

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	'More than Morro Blau'
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Callosa D'En Sarria CV755
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	14 Kms.
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	830 Mtrs.
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 25 min 5hr 30 min
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/C/Scr
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.672417, Long -0.134233
Directions to Start	From Altea direction at main roundabout in Callosa take 2 nd street on R (Avinguda Jaume 1) then R fork in front of Banco Santander – go up hill then downhill, cross a junction and turn up Calle Callosa D'en Sarria -continue for 2.7Kms on narrow surfaced road (pass Urb. Almedia at RHS) and follow to park near a concrete casita.
Short walk description	A woodland path leads to a mirador above embalse de Guadalest ,then a gully scramble leads up to panoramic views on the summit and return down the sides of a barranco and another woodland path.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Take the track to the L of cars and follow up to pass an animal corral to RHS ,almost immediately take L fork (cairn)	0.4Kms. 6 mins.
Start to rise up alongside barranco - follow path upwards then levelling off ignore L fork (leading to Almedia ridge) - soon after ignore R fork (alternate route to Morro Blau), continue on this woodland path to next junction and take R fork (cairn) and follow to lead across to mirador looking down on embalse.	4.6Kms. 80Mins.
Retrace steps (100 mtrs.) with low rocky buttress at RHS and view of scree patch to L, turn L (cairn) and work through scrub area on narrow path ,cross over scree then start to wind upwards through gully – keeping to RHS on faint animal paths – go upwards on a scree area and soon after a small scramble out of gully top	2 hrs. 15mins.

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Now work across R to small group of pines – keep R of pines and notch shape rock – follow across to next bunch of pines – go L of these onto a clearer path – continue but stay on lower path around LHS of rock buttress (cairns).

At the end of this rocky ridge just before reaching holly oak copse turn L then aim L and spiral upwards towards pine trees on ridge top, pass through this first band of pines, trend L to L edge of ridge then wind R on animal path – cross the small gully (cairns) and aim for more pine trees.

2 hrs. 25 mins.

Wind along gully top avoiding several avencs (deep holes)– stay along this ridge more or less parallel to Benidorm below to R – ahead is a broad track either take this or stay on narrow path across to watch tower

6.9 Kms.
2 hr. 35 mins.

pass to LHS of tower now on broad track – spiral around on this track to a LH bend near an old rusted car wreck

8.2 Kms.
2 Hr. 55 mins.

Turn R down here (cairn) - follow down LHS to meet barranco Negra - continue down this well defined path – nearing the bottom keep to L (ignore path crossing gully to R) - soon after still on a rocky area with holly oaks to L and few pines to R turn onto upper RH fork (cairn) and continue along to meet a broad track

10.4 Kms.
3Hrs. 45 mins.

Turn L and almost immediately turn R (cairn ,Red/White mark) continue on this path to emerge out at a clearing and a broad track

11.8 Kms.
4 Hrs. 15 Mins.

– take the R fork (L goes to Bolulla) follow to join tarmac and return down to cars.

12.Kms.
4 Hrs. 25 Mins.

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

A tough scramble ascent and a short section of rough downhill path.

Route followed is outlined in Red

