

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Aitana - Aitana Ridge Circuit from Font Moli
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Guadalest Font Moli Ondara – a remote font on the slopes of the mountain.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	15.3
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	826
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	5hr 6hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.662771, Long: -0.207138
Directions to Start	Take the CV70 from La Nucia towards Guadalest. Pass the Km 34 sign and 0.7km further on take the minor surfaced road going off L (Sign for El Trestellador restaurant). Continue along this surfaced road ignoring road off L for 1.2km to a group of casas amidst trees and a trough which is near the Font Moli Ondara. This is the start and there is parking for several cars and more down the road.
Short walk description	Font Moli Ondara is a well-watered picturesque area with shady trees, excellent water, and a picnic area with tables and benches. The walk up to the narrow pass of the Fat Man's Agony provides superb panoramic views and passes two Neveras (ice pits). It has the added interest of an exciting scramble through the pass which, once negotiated, opens up different panoramic views to the South. Crossing the ridge offers all the rewards of being on top of the highest mountain range in the Costa Blanca. The walk is mainly on good tracks and mountain paths. The scramble through the pass requires some agility. Being high it can be cold and snowy in winter. Isolated shade in summer. Some mud soon after rain.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far

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Walk up the **LH** track between Casa La Caseta and another casa and round a sharp **RH** bend. Continue, ignoring a minor track off **L**, round a **LH** bend to reach a junction. Take the track up sharp **R** over a **chain barrier A**. **(9min 0.6km) 0.6km 3%**

Continue up, ignoring a minor track off **L**, to where the main track curves up and sharp **L** with a minor track straight on (with "dead end" sign). **(5min 0.3km)0.9km 5%**

Ignore the minor track and continue along the main track up **L**, This soon turns sharp **L** again with a minor track going straight on. **(1min 0.1km) 1.0km 5%**

Take this minor track going straight on. Ignore track off **L** and pass a **Nevera B** on your **RHS**. **(10min .5km) 1.5km 8%**

Continue to wind up through a rocky gully and on to reach the Corral de Senyores on your **RHS (10min .6km) 2.1km 12%**

Continue along the main track to a **T-junction C**. **(12min 0.7km) 2.8km 16%**

Turn **R**. Ignore minor tracks off **R** and **L**. Reach junction with track above Partagas **D**
Turn **L** arrive at a junction. Take the track **R** signposted Passet De La Rabose.**(15min 1.2km) 4km 21%**
(The track off L goes to the Port de Tagarina)

Follow the track. Ignore path off **R** which leads down to Font Partagas. Continue winding up to arrive at a path going off **R**. **E**, indicated by a **Y/W** way marker and another sign post (in 2019 the track was chained off just after this path). **(9min .5km) 4.5km 24%**

Take this path which passes through a jumble of rocks, *(possibly caused by a fall during an earthquake)*. Ignore a path of **R** which goes to Confrides Castle. Continue up. At a **Y** junction bear **L** following **Y/W** waymarks. **(24min 1.3km) 5.8km 31%**

The path continues climbing and soon becomes a track. Keep to the main track following **Y/W** waymarks and bearing **W** to arrive at several **water troughs** (Font de Foratta) **F**. **(15min .8km) 6.6km 37%**

Turn up keeping the water troughs to your **R** and find a path going off **L**. Take this path which leads up to the narrow pass know as **Fat Man's Agony G**. To pass through Fat Man's Agony it is necessary to negotiate a large step up through a very narrow gap between two rocks. Follow the **Y/W** way markers for the easiest route. Follow the path down to reach a col with a signpost. **(30min 1km) 7.6km 47%**

*From this col the more energetic can go **R** and continue to climb up to the listening station which is the true summit. Approximately 15 min each way.*

To traverse ridge take the path leading up in an easterly direction. Sometimes the more obvious path seems to go straight on but for the more spectacular views keep **L** as close to the cliff edge as possible. Arrive at a **cross track**.(Port de Tagarina) **H (60min 2.8km) 10.4km 67%**

From the col take rough track going up to the summit of Penyo Mulero.
From the peak continue down along the **N** side of the ridge to a shallow col where large cairns mark the start of a path which turns **L** down between "rock gates" **I**.**(45min 1.9km) 12.3 km 82%**

