

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

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Forna circuit to Font d'en Carros
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Forna Car park on LHS at entrance to village.
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	13
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	675
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3.5hr 4.5hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	S/B
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat: 38.873406, Long: -0.172272
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From the coast road and motorway find the CV700 going to Pego. Follow this through Pego and then through Adsubia and soon after look for the CV717 on the RHS towards Forna. Follow this road to reach the car park on the LHS just at the entrance to the village.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A chance to walk over this heavily wooded ridge line with plenty of shade for the warmer months. More ascent is necessary during the second part of the day. Great views of Azafor and north towards Montduver.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Leave the car park and walk through the village following the "mock" cobbled route to reach a RH turn into the square with a pretty Finca on the RHS and just ahead the Nautilus Restaurant.	235m, 3min
Keep ahead and slightly L to follow Calle Fuente Forna and reach either of 2 streets leading up L – the first in front of a delightful set of white houses and the second a narrow "alley". Turn up either.	370m, 5min
At the top of the first street snake round R and then L to find a track with Y/W going uphill.	
This quickly becomes a slightly overgrown footpath which initially climbs steeply uphill before finding an easier set of zig-zags moving up generally R to finally reach a T-jnc	

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with cairn. Here turn L still with Y/W markers.	1.3km, 29min
Follow this more gently uphill now to emerge on a steadily improving and level track with some fallen tree obstructions to reach a junction with a wider forest track where we turn L.	1.8km, 38min
Follow this steadily uphill including a concrete section before starting to descend to reach a T-jnc with a smaller track off on your L.	3km, 50min
Take this and soon it diminishes to footpath and we follow it taking care to find the correct route as it swings about a little.	
As you walk along a descending ridge line there are great views to R and L and then the path swings around to the R before descending more steeply to reach a concrete road. (Care needed when wet or muddy!)	4km, 1hr 9min
Now turn L and immediately R and then curve around to the R to walk past some gates and continue to reach a large house down on your LHS.	
Walk ahead onto a stony track and soon keep L at a fork following a path to continue along a terrace.	
At the end of this there is a large pond on the RHS with a stone wall behind it and here you swing around and downhill to the L for a few metres to find a footpath with Y/W going off to the R.	4.4km, 1hr 16min
Follow this to reach a crossroads of paths with a painted legend on one of the rocks - El Pla de los Frares.	4.6km, 1hr 19min
Turn L and follow the path along past some scatted boulders soon descending steeply and then rising a little to reach a junction where the Y/W swings around to the R. Ignore this and keep ahead.	
Pass a finger post and continue ahead now following the obvious markers for a gas pipeline to eventually reach a large empty circular water deposito where we keep R down a concrete road.	6.7km, 1hr 52min
Continue down this a little way to reach a tarmac road where we turn L.	7.1km, 1hr 58min
Follow the road until it swings around to the R and here abandon it to continue ahead more steeply and then swing around to the L.	
20m along here look for a cairn on the RHS indicating a footpath which we take.	7.8km, 2hr 7min
Zig-zag up on this and after a long level section reach a n indistinct junction where we turn L and in a few metres reach a tarmac road.	8.7km, 2hr 25min
Now turn R and follow this uphill around bends until it turns directly L and soon after this there take a track going off R with Y/W markers which quickly becomes a footpath.	9.2km, 2hr 33min
Follow this uphill to swing steadily L and drop into a generally dry barranco which we cross and then start to ascend steeply across rocky terrain.	
Soon start to descend again with the slope easing all the time to arrive at 2 fingerposts where we turn L towards Forna.	10.8km, 3hr 4min

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This path shows signs of cobbling in places and descends – occasionally steeply – towards the village.

Once it leads out onto a track turn R and then take the second L to follow down to the village square.

Turn R and walk through the village and back to the car park.

See map below.....

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### **Walk Recommendations or restrictions**

Some steep descents.

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**Route followed is outlined in Red**



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