

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Azafor/La Safor, L' Orxa, Riu Serpis circuit
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Villalonga – Via Pista /Reprimala
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	24.5km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	1075m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	6.5hr 7.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/C/X
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.875321 Long : -0.243352
Directions to Start	From CV680 in Villalonga near Mercadona roundabout, take exit on R (Av. Blasco Ibanez) then at next small roundabout across onto Via Pista continue for approx. 3 kms. and just after a large quarry park near PR/Via info board.
Short walk description	A challenging,interesting and varied walk including a Nevera, woodland paths, a Font, a cave, an historic bridge, a castle, a beautiful gorge, old railway tunnels, a waterfall, extensive views and tranquil riverside.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
*** Turn L down the camino (signed ' Raco del Duc '),and continue for 200 m. then turn L off camino onto a stony path, ascend gradually to reach an enclosed villa (no name)	1.8km, 28min
Pass to LHS and continue for a couple of metres to emerge on tarmac, turn R and continue (ignore any L or R forks) to reach a PR post on LHS (signed Finestre/Nevera de la Safor.PR42) (total ascent 375 mtrs)*** Refer to recommendations !	3.6km, 52 min
(Lat.38.87127, Long. -0.261217) Turn L up this path (Y/W) to reach a junction with fingerpost.	3.9 km, 1hr 5min
Take L fork and continue to reach a mirador (Finestre /Forat)	4.5 km

