

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Collado de Huerte Grande, Los Pradillos and Casa de la Mina
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Competa Start from Football Stadium
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	17 kms
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	690m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 25 min 6hr 24 min
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 36.837569, Long: -3.970386
Directions to Start	Competa lies N and inland from the coast road on the southern coast . From Torrox direction on the A7207, to Competa, at entry to village take Carril de Circunvalacion then follow sign 'Sendero Casa de la Mina' and Camp de Futbol and park outside stadium.
Short walk description	A spectacular circuit with far reaching views to the coastline and mountains above, passing old impressive ruins of muleteers 'ventas'/inns on a well marked route.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Take the path up the RHS of Football Ground onto a rough path to reach a T junction	160 mtrs
Turn L (GR249,red/white) start to ascend, ignore a L fork and soon after reach a junction.	590mtrs.10min
Turn R and continue ascending, stay on fire track, ignore the steep ascent with GR waymarker and follow around the gully to reach a junction on "Collado de Huerte Grande"	3.4km 53 min
Walk around LHS (cairn/Y paint) base of Los Calimacos (fire tower /mast) reach a GR post and descend to reach a concrete bend 'Collado Moyano'.	4.5km 1hr 12min

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Take the R fork to reach a ruin 'Ventorillo Dolores' (Maria Dolores), pass in front and continue (cairns) with views to Lucero in front and passing by two more ruins, soon after venta signed 'Los Pradillos' reach a junction.	7.km 2hr 2min
Turn R down a rocky path leaving the GR, descend into the riverbed 'Arroyo de los Pradillos'.	7.5km 2hr 7min
Cross the riverbed to RHS and follow clear path along hillside, to reach a firebreak track.	9.1km 2hr 44min
Go directly across onto a path, turn R and continue, ignoring all side paths/tracks to reach Casa de la Mina and a junction.	13.3km 3hr43min
Walk between the Casa Rural and Hotel, ignore a L fork to reach a pylon, the path doubles back on itself (cairns/waymarkers) and then reaches a level area, the path becomes clearer and ascends to 'Collado de Huerte Grande'.	14.3kms 4hr6min
Turn L and continue to a junction (GR249 post), ignore R fork (used earlier) and turn L (GR post) on rocky path descending down to reach firetrack and continue back down to Football stadium.	16.8km
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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Route followed is outlined in Red

