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**Tossals Verds** 

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## Enjoyable circular walk around the Tossals Verds massif

This very varied circular walk has all the inaredients of an exciting mountain walk: steep mule tracks creating fabulous panoramas of sheer one thousand metre peaks and still mountain lakes, and including an adventurous gorge walk. Half way along, right in the middle of the mountains, vou will discover a staffed mountain hut.

Starting point: car park at the Cúber reservoir, 750m. Access by car from Port de Sóller via the Ma-10 or bus No. L 354 (April-Oct., often full in high season); get off at the Font des Noguer stop. 200m after the Cúber car park; or taxi (€31 for 4 passengers).



Grade: challenging circular walk with steep ascent and descent across the Coll de sa Coma des Ases on partially narrow mule tracks; a chain on the rocky section of the Pas Llis helps you get across.

If you want to avoid both sections, take the GR 221 from Cúber towards Font des Prat to the Tossals Verds mountain hut and walk the same route back (this is a blue graded Walk). The walks is marked as GR 221 all the way.

Refreshment: Tossals Verds mountain hut (only serves hot and cold beverages).

Alternative: instead of the section over the Coll de sa Coma des Ases vou can follow the just as attractive tunnel route (in which case you will need a torch). For this turn left before the Cúber dam wall onto a path that runs beside a water channel through five tunnels up to 200m long. (You may find water in the tunnels after heavy rain. Watch your head just before the end of the second tunnel!). After the last tunnel pass a turning on the right hand side and at the fork a few minutes later go left. After a metal gate a bridge leads across the mountain stream in the valley bottom. After the bridge ascend the little access road on the left to the Tossals Verds mountain hut (walking time to the hut 2.15 hrs.).

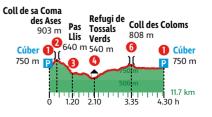
The tunnel route (alternative) pierces through a rocky ridge of the Tramuntana (on the left).



From the car park at the **Cúber** reservoir **1** walk through the gate next to the iron gate and turn immediately left (sign 'GR 221 Refugi de Tossals Verds'). The fenced path runs parallel to the Ma-10 and just under 100m farther on reaches a dry-stone wall. Turn right here (alternative to the GR over Pas Llis) and ascend on the left of the wall up the hillside. The path follows

narrow zigzags up to the Coll de sa Coma des Ases 2. 903m. From the pass look back towards the two reservoirs of Cúber and Gorg Blau and the Puig Major which dominates the countryside.

Now descend southwards through a gap in the wall. The striking s'Alcadena table mountain towers







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up ahead and, on the right of it, Puig d'Alaró (see Walk 40). Directly by the path there's a rusty old wreck of a small plane - amazingly the pilot survived the crash landing. The path descends to the Torrent d'Almadrà. From a viewing platform, originally a threshing circle, you can see opposite the tunnel path running beside a huge rock (see Alternative). It's now a steep descent over short scree slopes. Descend a 3-metre high sloping rock step to arrive, shortly afterwards, at the **Pas Llis 3**, 640m. Once you reach the narrowest part of the gorge, you will find a stone ramp with a chain to help you across an airy section.

The route continues gently up and down through rocky terrain, 40 minutes after the Pas Llis a dry streambed is crossed in an olive grove and 5 minutes later you come to an intersecting path at a rock face. Keep right where a wooden handrail runs for a short way beside the path up to a cleft in the rock. From here descend in a few minutes to the Refugi de Tossals Verds 4. 540m. Picnic benches provide an inviting spot to enjoy a rest for a while and you can also replenish your water reserves at a tap in front of the hut. From the hut continue your walk along the waymarked GR 221 path in the direction of Font des Noguer. The path forks after 8 minutes. Take the right hand alternative. The paths meet up again along the broad col of Ses Cases **Velles 100**, 707m, and 100m to the right of the walking signpost you will see the Pou de sa Bassola fountain.

Safety chain on the rocky section of the Pas Llis





The mountain hut at the foot of the Tossals-Verds massif.

The view of the central plain soon opens up on your right and you can see the Canaleta water channel ahead running across an aquaduct. Cross a ford over the streambed of the Torrent des Prat. Just beforehand a well-trodden path runs up to the water channel (see Walk 37). The path crosses to the other side of the stream again over a wooden footbridge and ascends to a signposted three-way junction. The GR 221 goes right via the Font des Prat to Lluc monastery (see Walk 38). However, keep straight on here in the direction of Font des Noguer and ascend to the **Coll des Coloms** 6. 808m. Shortly before the top of the pass hikers with a bit more stamina can undertake a worthwhile detour to Puig des Tossals Verds, 1118m (there and back 2.00 hrs.).

Follow the main trail and cross over a water channel after a gap in the wall. Return along a leisurely path next to to the water channel to the Cúber reservoir. The radar domes on the Puig Major glisten in the sun directly ahead and you can soon enjoy a fabulous panorama of the Gorg Blau reservoir to your right. At **Font des Noquer** the channel path eventually joins the road where a parallel path brings you in 5 minutes to the car park at the **Cúber** reservoir **1**.

