

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Alt de la Creu
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Tavernes de la Valldigna. Parking at roadside on 'Carrer del Cantalot'
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	10
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	600
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 5.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/C
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 39.07139, Long: -0.27604
Directions to Start	From AP-7. Follow CV-50 through Tavernes. Pass the large brick library, with mural. Go straight on at the roundabout, then turn second right into 'Carrer del Cantalot'. Drive to the far end of the road and park at side of road just before a pylon.
Short walk description	A circuit over the Alt de la Creu. Taking the way of the Borregos (sheep) and a section of mozarabic zig-zags then via 'Font de la Sangonera' to reach the summit, Mirador & principle Cross (there are two others). Descending via Fontetes Cantus'. Interesting terrain, with wide ranging views. Generally good marked paths, with some steep & rough sections.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Walk up the road past the pylon turn R and pass between gate posts in an opening through the fence. Ignore a path on the L and one bearing R, take the steep rough central one which initially bears L uphill towards a pylon. Eventually, as it levels off at a 'Y' junction bear R to reach a cross track (part of the PR-CV38) which runs alongside of the concrete ditch, of the 'Canal de Defensa'. Here, there is a signpost.	8min, 300m
Turn L across a concrete bridge, signed to 'Fontana de la Mina & Connexio Senda dels Amoladors'. Follow the path (marked Y/W) to the R which turns steeply uphill, then bears L across the hillside towards the base of the cliffs above. It skirts beneath them to	

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pass over rock slabs where there is a little exposure. After passing around the edge of the cliff it trends up to reach a 'T' junction with signpost. Here you join the mozarabic path of 'Senda dels Amoladors'.	50min, 1.5km
Turn R, signed to 'Font del Barber & Font de la Sagonera' PR-CV 38' and wind your way up to where it begins to level out. Ignore a path on the R at a large cairn continue to a signpost at a junction.	1hr 30min, 2.6km
Ignore the path on the R and go straight ahead, signed to 'Font del Barber'. The path leads through an area of sink holes to reach a junction with a cross track. Turn L along the track to reach a junction with a track on the R signed to 'Panta del Massalaria'.	1hr 45min, 3.6km
Turn R and follow the track to a junction. Turn L signed to 'Punta del Massalaria' and soon arrive at another junction (with picnic table) turn R signed to 'Font de la Granata'.	1hr 59min, 4.2km
Almost immediately you arrive at the 'Font de la Sangonera'. Go straight ahead to a junction and turn L signed to 'Font de la Granata' then almost immediately at another junction turn R signed to 'Alt de la Creu'.	2hr 05min, 4.6km
Here, you pass beside a ruin and lime kiln. Now the path crosses a plateau, then climbs up the summit slopes, to eventually reach a junction with a path on the R signposted to 'Mirador de la Valldigna & Alt de la Creu'.	2hr 25min, 5.3km
Turn R along the path. When the summit Trig point comes into view bear R to reach it (542m). Retrace your steps a little & turn R to reach the mirador, perched on the edge of the vertical cliffs overlooking Tavernas. Retrace your steps again to find a good rock path leading rightwards, to reach the first and highest of the three crosses. The others can be seen, perched on top of the rock promontories some distance to the left (east).	2hr 40min, 5.9km
Turn back, and in a short distance, take a path on the R which leads to a junction with a cross path.	2hr 45min, 6.2km
Turn R and continue to a path on the R (cairn & Y/W cross).	3hr 02min, 6.5km
Option: From here it is possible to turn R and follow the rugged, rocky path which is marked by cairns and some blue paint. It leads along a spur and down to the third cross. From here there are more views out over the valley, town and back across to the middle and summit crosses. This diversion is included on the gpx track, but it adds 710 metres distance and 75m height gain increasing the walk grade to S/C. After viewing return by the same route to this junction.	
Continue along the Y/W path to reach a junction on the L at a signpost.	3hr 05min, 7.2km
Go straight ahead signed to 'Fontetes Cantus'. Ignore a path on the R which scrambles steeply downhill. Continue ahead, the path bends down to the R then traverses the hillside weaving through and over fallen rocks to pass the 'Font de Cantus'. Continue along the path to reach a signpost at a junction.	3hr 39min, 8.4km
Option: A sign points uphill to 'Els Castelletts'. Here it is possible to climb up to visit the Iberian ruins (Not included on the gpx track). Afterwards return to this junction. Allow about 45min there and back.	
From the junction turn R signed to 'Tavernes de la Valldigna (Pel Calvary)'. Descend the path (white markers) which takes you across and down the hillside, to reach and cross a concrete bridge over the 'Canal de Defensa' to emerge onto a cross	

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track beside a signpost.	3hr 50min, 8.8km
Turn R signed to 'Cami dels Borregos'. In about 100 metres ignore a concrete track on the left and continue up alongside of the concrete channel to reach the signpost beside the concrete bridge which you crossed on your outward route.	4hr 02min, 9.4km
Turn L, to return down the rough outbound path to the parking place.	4hr 07min, 9.7km
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Including either or both of the options, will raise the grade to S/C.

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Route followed is outlined in Red

