

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

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	Cova Tallada Circuit
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Denia/Javea. Les Planes on top of the pass between Denia & Javea at Camp de tir (Gun Club) on W side of CV-736 on Montgo side.
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	11
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	300
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	3hr 5hr (allow 5.5hrs if cave is to be fully explored)
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	M/C/Scr
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 38.805254,      Long:- 0.151671
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From km 5.6 on CV-736 near top of pass, turn W towards Montgo onto gravel track with central island. Follow track 500m, turn R at barrier, continue to reach the open plateau of the Gun Club car park.
<b>Short walk description</b>	Some challenging terrain (feels more like M/S) with many interesting features. A civil war memorial, some unmarked paths. Then a scenic route to the remains of 11 windmills. A level section, then a steep scrambling descent with a chain to Cova Tallada. Views through the roof into the cave & optional (if sea is calm) a steep descent (scrambling with chains) to a sea level traverse and into the impressive cave (torch useful, not essential). Followed by a coastal traverse with some exposure & steep ascent to 16th century watchtower. Pleasant footpaths back to the Gun Club & its Cafe.
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b>
Walk south-east, back along the entrance driveway to a 'T' junction. Turn R past a barrier and go along the track for about 80 metres to a junction with a track on the L, opposite an information board.	406m, 5min
Turn L (Y/WX) along the track towards a ruin. Pass the righthand corner of the ruin. Here there is a 'Y' junction, keep L along an unmarked path and almost immediately at	

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another junction bear R, continue to a 'T' junction (rock beside tree and cairn). Turn L, along the path to reach a cross track. Directly opposite is a footpath (marked Y/W).	1.06km, 15min
Follow the path to the main road CV-736 and cross with care. A short path links to the Cap Sant Antoni road. Cross it onto a gravel layby, go to its righthand end, here gain a path which passes through trees to a junction bear L and follow white painted stones across more open ground to reach a Civil war memorial cross. It has the names of thirteen men from Denia inscribed upon it and buried in the abyss beneath!	1.49km, 23min
Take an unmarked footpath to the left of the cross, which descends into a shallow barranco. Ascend the opposite side (cairns) the path bends R then L, it passes beside a feeding station and continues straight ahead to reach a surfaced road.	1.69km, 27min
Turn R, ignore tracks on the L and then the R, to reach a junction with a surfaced road on the R 'C de la Sepeta'. Turn R, follow it to a 'Y' junction, turn R along a track to reach the entrance of a villa.	2.16km, 34min
Turn R in front of it's boundary wall onto a footpath. Follow it, ignoring a path on the L, and pass between metal gate posts. It becomes a track as it descends and curves around the hillside towards the sea, with fine views over Javea. Eventually a villa and then three Mollins come into view above, then the track swings R down towards the Pueblo. At this point a footpath strikes L uphill, beside a Montgo natural park boundary sign.	2.94km, 47min
Ignore the path going straight ahead and turn L uphill. Follow the footpath as it winds up, to reach a well enclosure, turn L up a series of steps to emerge beside the righthand one of three Mollins.	3.27km, 58min
After viewing return to the point of arrival and pass to the left of the first Mollin to reach a surfaced road. Turn R, and in a short distance find a small path on the R, follow it to a pylon, continue heading towards the sea on a vague path bearing leftwards, then trending up to a junction with a wider path which leads rightwards to the main group of Mollins and Mirador.	4.07km, 1hr 4min
Continue through the Mollins to the vehicle access track. Turn L go straight on at junction, eventually it becomes surfaced and arrives at the Cap Sant Antoni road, beside the Santuri de la Mare (it has an interesting information board and entrance is sometimes possible).	4.8km, 1hr 15min
Cross the road with care onto the track opposite 'C de Quatra'. Follow it (YW) ignore side turns, then just before a junction where the main track turns right and ahead is a barrier, there is a (derelict) building on the left (former Guarda Civil prison).	5.36km, 1hr 20min
From its LH corner, walk to the back corner of the green fence on your L and follow an unmarked footpath, which weaves across open ground passing a couple of fincas off to your left, ignore side paths and continue to a junction with a cross track, opposite a small interesting Finca.	5.89km, 1hr 28min
Turn R, follow the track which becomes a footpath with Y/W markers. It leads north towards the sea, ignore side paths and at a 'Y' junction where there is an information board bear R. At another 'Y' junction keep R to reach a large cairn at a junction. Go straight ahead, the path eventually descends down the flank of a barranco it becomes very steep and is rough, one short section has a chain. Continue down to arrive on a level path above the cliff edge. Turn R here and traverse along to find the hole in the roof of the cave! After viewing return along the traverse path to reach a sign post	

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<p>which is directly above the cave access and it's optional scrambling/chain descent and traverse to the cave entrance. Torch not essential, unless you wish to explore the inner depths.</p>	6.7km, 1hr 32min
<p>Follow the signed route (NW) towards 'Torre del Gerro' (Y/W) along the sometimes exposed footpath overlooking the rocky shoreline (there are sections with ropes and chains but none are essential). Ignore a steep path off L (Y/W cross) and continue steeply up steps to reach a track and view point, overlooking Cova de l'Aiguadol and towards Les Rotes.</p>	7.4km, 1hr 48min
<p>Turn R up a rough track to it's crest. Turn sharp L by a bench up a track (Y/W cross) go to its end. A narrow footpath continues ahead and traverses up across the slope for some distance before turning sharply back uphill, climbing steeply to reach the Torre del Gerro (a 16th Century look out).</p>	7.8km, 2hrs 07min
<p>Follow the signposted (Y/W) footpath PRCV-355 towards "Cim Montgo" inland (S). Note, the unfinished urbanisation of more than 40 years on your R! Continue, at a junction go straight on signed to 'Molins de Xabia'. When you reach a track turn R to pass beside an interesting "glass art House" . Continue along the part surfaced track to reach the Cap Sant Antoni road.</p>	9.9km, 2hrs 43min
<p>Turn R along the road and at the stop sign, just before the junction with the CV-736 take a short path on the R, cross the road with care, to rejoin the outward path and follow it to a cross track.</p>	10.4km, 2hr 50min
<p>Ignore the footpath opposite. Turn R along the track, at a righthand bend leave it to gain a footpath which goes straight on through trees, to reach the gravel entrance driveway. Turn L and at the barrier turn R to return to the car park.</p>	11.3km, 3hrs 4min
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<p><b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b></p>	<p>Not advisable for dogs. Note: Access to the sea cave is restricted during the mid summer months.</p>

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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