

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Flanks of Mediodia
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Tormos For small groups park near the cemetery. Bigger groups should use the large car park to the SW of Bar Tormos on the CV715.
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	6
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	330
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	2hr 2.75hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	M/C
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 38.802147, Long: -0.073923 (cemetery) Lat: 38.801810, Long: -0.070112 (main road car park)
<b>Directions to Start</b>	Coming from the south (Orba) on the CV715 at the outskirts of the village turn L (signposted to Costera del Moll) into Calle Pozo. Take the next L (Carrer Val de Llaguart) and then take the 2 <sup>nd</sup> turn on the RHS. Drive to the end opposite a plaza and turn L into Avenguda Joan Carles I. Drive a few hundred metres along this and park in the large car park on the LHS opposite the public piscina.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A short but challenging walk on the flanks of Mediodia using defined footpaths and quiet roads as a pre-lunch or short work out. Once above valley level the views out across the valley are excellent.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Turn R out of the car park and take the first turn L steeply uphill to the top where you turn R and follow the road down to the cemetery. The timings and distances start here.	
From the cemetery parking continue past the cemetery and drop down to the R. At the first junction turn L and walk across a pedestrianised plaza.....	150m, 2min

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This soon drops down to the R to a road with railings. Pass these on their R and drop down to the L to join a concreted water channel.	470m, 7min
Continue on this to reach a road where you turn R and immediately cross the main road onto a quiet lane where you turn L (Sign board for Ruta de Bollata).	690m, 10min
Follow this to a junction where you turn L (finger post to Bollata) and soon cross a concreted barranco just after which you fork L. At the end of this road you turn L more steeply uphill along the main road through the village.	1.4km, 19min
At the junction at the top cross the Orba-Pego road and continue directly ahead soon passing a restaurant on your RHS.	
Drop down to cross a barranco keeping slightly L at a finger post and then walking up past a sheep/goat farm.	
The track soon deteriorates and you keep ahead directly up the hill on rough ground (made worse by the passage of goats!)	
Cross the track again slightly R and work ahead into the trees taking care to keep to the footpath and just before you reach the track again for a second time the path line turns L rising easily up a terrace to meet the track where you turn R to reach a wooden sign board.	2km, 33min
From here the Y/W footpath rises steadily in zig-zags until you reach a junction with a finger post indicating Pla de Poets to the R and Tormos L. Turn L.	2.7km, 50min
Follow this as it crests a spur (Resingles ridge) and starts to drop. Ignore a poorly marked footpath off to the R with cairns and continue ahead.	
As you drop down a badly eroded section the footpath takes a sudden turn L but there is a path which continues directly ahead up a small bank of scree and we take this.	3.1km, 59min
Only 15m up this ignore a footpath going off to the R again and a few metres beyond this look out for a small cairn with double white paint stripes indicating a second path rising to the R. Take this. (Check gps for certainty here)	
Continue up in zig-zags until you eventually approach a pronounced wall corner (coming down to meet you) where just above you you might get a glimpse of a casita above you and a path leads up to this. IGNORE this path and instead continue ahead on a clear line into woodland.	
This path is level for a while now before abruptly turning R on a spur and rising a few levels before turning L again and resuming its course.	3.9km, 1hr 16min
There are a few awkward moves down some bancales before the route continues ahead more easily through trees before descending a few terraces down to meet a cross roads of paths. Turn L here doubling back on yourself.	4.3km, 1hr 24min
Walk under some spectacular crags and sometime after this out along a level spur in woodland before the path turns abruptly R at the open end of the spur and moves across a short patch of awkward scree. Take care here to pick out the correct line (with	

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cairns) Continue down this zig-zag mozarabic trail ignoring any sheep/goat trails and finally walk behind a couple of villas to emerge behind the stations of the cross leading back to the cemetery.

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**Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

None

See map below.....

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