

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Pic L'Ouet (La Casa del Guarda)
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Favara. Carrer Del Rei En Pere, at side of road. Adjacent to a square with fountain & cafe beside it.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	700
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 6hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/C
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 39.12808, Long: -0.29194.
Directions to Start	Leave AP 7 at junction 59 towards Favara, at roundabout turn R onto N332. In centre of Favara turn R onto CV-510, take the 2nd street on the R into 'C Del Rei En Pere', park on roadside. Adjacent to a square with fountain & cafe beside it.
Short walk description	A circuit over Pic L'Ouet a summit on the most northerly sierra of the Costa Blanca Mountain range. It follows the paths and variations of 'Senderisme A Favara'. A varied route, along low ridges, steep slopes and the descent of a Barranc. Visiting two caves and the unique summit structure of 'La Casa Del Guarda'. Some steep, rough terrain, with a few scrambly moves both up and down and a little scratchy in places. There are fine views along this fabulous ridge of rocky summits and out over the Valencia plains.

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Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>Note: It is also possible to park nearer the start (at Lat: 39.12646, Long: -0.29319) close to the walk information board. But there is a school here and parking places are limited, so not so good for groups. The information board shows other easier and shorter options for this walk!</p> <p>Walk back towards the main road CV-510 and cross it. Go straight ahead past a planter along a lane and straight into (the continuation of) C' Riu en Pere. Turn L along C' De Sant Francesc. Turn R along C' Sant Llorenc, passing the walk information board for PR-CV 304 outside a school. Continue ahead through a tunnel under the AP7, to reach a road junction with walk signpost on the R. From here the route is marked Y/W though often intermittently!</p> <p>Turn R (signed 'Les Llometes') go steeply uphill on a rock path (it's a stiff start). Near the top look out for a path on the L (it's easy to miss it).</p> <p>Follow the path as it weaves along over a wooded ridge, at a junction (beside a pine with Y/W marker on a rock), keep L on the higher path which keeps close to the ridge crest. Ignore a path cutting back on the R and continue to a cross road of paths.</p> <p>Turn L downhill (Y/W on rock). Pass a 'Forn De Calc' information board, then ignore a path on the L to terraces, go straight on ignoring two more paths on the L keep R and climb uphill to a junction with a signpost.</p> <p>Turn R uphill, signed to 'Caseta Del Guarda'. Ignore a track on the R and continue up the steep path, with the occasional scrambly step. The path eventually veers L over an easier angled shoulder, before descending a little to a junction with signpost.</p> <p>Continue ahead signed to 'Cova De La Galera' which is soon reached and worth viewing.</p> <p>Turn L and soon reach a 'T' junction with a signpost (you will return here on the descent).</p> <p>Turn R signed 'Caseta Del Guarda', to gain the ridge at a col. Your summit is now on the right. Ignore a signpost below on the left and turn R.</p> <p>Follow the path (Y/W) along the crest (near the top, note a path joining yours from the left) and continue, to reach the summit of L'Ouet (528m) with its unusual structure of the Casa Del Guarda. Built in the last century as a lookout to prevent forest fires.</p> <p>From here there are wonderful views northwest along the ridge, to the rocky peaks of Llom Del Mateo Flac and Les Orelles D'Ase, further in the distance is the Cavall Bernat. Turning around to the southeast the view is filled by the bulk of La Rattlla (also known as Pic De La Mola or Mont Raya).</p> <p>Turn back towards the col and in about 200 metres at the junction observed earlier, turn R down steps onto a path which skirts beneath the ridge to reach a vague junction (easily missed) leave the path which continues to descend and turn L (Y/W on rock) go slightly uphill, continue to traverse to reach a junction with signpost (which you looked down upon earlier).</p> <p>From here the summit of La Rattlla/Mola 625m which is the highest on this Serra, could</p>	<p>500m 6min</p> <p>600m 12min</p> <p>2.4km 50min</p> <p>2.7km 58min</p> <p>3.8km 1hr 37min</p> <p>3.9km 1hr 41min</p> <p>4.2km 1hr 49min</p> <p>4.5km 1hr 53min</p> <p>4.9km 2hrs 7min</p> <p>5.4km 2hrs 22min</p>

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<p>be reached. It would add about 2.5km and at least 1hr 10mins plus 184 metres to this walk and raising the grade to VS.</p>	
<p>Turn L, signed to 'Cova Del Galera' and soon reach another junction go straight on descending slightly to reach a distant sign post, which you passed on the way up.</p>	<p>5.7km 2hrs 27min</p>
<p>Turn R signed to 'Favara (Per Baranc de L'Infern). The path traverses across the head of the Barranc De La Sima and round a spur, to reach a junction with a path joining from La Ratlla above.</p>	<p>6.3km 2hrs 40min</p>
<p>Descend to the L working steeply down with some scrambly steps, into the bed of the Barranc de L'Infern. Just as you reach the bottom there is a junction with a path on the right, beside an old illegible signpost (10 metres further ahead there is a modern PR-CV 304 signpost, from where an easier return directly to Favara can be made).</p>	<p>7.4km 3hrs 13min</p>
<p>Turn right uphill, onto the 'Senda Fosca' to reach a cross road of paths.</p>	<p>7.6km 3hrs 18min</p>
<p>Turn L the path weaves through woodland along a shallow ridge, at a 'Forn De Calc' information board turn R uphill, then left above terraces of oranges to arrive at a water tank, on a circular concrete base.</p>	<p>8.1km 3hrs 24min</p>
<p>Go across and step up through a rock wall on the R (stone cairn), to re-enter the woodland. Go straight ahead (Y/W on tree then on rock). Bear left descending a little, then traverse left across the flank of this wooded ridge to reach an information board for the "Cova De Los Mismos' another deep cavern!</p>	<p>8.6km 3hrs 34min</p>
<p>Continue, now climbing over the ridge, the path turns R going along close to the crest. Eventually it turns L downhill and widens. Be attentive and look for a vague path branching off up to the R (cairns).</p>	<p>9.4km 3hrs 46min</p>
<p>Climb up the path, then along to reach a track in front of a small building.</p>	<p>9.6km 3hrs 54min</p>
<p>Go past the front of the building to reach a path at the far side, it rises slightly then descends to the L to reach a surfaced cami at a signpost.</p>	<p>10.1km 4hrs 01min</p>
<p>Go straight ahead signed to 'Favara'. Turn R through the tunnel back along C' Sant Llorenc, past the walk information board. Turn L along C' D Sant Francesc. turn R along C' Riu en Pere and along the lane to the main road cross it into the continuation of C' Riu en Pere. back to the parking place, where the Cafe beckons!</p>	<p>10.5km 4hrs 10min</p>
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	

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