

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Barranco de la Canal circuit clockwise	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Pla del Metge Almela, Pego	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	11.5	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	575	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.33hr 4.66hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat., Long. :- 38.838446, -0.12145	
Directions to Start	<p>Pla del Metge Almela. Approaching Pego from:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-Orba on CV715 turn L after PEGO town sign (large steel pylon on corner) into wide road. Continue to Stop sign and you're there.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-El Vergel/N332 on CV700 turn R at 2nd island signed Adsubia. Straight on over two islands, L at 'T' junction, passed Mercadona on LHS, straight on at next island, straight on at Stop sign, R immediately after college and you're there.</p>	
Short walk description	Small amount on roads but mainly on marked paths albeit a short stretch of path is a little rocky under foot. Lovely walk with splendid views	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk out of Pego along the paseo with the stations of the cross and continue down the road towards the crossing over the Bco. (8mins, 0.68km).		8mins, 0.68km
Take the road to the L just before the crossing, signed PRV 58- Figuereta, and stay on this road that before long becomes a track.		
At a junction with a finger post, keep R towards Xical and Figuereta.		1.1km, 13.5min

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Continue on the track zig-zagging up to a junction where you turn L and still uphill signed towards Figureta and are soon on a footpath.	2km, 31min
Take this path to reach the ridge line which we cross and turn R along its flank.	2.8km, 49min
Continue on this path crossing to the other side of the ridge where a fingerpost points L towards Cova Negra.....	3.1km, 56min
.... and then soon passing 2 junctions where you keep L until you reach a rocky knoll (a good break point) where you swing L and continue rising.	3.7km, 1hr 9min
Very quickly now you reach yet another finger post where you turn R and descend signed to Cova Blanca.	3.9km, 1hr 11min
As this path zig-zags down look out for a feint path going off L towards the cave (not included in the gps track) which you may care to visit. Return to this point to continue along the footpath.	
This winds along initially down the barranco and then rises to the L in zig-zags eventually reaching a tarmac road where you turn R.	5.6km, 1hr 47min
Follow this down hill and then rise up slightly to pass a large stone house on the L and then as you start to descend look out for a fenced enclosure on the RHS and at the far end of this turn immediately R on a thin footpath.	6.4km, 1hr 59min
This soon drops to cross a barranco on your LHS and then continues as a more defined route out to meet a track at a building where you turn L.	
Reach a tarmac road and turn R.	7.2km, 2hr 12min
Continue along this dropping to pass the Tiro de Camp (shooting range) on the RHS and then climb a little again before continuing to drop until you reach an abrupt RH bend in the tarmac where a track continues directly ahead. Take this.	8.8km, 2hr 31min
As you crest a small rocky knoll this diminishes to footpath standard. Continue ahead now with Y/W markers and soon start descending in zig-zags towards Pego which is now visible.	
Reach a fence where you continue now on a concrete track with the fence on your LHS.	9.9km, 2hr 55min
Turn R at a bend to walk above orange groves and soon join a tarmac road where you turn L to descend.	
Continue ahead soon on tarmac and then pass two turns to your R which you ignore and continue ahead to return down the cemetery paseo to reach your cars.	
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

See map below

Route followed is outlined in Red

