

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Maigmo Circuit & Via Verde
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Agost Remote parking just off A827.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	15.6km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	677m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.25hr 6 hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.48787 Long: -0.61302
Directions to Start	From Autovia A7 km Exit 482 take A 827 towards Agost. After 1.1 km turn left onto Asphalted lane towards restaurant "La Cierva". After 200m turn right onto "Via Verde" Be careful as this is a popular walking and cycling trail. Drive for 1km until you reach a barrier preventing motor vehicles from going further and park up.
Short walk description	An anticlockwise tour of Maigmo involving well defined trails. A stiff climb near the start is quite broken underfoot, but the remainder of the walk is over good terrain. The final 3km is on the Via Verde de Maigmo and passes through old railway tunnels for which a torch is advisable.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From Car park follow the Via Verde de Maigmo back along the way you drove in passing Restaurante "La Cierva")	0km, 0 min
At road junction turn left off Via Verde back towards the way you drove in. Cross the A 827 and follow the asphalted lane.	774m, 10 min 1km, 14 min
Turn Right into lane uphill after 150m opposite electricity pole. Route has yellow/white markings	1.15km, 15 min

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Turn Right in direction of Maigmo off lane onto narrow path which runs to the left of boundary fence to property with wooden house behind double gates. Path is well defined but with no markings.	1.5km, 23 min
Climb up steep bank (rope provided) to the boundary fence of modern property. Turn right and follow fence which leads to a gulley where the path starts to rise steeply towards Maigmo.	1.7km, 26 min
Follow this path up to "Balco de Alicant" picnic area. The path is steep, shaley and splits into parallel trails in many places. All the options seem to go to the same place – choose which options you like the look of!	2.8km, 54 min
After a well earned rest at the picnic ground with its stunning views down to the coast take the level asphalted road PR-CV 84 to "Pou de Nue de Planisses"	
After a fairly steep descent the road meets an unsurfaced forestry road at a barrier to your left. Turn left here and follow this track back uphill.	3.9km, 1hr, 8m
Continue uphill and ignore broad track to right	4.1km, 1h 13m
At hairpin bend to left, ignore narrow path straight on and continue to climb on broad track up to the col.	4.4 km, 1h 18 m
Cross the col on broad track and start descent into a new valley. With the summit of Maigmo standing magnificently to your left, this is the highest point on our trail today.	4.8km, 1h 26 m
The broad track passes an old fuente (rarely any water) which can make a attractive lunch spot for small groups (there are not too many handy rock seats!). Stay on the broad track.	5.8 km, 1h 44m
After a sharp right hand turn near to the bottom of the valley take a narrow path left which drops into the watercourse. In front of you at this point are two concrete water pipes.	6.7km, 1h 57m
Follow this narrow trail. After 200m will pass an interesting natural cave/cleft in the shaley rock face to your right which is worth a look. Continue to follow the path downstream.	6.9km, 2h 01 m
Pass underneath an irrigation channel bridge.	7.7km, 2h 14m
The path opens out onto a broad forestry track. Turn left and follow the watercourse downstream though a short but spectacular gorge.	7.9km, 2h 17m
Beyond the gorge the broad track keeps to the right of the valley, Turn very sharply left onto a narrow path which descends into this valley next to a sign restricting traffic to forestry vehicles only.	8.7km, 2h 29m
Follow this narrow path which descends and crosses the watercourse a few times until it reaches an old stone built dam.	9.2km, 2h 38m
From the dam we cross the watercourse and walk towards a shooting hide. The marked green and white trail goes downstream at this point but we immediately turn back in the	

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upstream direction and climb steeply up a zig zag path which short-cuts back to the main path. Once back following green and white marks we continue to climb in an upstream direction.	
At the next junction there is a signpost SL-CV-143 to "Camino Escina de Gos" where we turn right join a broad track and head downhill.	9.8km, 2h 50m
After descending we get to a major junction and turn left. There are two almost parallel options. Make sure you take the upper broad track (left hand option).	11.2km, 3h 10m
Follow this broad track past open views to a reservoir to your right and continue down hill until you join the Via Verde again.	12.2km 3h 25m
Turn left along the Via Verde and follow it through the tunnels back to the cars.	15.6km 4h 12m
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Bring plenty of water for the walk as there are no fresh water sources on the route. Bring torches for the railway tunnels. At the nearby Autovia junction 482 there are good bars for refreshments before/after the walk.

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red

