



ROUTE DETAILS:

Starting point: Info panel at 300 m from La Font de la Bota.

Destination: Morro Blau.

RECOMMENDATIONS:



Keep dogs on a leash



Respect the fauna



Respect the flora



Follow paths



Bring plenty of water



Travel in company

PROHIBITED:



No fires



No motor vehicles



No littering

SIGNS:



Route continues



Sharp change of direction



Change of direction



Wrong direction

Should you detect any damage to the signposting, please contact the FEMECV so that it can be repaired.

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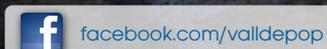
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The ascent to **Morro Blau** makes for an interesting hike. Be sure to pause at Font dels Teixos, a breathtaking site that is home to a flora micro reserve most notably populated by the yew trees that lend their name to the location and the fountain.

The view from the summit unravels the mystery of the two marinas, the Marina Alta (Upper Marina) and Marina Baja (Lower Marina). The scenery is living proof of how the mountain ranges and valleys have historically structured cultural, economic and administrative relationships between the municipalities that compose these regions.

Finally, from this location, the panoramic views over the Bèrnia mountain range, renowned for its stunning landscape and environmental wealth, add to the incentives to choose this route over all others that are available around La Vall de Pop.

TECHNICAL INFO

Type of route: Linear

Total estimated duration: 5 hrs. 33 mins.

Distance (one way): 13,029 m.

Gradient: 580 m.

Difficulty: Moderate

Province: Alicante

Region: Marina Alta

Area: La Vall de Pop

Villages along the route:

Castell de Castells, Beniardà, Benimantell, Guadalest



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PR CV 150

WALKING ROUTES



FLAX-LEAVED
DAPHNE

The route departs from the **information panel** located approximately 300 metres from Font de la Bota towards Tàrbena, in Castell de Castells.

The trail combines footpaths and dirt tracks, leading into the crops in the vicinity.

Without leaving the main footpath, the route passes through pine trees, Holm oaks, and shrubs, with an abundance of junipers, aulaga and steppes, all the way to a **water tank** where the route connects with short-distance route PR CV 19.

Along this section, there is a predominance of hawthorn and flax-leaved daphne, known in the area as *matapoll*, given its traditional use as an insecticide.

At the **crossroads**, short-distance route PR CV 149 appears to the right, leading to Castell de Castells, short-distance route PR 18-19 appears ahead, connecting Castell de Castells to Guadalest, and short-distance route PR CV 18 appears to the left, leading to l'Aixortà. Continue along short-distance route PR CV 150 to head up to Morro Blau.

From here on, the trail is flanked by a low stone wall on the right. This type of dry stone construction which retains and drains the land and prevents erosion is very popular in La Vall de Pop.

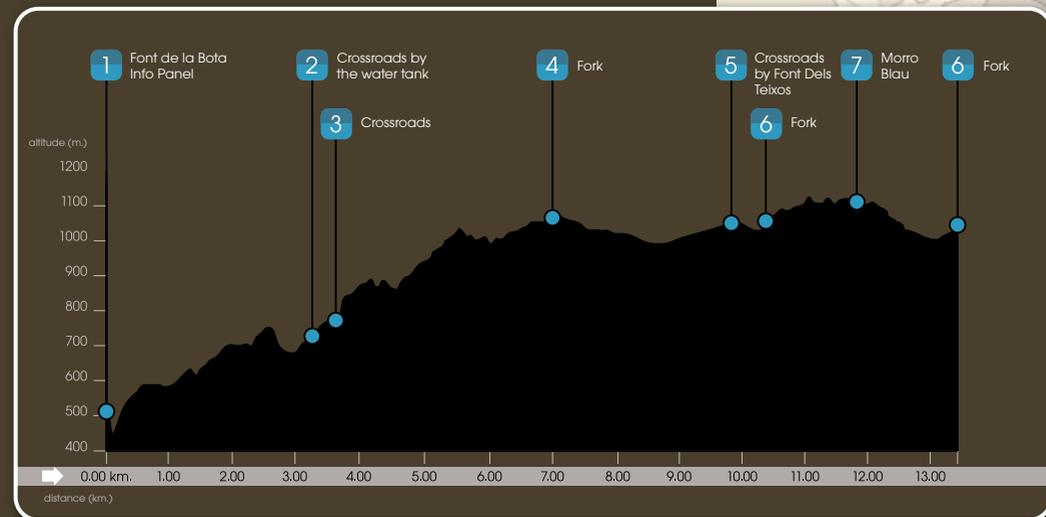
PR CV 150 CASTELL DE CASTELLS - MORRO BLAU



MAIN POINTS	Distance	Duration
1 Font de la Bota Info Panel	0 m.	0
2 Crossroads by the water tank	3.100 m.	1hr. 25
3 Crossroads	3.410 m.	1hr. 36
4 Fork	6.620 m.	3hrs. 12
5 Crossroads by Font Dels Teixos	9.310 m.	4hrs. 06
6 Fork	9.890 m.	4hrs. 16
7 Morro Blau	11.720 m.	5hrs. 04
6 Fork	13.030 m.	5hrs. 33
1 Font de la Bota Info Panel	22.919 m.	7hrs. 33

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OUTLINE OF THE ROUTE



YEW TREE

Large pine trees, young Holm oaks, hawthorns and buckthorns thrive along this route. To the right, the rock walls have been eroded into peculiar shapes.

Goats often graze in this area and along the way the route passes several rock farmyards that have survived the test of time.

Upon reaching the **fork** with indications to Font dels Teixos, leave the path on to Plà d'Aialt to the left.

The following **crossroads** appears opposite the entrance to the area of the **Font dels Teixos** shelter, named for the abundance of yew trees. This location is well worth a visit to contemplate the flora micro reserve that is home to a number of interesting species as well as yew trees. L'Aixortà summit is just minutes away from this site, but the route continues to the left towards Morro Blau.

Ignore the following **crossroads** and continue along the main track to the forest lookout at **Morro Blau**.

This location commands a very unusual panoramic view of Bènia. This mountain range acts as a natural barrier between both marinas, with the Marina Alta to the north and the Marina Baja to the south. The memorable views from this point reach all the way out to Benidorm, Callosa, Carrascal de Parcent, Plà de Moragues, Cocoll summit.

Head back along the forest track to the previous **crossroads** along the left. **Retrace** the path back to Font dels Teixos and then continue on to **Font de la Bota**.