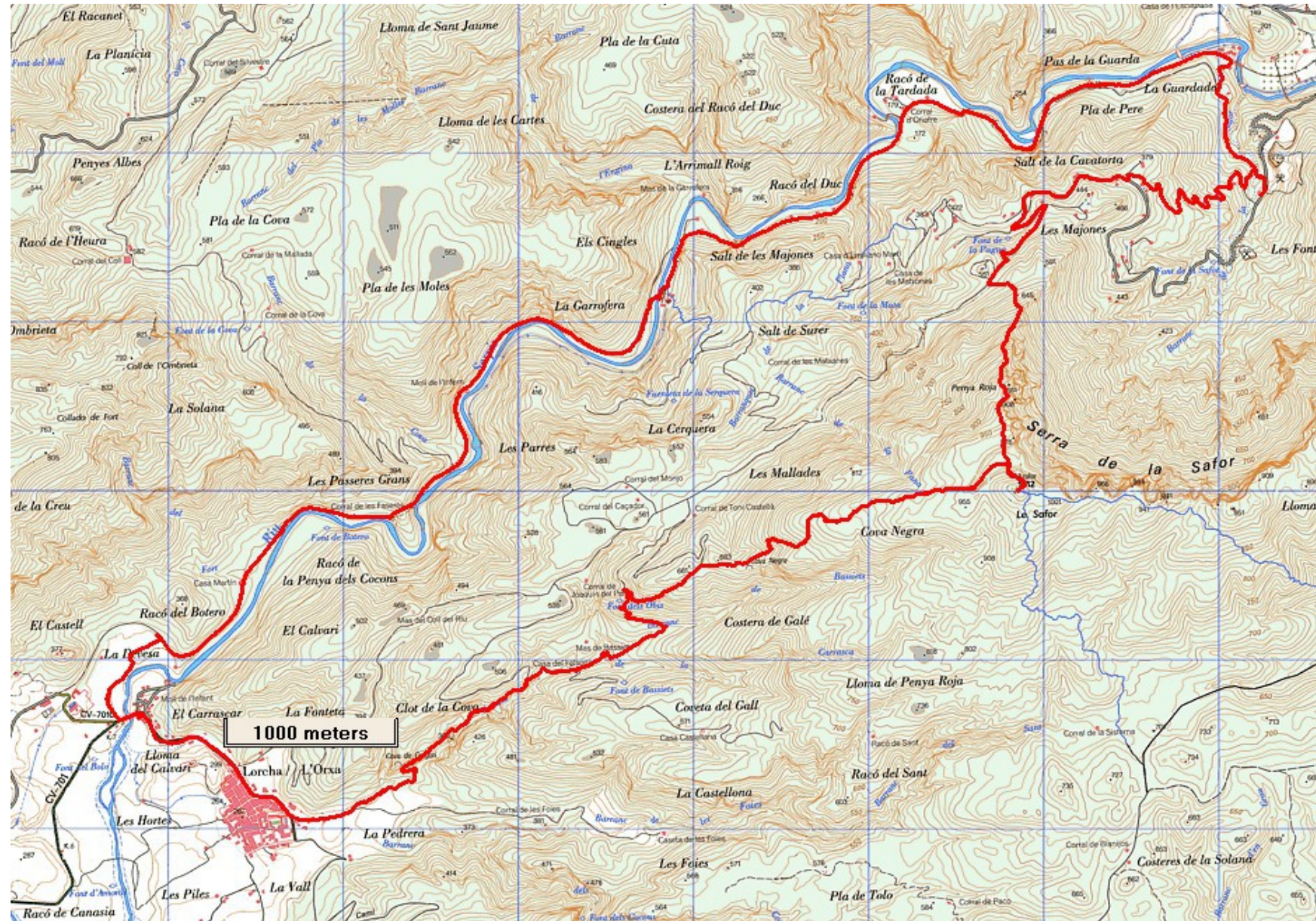
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Appreciate the views then retrace steps (Y/W) or follow feint path forwards then trend R to rejoin Y/W. Continue to arrive at a Nevera (800 mtrs.total ascent)	5km, 1hr47min
* Optional summit * Ascend path directly forwards to visit CIM de Safor /Summit.	5.25km, 1hr57m
Retrace steps down to Nevera	5.5 kms
Turn L (Y/W) on path and continue on clearly marked path (cairns.Y/W) after a while this begins to descend and meanders alongside a shallow riverbed, then reaches an open area with marker post and water trough	7.8km, 2hr44min
Continue forwards (ignore track from R) after a few m, ignore a feint path to L, continue to reach 'man made' steps leading to a Font and Picnic area (Font d'Olbis)	8.3km, 2hr55min
Retrace steps to our entry of picnic area, drop down 2 steps and take path at LHS (Y/W) continue on this zig zagging path through a gorge ' bco. Vessant ' to emerge at a surfaced road with fingerpost	9.55km, 3hr20m
Turn R and continue to reach another fingerpost at LHS	9.8km
Take L fork (Y/W signed L'Orxa) zig zag down into riverbed	11km, 3hr43min
Turn R, after a few metres rise back onto path at LHS, after 200mtrs. drop back into riverbed and turn L, soon after come out at RHS and continue L, passing to LHS of Cova Gregori, to reach a dam, rise out of bco. up steps at LHS to emerge on track	11.5km, 3hr51min
Turn R for 300mtrs to reach an 'info board'	11.8km, 3hr56m
Turn R along tarmac and walk through L'Orxa alongside riverbed to reach a recreation area	12.7kms
Continue along the road to reach a junction near a bridge, turn L and cross bridge (Pont de St. Blai)	13.2kms.
Turn R and continue on camino to reach a junction	13.9km, 4hr25min
Turn R on gravel track (old railway line) and continue alongside Riu Serpis to reach a bridge near (Fabrico de L'Infern, old hydro station), cross the bridge and to a fingerpost	18.5km, 5hr20min
Take L fork and continue following river (Ruta del Duc), ignore a fork at RHS (Salt de la Mata)	19.7km, 5hr35min
Continue, passing through several tunnels to reach a junction,	21.7km, 5hr56min
Go directly across, pass to RHS of Villa tranquil and continue up camino to a junction	23km, 6hr11min
Take L fork and return to cars	
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Section *** /*** can be car shuttle to make a less demanding day (shortens by 3.7km /380mtr.ascent) the Cim is also optional.

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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