilometre until reaching a multi junction with a signpost at the top of the slope. Here we are going to turn left, but before that turn right down the concrete slope for 50 yards to visit the Font la Mata. Return to the signpost, and as this is about halfway take a break before continuing.

1hr 5 min, 4 km

From the signpost take the track that is headed due east (left from where you first arrived) and keep straight ignoring track to right. The track turns right after 150 metres and follow this very clear track ignoring any side turnings. After 1.5km the track arrives at a junction by a small stone structure with a large wooden sheet lying on top, bear left here and follow the track all the way back to the Rio Gorgos and the dry riverbed.

1hr 30min, 6.5km

Cross the riverbed to directly opposite and climb the track turning left and then right up to the road. Keep walking straight until you come across the section of road that you walked earlier. Do not retrace steps, instead, go straight, ignoring the slope to the right. Keep going straight until a T junction, turn right and go to the next T junction and then turn left. At the end of the road turn right and then at the T junction turn left and continue along this road back to the starting point.

2 hr, 8 km

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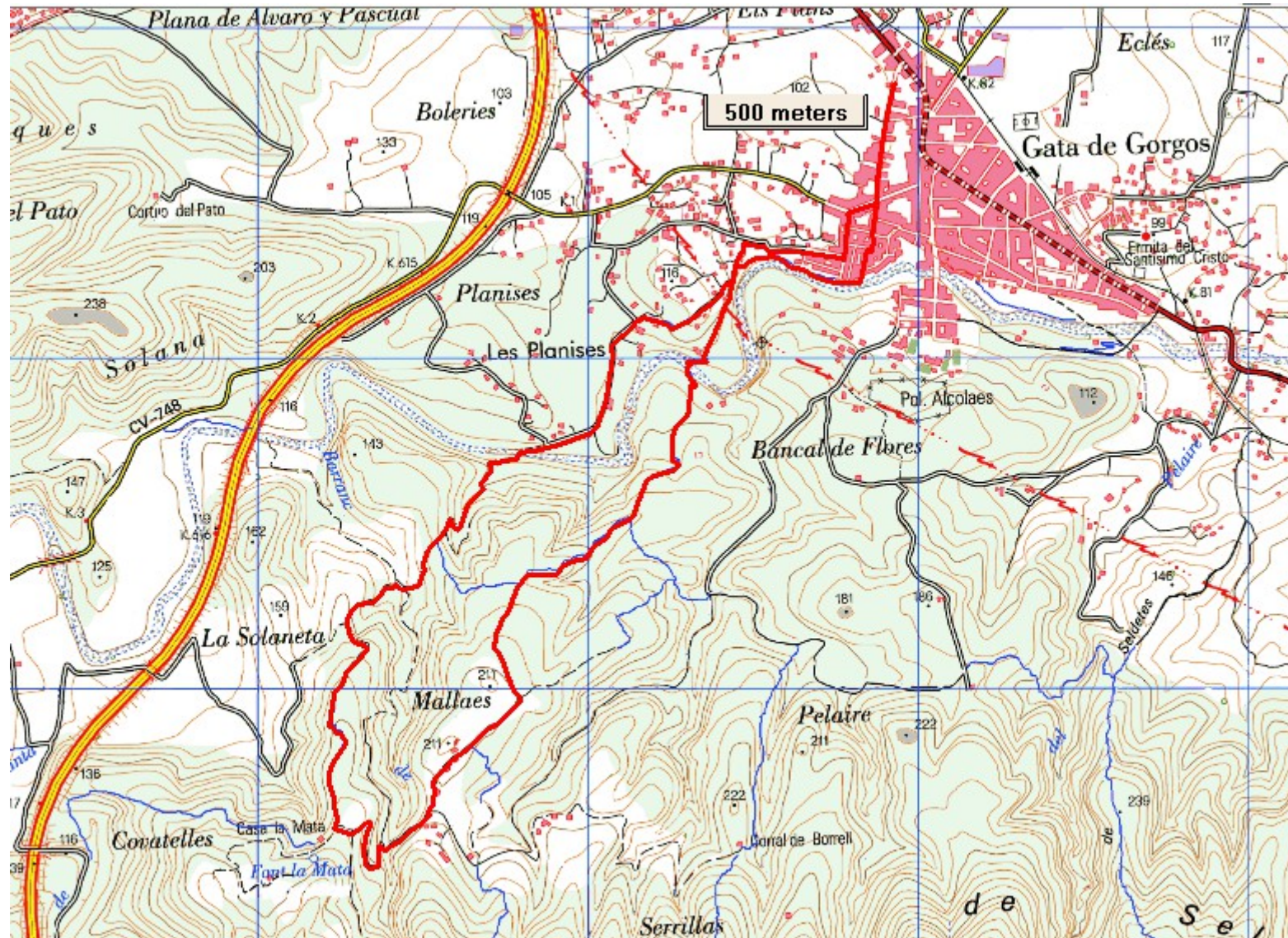
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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