

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Solana de Artiales
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Arguis Parking beside children's playground on outskirts of village.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	12.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	656
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.75hr 5.25hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.314820, Long: -0.434201
Directions to Start	From the A23 leave at junction 381 and head towards the village. Just after a set of sweeping bends to left and right the parking and children's playground is visible on the L.
Short walk description	A delightful walk which crosses this ridge on well made paths with views both N and S. The terrain is markedly different on each side of the ridge. Grand views of the distant Pyrenees.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the parking walk up the road to pass the village and just on the outskirts at the far side find a finger post pointing up to the R towards the Ermita de Santa Magdalena.	500m, 7min
After inly a few metres turn L to continue on a walled and cobbled path continuing uphill. Take care to follow the line through a more broken area of scrub and rock where the path zig-zags a little with markers and soon reach the main road.	970m, 17min
Cross this and continue uphill from a finger post to Bones.	
Reach a fork where you turn L more steeply uphill towards Raya de las Tinas.	1.2km, 23min
Reach a second finger post and again turn L towards Raya de Tinas.	

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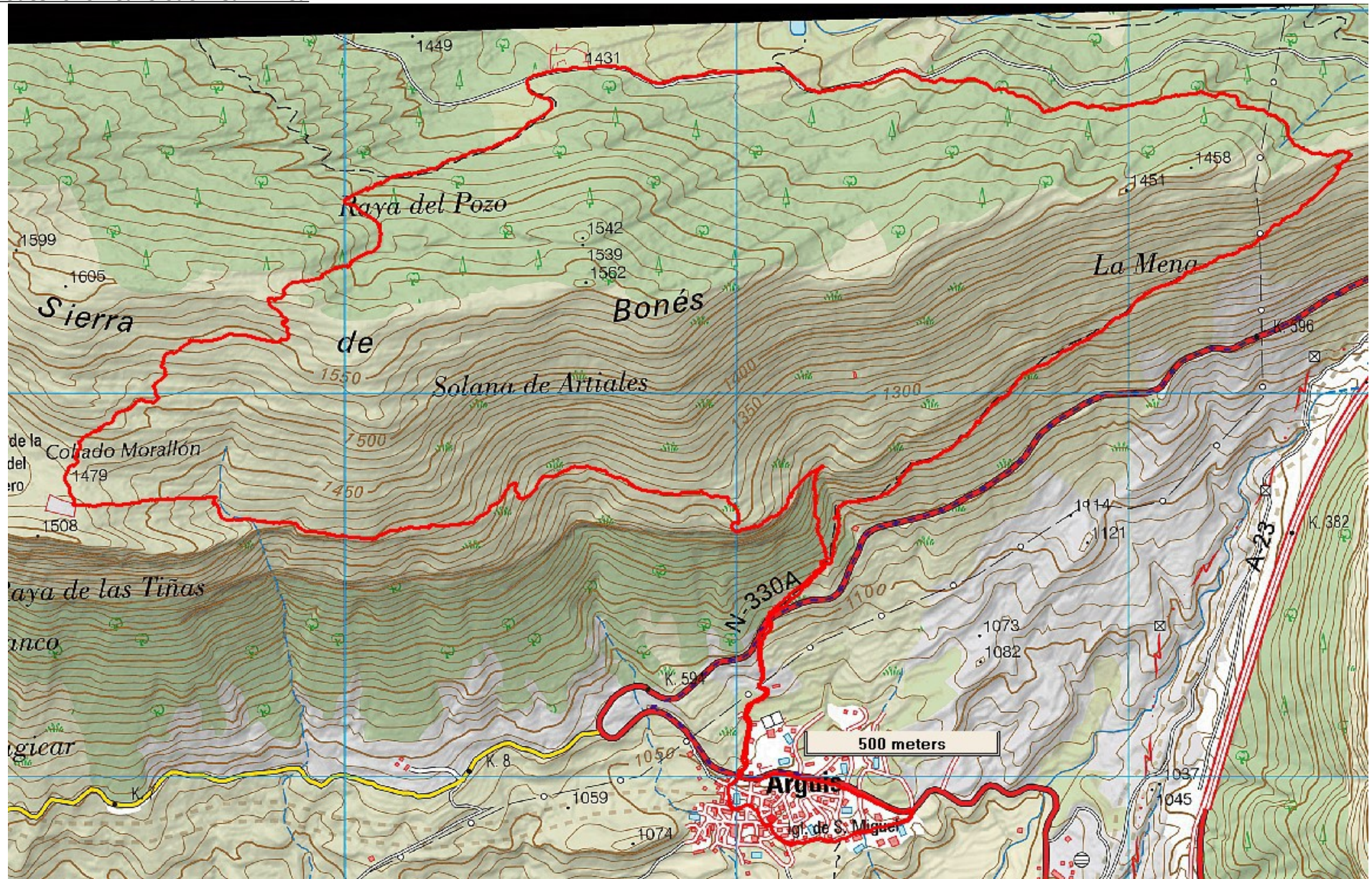
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As you pass through a set of ruins take care to follow the path ahead and avoid doubling back to explore the buildings.	
Finally reach a col – Collado de Morallon with a walled enclosure and wide ranging views ahead.....	3.9km, 1hr 21min
..... and here turn R and work up the steep hillside.	
This path has more level sections for you to rest and in general works out R to finally crest the ridge through some impressive rocks.	5km, 1hr 44min
Walk directly over for a few metres and then take care to find the continuing and cairned path descending to the R. (You could turn L at the ridge to reach a minor summit from where you can return to this point)	
This has one set of zigs to L and R which you must follow carefully and then widens to a delightful grassy track finally turning L and dropping to reach a track (with finger post pointing back the way you have come).	6.4km, 2hr 6min
Turn R along this track and after a while reach a finger post pointing down to the L and the Ermita de Santa Magdalena. Ignore this and continue ahead.	
At the next finger post turn R.....	7.4km, 2hr 19min
..... and gently uphill to walk through delightful woodland to finally reach a sign at the corner of the ridge just before you start your descent.	8.6km, 2hr 38min
Descend and soon turn to the R now dropping steadily down this cobbled path towards the village and above the reservoir below you.	
Pass the junction where you turned uphill at the start of the day.....	10.7km, 3hr 13min
..... and continue ahead now following your outbound journey yo return to the village.	
If you wish when you reach the main road you can walk directly across this and down a lane to explore the nooks and crannies of the village before returning to your car.	
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

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