

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Aitana - Aitana Ridge Circuit from Partagas	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Benifato Fuente de Partagas reached from Benifato and signed from the village.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	12.1	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	690	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 5hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.657914, Long: -0.241836	
Directions to Start	<p>The CV70 meanders up to the picturesque town of Guadalest from near Benidorm and then continues towards the small village of Benifato. As you pass the Restaurant Venta de Benifato continue for 300m towards Confrides and take a sharp L road up towards Benifato village. Take the 2nd R tarmac road (signed) to Fuente Partagas. Drive 1.75km to a Y jnc and for the car shuffle go R for 0.5km to a bridge and park. Other cars should go L at the Y jnc and continue 1.5km to its end at Partagas. Park here. Ample parking.</p>	
Short walk description	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance	

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<p>Your first objective is the Col some ½ km to the W. The easy way is to continue up the track, which turns L then, R to a Y junction. You take the RH track. Follow signs to Passet De La Rabosa (5min .2km) .2km 2%</p>	
<p>Continue up the track. Ignore a path off R which leads back down to Font Partagas. Arrive at a chain across the track A and find a path going up R. (7min .5km) .7km 5%</p>	
<p>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 take path L marked with Y/W waymarks and arrive at old track B. (24min 1.3km) 2.0km 15%</p>	
<p>Keep to the main track bearing W to arrive at several water troughs C. (15min .9km) 2.9km 21%</p>	
<p>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 D nicknamed Fat Man's Agony. (25min .8km) 3.7km 32%</p> <p><i>It is necessary to negotiate a large step up through a narrow gap between two rocks. Follow the Y/W waymarkers for the easiest route.</i></p>	
<p>Follow the path down to reach a col with a signpost E. (5min .2km) 3.9km 34%</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	
<p>To traverse the ridge take the path leading up in an easterly direction. Sometimes the more obvious path seems to go straight on but for more spectacular views keep L as close to the cliff edge as possible. Arrive at a cross track F.(Port de Tagarina) (60min 2.7km) 6.6km 59%</p> <p><i>(A shortened version of walk would be to take track off L and follow it back to Partagas.)</i></p>	
<p>From the col take track-like path going up to summit of Penyo Mulero.(15min .7km) 7.3km 66%</p>	
<p>From the peak continue down along the N side of the ridge to a shallow col where large cairns mark start of a path which turns L down "rock gates" G (30min 1.2km) 8.5km 78%</p>	

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Turn **L** down this path, which soon crosses over scree and becomes a track. Turn **L** continue to reach a main track junction **H**. (**15min .8km**) **9.3km 84%**

Turn **L** down main track ignoring a track off **R** to reach a **T** junction **J**. (**22min 1.7km**) **11km 94%**

Turn **L** and return to Partagas. (**15min 1.1km**) **12.1km 100%**

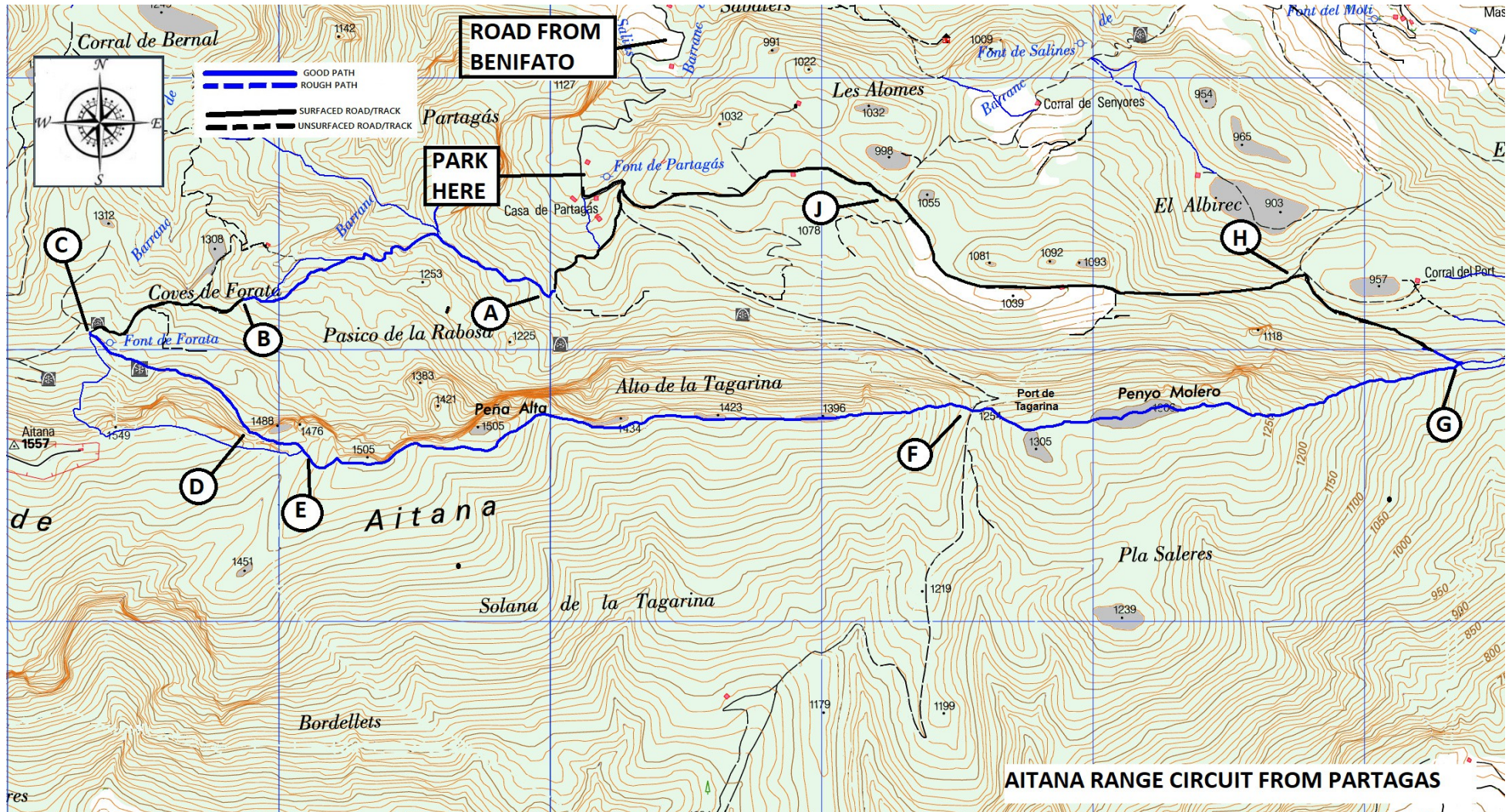
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

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Route followed is outlined below.....



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