

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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| Title of Walk | Serra de Mostalla |
| Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description) | Pego Car parking for starting point is on Via Pista. |
| Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km | 10.3 |
| Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m | 420 |
| Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops | 3.11hr 4.25hr |
| Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system) | MS/B |
| Grid reference of start point (if known) | Lat:—38.857775, Long:—0.116087 |
| Directions to Start | Approaching from Denia on the CV700 at the Coop petrol station turn R at the roundabout. Proceed over 2 more roundabouts and at a T-jnc turn L. Proceed past Mercadona on your LHS and take the next R into Via Pista. Proceed for 1.15km approx., turn sharp left, staying on Via Pista. Starting point is about 350m further down this road. |
| Short walk description | A circuit from Pego over this intermediate ridge with wide views N and S with an easy start and finish. Could be a pre-lunch walk! |
| Full Walk Description | Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far |
| From the parking, walk along Via Pista -to take a turning on your RHS – Camí d'Alques - with a sign post towards Mostalla. | 100m, 1.5min |
| Walk ahead around a zig-zag to the R and L and then at a T-jnc ahead of you bend slightly L uphill to a finger post. | |
| Follow this uphill to find a footpath climbing steeply up the hill and follow this. | 0.8km, 11min |
| The path relents briefly to cross a small outlying hill and then rises more gently on the RHS along a terrace. | 1.4km, 26min |
| Soon you bear L and climb more steeply again and bear to the R flank of the hill continuing to climb before reaching a col with rocky seats available. | 2.2km, 47min |

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| Now continue ahead on the RHS of the ridge until you eventually cross to the L as you start to descend with Pego now stretched out in front of you. | 3.6km, 1hr 18min |
| Reach a finger post pointing to Cova de l'Ase off to the L. This interesting cave has a chain supported descent and ascent of some 50m and a tricky entrance area. Worth it for the intrepid. | 3.9km, 1hr 25min |
| Reach a finger post and turn slightly R to work along parallel to cultivated terraces off to the L. | |
| After descending a complex barranco reach a track with a finger post and turn R. | 4.3km, 1hr 33min |
| At the next track junction turn R. | 4.4km, 1hr 35min |
| Reach a strange building on stilts and pass this on the L and immediately past it turn R now walking down a barranco. | 4.8km, 1hr 41min |
| Pass a small ruin on the LHS and soon after this turn L at a track junction now in the middle of a ruined camp site with huge swimming pool. (A good place to sit for lunch!) | 5.1km, 1hr 45min |
| Follow this concrete road down and after the concrete changes to a newer surface look out for a turning to the L, almost track proportion at first but quickly narrowing to footpath width. | 5.5km, 1hr 51min |
| Follow this as it climbs steadily to reach a col and here swing slightly R to reach a track where you continue directly ahead. | 6.3km, 2hr 04min |
| Reach a junction with a finger post where we keep R. | |
| Climb a little and then drop to a T-jnc with an interesting stone structure just off to the RHS with a dome and very deep pit. (Forn de Calc – Lime Pit??) Turn L at this junction. | 6.7km, 2hr 12min |
| Follow this tarmac road down through several zig-zags ignoring side turnings until you reach a junction where you turn L. | 8.5km, 2hr 35min |
| Reach a junction with a "Yield" sign – Carrer Carretjar (with a finger post pointing back the way you have come) and here turn R. | 8.7km, 2hr 39min |
| Proceed until you meet a dry river bed - Barranc de Mostalla (Google Maps has "Barranc de Mixel") - this runs from right to left. Turn L and continue along this dry water course. | 8.8km, 2hr 42min |
| The barranc meets a roadway. Cross the road and continue along the barranc. | 9.3km, 2hr 51min |
| Where the barranc meets the next roadway, cross the road and continue along the barranc. | 9.6km, 2hr 57min |
| For the third time, the barranc meets a roadway - the Via Pista. Turn L and proceed back to the starting point. | 10.3km, 3hr 11min |
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| Walk Recommendations or restrictions | None |

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red

