

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Morro Blau and Pla de Codolla circuit from Callosa
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Callosa D'En Sarria Remote location off the CV755
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	12 Kms
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	900 Mtrs
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4 hr 15 min 4 hr 55 min
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat. 38.672417 Long. -0.134233
Directions to Start	From Altea direction, at main roundabout in Callosa take 2 nd street on R (Avinguda Jaume 1) then R fork in front of Banco Santander – go up hill then down hill, cross a junction and turn up Calle Callosa D'En Sarria -continue for 2.7 kms on narrow surface road (pass to RHS of Urb.Almedia) and follow to park near a concrete casita .
Short walk description	A demanding walk up a woodland path, a barranco side then up and across rocky hillside to a forest track, which takes you around to a fire watchtower then spirals down another forest path. Extensive scenic views throughout and a rewarding downhill second half.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk up the surface road through netted ' fruit tunnels ' until the surface disintegrates.	480mtrs.5 min
Continue ahead ascending, ignore a track from the L.	850 mtrs
Stay on the main track to level off at a junction.	1.2km. 13min
Take the L fork which narrows to a path, wind up this to reach a junction (cairn, red,blue,yellow paint)	2.55 km.29min

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Turn L, almost immediately ignore a path to RHS and continue to reach the entrance to a semi cultivated terrace, turn R across this to far R side then rise up a wall, trend L on a feint path, which then rises up another wall and leads round to a riverbed (cairns)	2.9km.
Cross to LHS of riverbed, rise up onto a clearer path (cairns) which continues up LHS of barranco and levels off near a small pine copse (Pla de Codolla)	3.2 kms. 1hr4min
Follow path (cairns) around RHS of copse then trend R and begin to ascend rocky path, and reach a small 'cairned' junction	3.55km.1hr12min
Continue directly forwards, ignore L fork, gradually ascend (cairns) and just below a small group of pines on LH ridge top the path now trends R and passes through a boulder area and reaches a small cultivated area with bird feeder.	4.2km.1hr30min
Turn R across this to emerge on forest track. * (At this point the walk can be shortened to 9.5km by turning L towards the fire tower, then follow directions for full circuit)	4.5km
For full circuit turn R on track and continue to reach a junction	5kms
Take R fork and continue to next junction with signpost (Cim de la Xorta)	5.6km.1hr53min
Turn L then track bends back on itself and soon after reaches Font de Teixos and a wooden refuge hut, pass to RHS of hut and continue on clear path to reach a col (Xorta)	6.15km.2hr12min
Walk over col and trend R for a couple of metres then descend down path towards terraces, walk directly across terraces (cairns) onto a track, turn L and almost immediately (cairn at RHS) turn R up a rocky bank and emerge back on forest track	6.4km.
Turn R, now a delightful stroll along the track to reach the fire watchtower (ideal lunch stop)	7.45km.2hr34min
Continue on track past tower for 10 mtrs. then drop onto feint path (cairns) at RHS, work carefully (first 25mtrs. regularly churned by animals, GPS is helpful, important to follow cairns) L and then R slowly descending until path becomes clearer and trends R across a spur (cairns) and continues to spiral down and meets a small junction	8.45km.3hr22
Ignore L fork and continue descending to reach a ruin	9.8km.3hr50min
Pass to LHS and take path at RHS and continue to reach a junction	10km.3hr54min
Take L fork, soon after (150mtrs) ignore path from RHS and continue down through woodland to pass a goat /sheep farm and return to cars	12km.
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

Good degree of stamina necessary as total ascent is in first 6 Kms. The route is well marked and cairned but a GPS could be useful in 2 small sections.

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Route followed is outlined in Red

