

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Circuit to Col de Rafelet from Interpretation centre Parpalló Borrell
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	La Drova Parpalló Borrell Interpretative Centre
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	7
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	305
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2hr 2.75hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 39.00164, Long: -0.27556
Directions to Start	From Gandia follow the CV675 N towards La Drova. Just as you see the village the interpretive centre is on the RHS with plenty of parking. It is rarely open!
Short walk description	A delightful walk on the flanks of Montduver with extensive views in all directions
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Leave the car park by walking past the visitor centre (normally closed!) and continue along the surfaced track.	
Swing around to the L and then to the R to cross a barranco and then turn immediately R descending.	340m, 5min
At the bottom of the descent swing L and slightly uphill to turn R at another junction and then almost immediately R again now descending and passing a house.	620m, 9min
Now ignore a succession of L turns and continue with the barranco on your RHS and the CV675 just beyond it.	
Finally reach a R/W finger post where you turn L rising briefly before continuing to descend.	1.6km, 23min
Reach a post marker where you continue ahead now on a broad track.	1.9km, 28min

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Continue over a rise and drop down to reach a finger post where you turn L - signed to Col de Rafelet - now with G/W markings.	
Cross a small barranco and then start to climb up an endless set of constructed stone steps to eventually arrive at Font del Garrofer.	2.7km, 44min
Cross the outflow to the L to continue ahead on a more broken path which soon swings L to a lone pine tree at a col before doubling back to the R.	3.3km, 55min
Ahead you might now be able to pick out a couple of finger posts on the flank of the mountain.	
Reach a finger post where we turn R.....	3.6km, 1hr 5min
..... and continue to pass an information board and just beyond this turn L up a footpath with constructed steps to soon reach the Col de Rafelet with a finger post and just above this its Mirador. (From here a clear path continues L and steeply uphill towards the summit of Montduver)	4.1km, 1hr 14min
Retrace your steps down the hill, past the info board and at the finger post turn R soon rising briefly before commencing a long and delightful traverse back towards the Interpretive Centre.	
Eventually the track becomes paved and a few metres after this you will pass a wall on your RHS with locked gate protecting the cave above – the Cueva de Parpallo (wink). (If you stand back as far away from the wall as you can you will be able to look up at the cave)	5.4km, 1hr 34min
Now follow the surfaced road down passing a finger post indicating a font on your LHS (which you can optionally visit if you wish) and soon reach the car park.	
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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Route followed is outlined in Red

