

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Pla de Petracos and Alfaro Slopes
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Pla de Petracos small parking area
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	12
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	520
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.66hr 5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.759130, Long: -0.183578
Directions to Start	Follow the CV720 W towards Castell de Castells and look out for a significant building on your RHS – Villa Mercedes. Here turn R towards “Petracos” and continue to reach a small tarmacked layby on your LHS.
Short walk description	A glorious walk high above the Barranco de Malafi with a tough ascent followed by easy return walking.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Start by walking away from your cars NW and then W along the tarmac road to reach a finger post on your LHS.	2.4km, 36min
Turn L here and continue descending through the gravel river bed almost immediately ignoring a clear path going R.	
A few metres after this a set of cairns commences guiding you up the shoulder of the mountain on your RHS. By looking up and to the R of the ridge line you can see in the distance a wide track apparently descending into the barranco. Eventually you will join this.	
For several hundred metres you continue almost directly up the ridge but soon drift off to the R as you aim steadily towards the distant track.	3.4km, 1hr 6min
Cross a small crag line and continue ahead on the easing slope to soon reach a plateau.	

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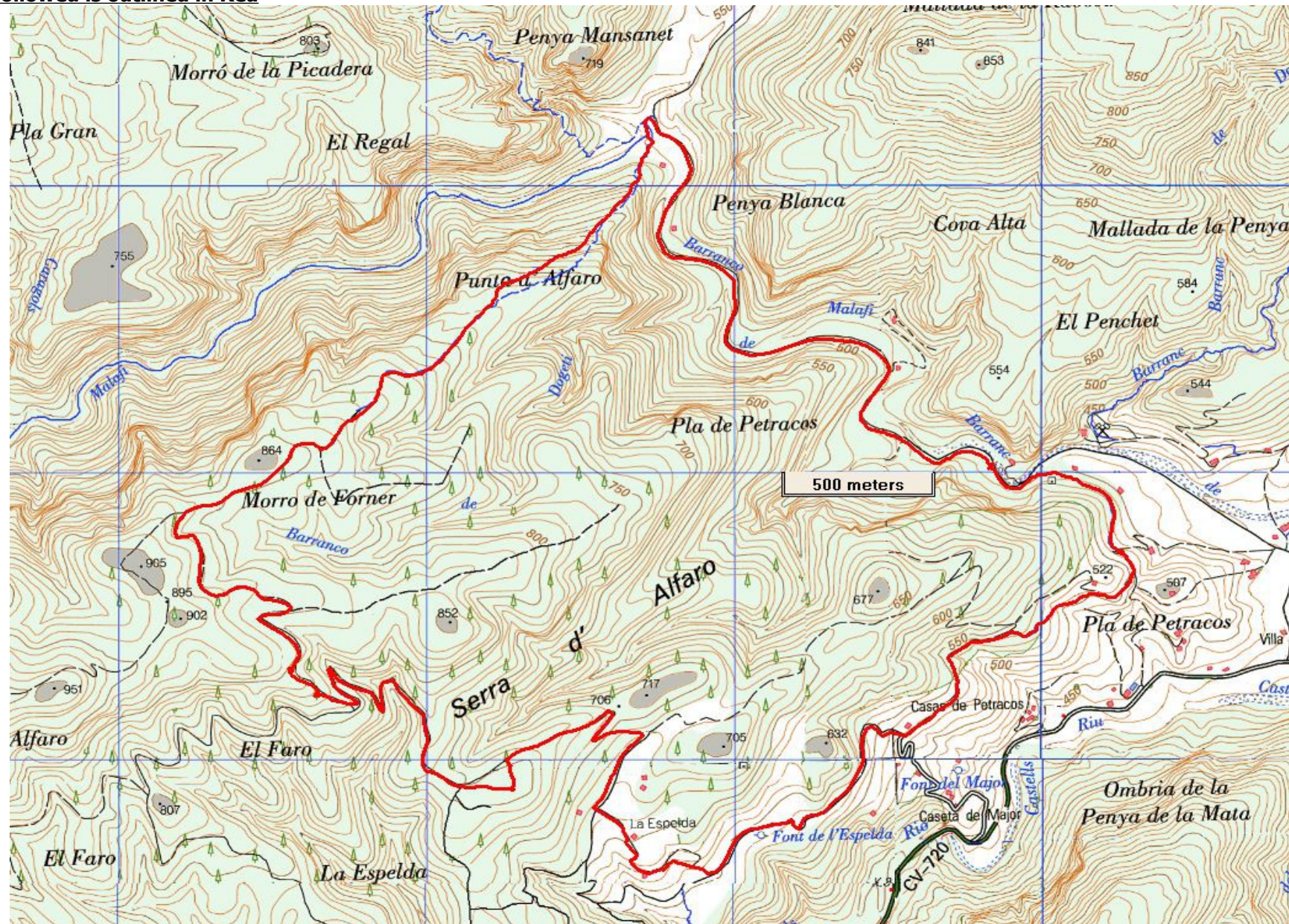
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<p>Now you can look across this to see the parallel lines of the track rising up the slope in the distance and you make your way across to this and follow it up.</p>	
<p>The track curves R and then L and soon reaches an indistinct junction where you turn R.</p> <p>Curve R and then L to crest the ridge with a small summit above you on the RHS.</p>	4.2km, 1hr 25min
<p>Continue ahead on the track to reach a much more distinct junction at the top of a small ascent and here turn L.</p>	4.7km, 1hr 35min
<p>Follow this down in zig-zags to reach a junction with speed limit sign for the track you have just descended! Here turn L</p>	6.1km, 1hr 57min
<p>Drop down zig-zagging R, L and R to rise gently up over a small ridge and continue ahead to a junction. As you descend towards this look for the impressive stone well on the low ridge just in front and to the L of your line. At the junction turn L.</p>	7.1km, 2hr 14min
<p>Walk down to a water deposito used for fire fighting and continue zig-zagging down the road passing several impressive looking houses on the way.</p>	
<p>This now descends rapidly and we keep to the line of the main track to arrive at Font d'Espetla.</p>	9.2km, 2hr 51min
<p>Keep ahead and after following a set of zig-zags descending reach a junction with a broad track going off to the L and soon rising. Take this.</p>	10km, 3hr 2min
<p>This track curves around a spur and then keeps level to reach a finger post on the RHS where you drop a few metres onto a footpath which descends steadily E.</p>	10.6km, 3hr 12min
<p>Follow this below a fenced plt and then curve N to start your descent back to the Petracos road.</p> <p>When you reach this, turn L and arrive at your car in a a few hundred metres.</p>	
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Steep rocky ascent in the first part of the day

See map below.....

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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