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Turn **L** down path which soon crosses scree and becomes a track. Go **L** and continue along this track to a junction. Continue straight ahead and after a few metres arrive at a T junction **K**. **(15min .7km)** **13km 88%**

Turn **R** down the main track ignoring a track off **L** to reach a **Y** junction, which is on your outward journey. **(22min 1.4km)** **14.4km 95%**

Turn **R** and retrace your steps along down to the start at Font Moli Ondara. **(15min .9km)** **15.3km 100%**

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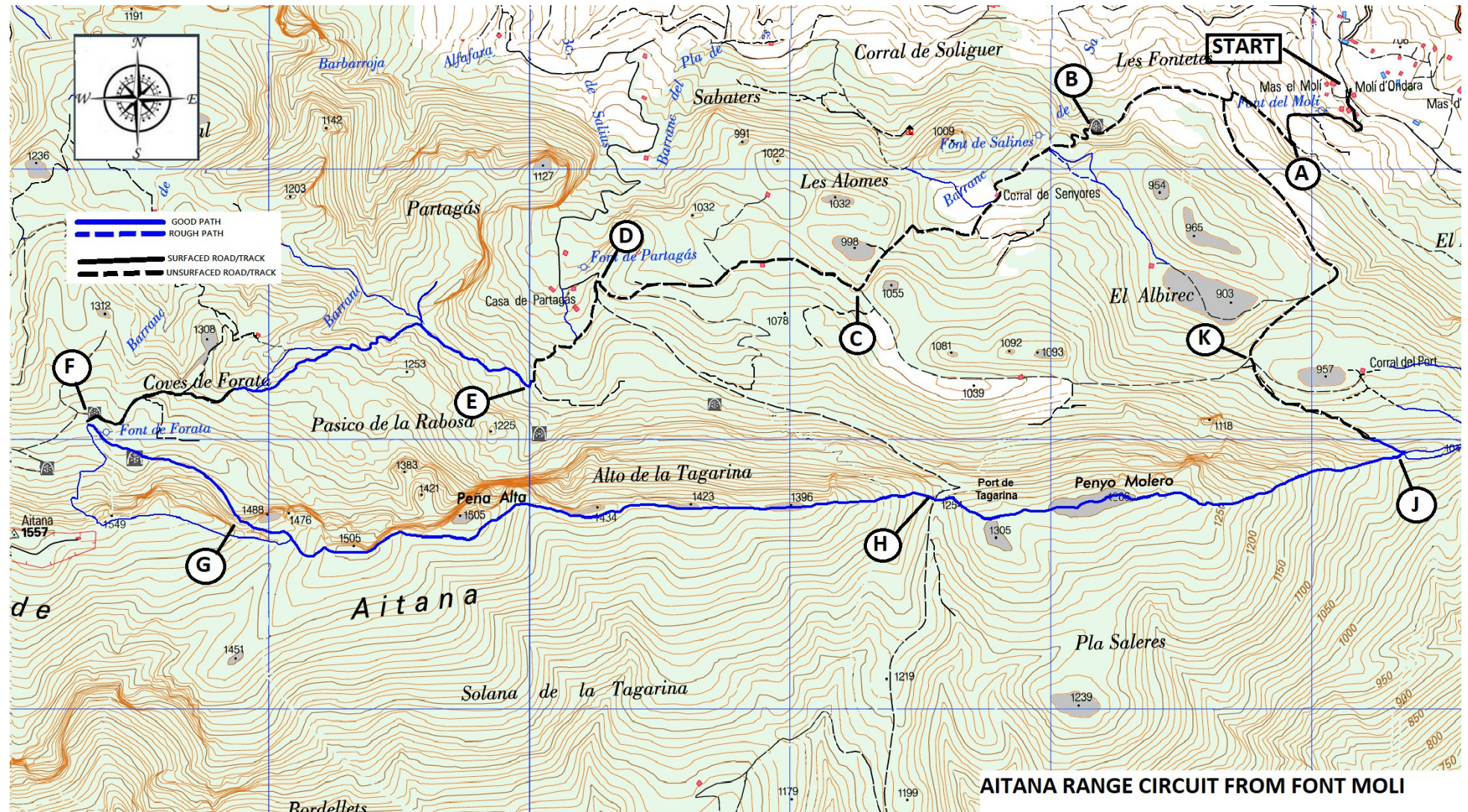
Walk Recommendations or restrictions

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Route followed is outlined below.....



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