

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Mariola, Snow Wells & Penya del Rellotge Circuit
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Agres Car park at Refugio Zamorano & Area Recreative Moli Mata.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	11 km
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	600 m
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3hr 5.5hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.77462, Long: -0.52508
Directions to Start	From Muro d'Alcoi take the CV-700 towards Alfafara. Pass the first junction signed into Agres, in 600m turn left at crossroads into C' Finca Rocio. As you reach the town follow signs leading right to 'Convent and Area Recreative', turn up left passing 'la Torreta' to the car park on right below the Refugio.
Short walk description	An attractive circuit, passing through pleasant woodland and along high open rolling hillside, capped by a rocky ridge path. Extensive views unfold with many points of interest. The descent maintains that interest. Mostly on good marked paths, though some are steep, rough and stoney in places, including on the descent. There are also a few short unmarked sections to take in the easily accessed summits.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
From the car park, go back up to the surfaced road and turn R (east). Follow the road, ignore a surfaced forest road with bollards on the R and continue signed to 'Refugio Gaprio' to reach a road junction near the top end of Agres. Turn R uphill to reach the Convent. There is a bar/restaurant here though not always open.	1.3 km, 17 min
Turn L to a font and walk information board, beneath the looming austere building. Follow a surfaced track steeply up to the left to reach a route marker sign. Turn R and follow the footpath (PR CV 27) Y/G/W markers, ignore side paths to eventually	

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reach a forest road crossing your path (Senda Teixera de Agres).	3.3 km, 48 min
Go straight across to the L onto a path which continuous to climb up, via sometimes steep and stoney sections and finally up steps to reach the Refugio Montcabrer, complete with picnic tables.	3.7 km, 1hr
From above the refugio turn L along a track and in about 50m reach the 'Cava de Teix'. After viewing return to pass the refugio and at a 'T' junction turn L. After about 50m turn R (G/W) along another track to soon arrive at the impressive 'Cava Gran de Agres'.	4.2 km, 1hr 8 min
After viewing and descending into it return to the main track as if to continue but don't. Turn R onto a footpath signed to 'Cava del Buitre'. It climbs onto a low ridge then reaches a cross roads with a signpost. Go straight ahead (optional) past the communication mast and continue to the rather cluttered summit of 'Recingle de Mariola (1,256m) to take in the views.	4.6 km, 1hr 18min
Return the same way back to the cross roads.	4.9 km, 1hr 21 min
Turn L (R if you did not go to the summit) signed to 'Cava del Buitre', which you pass along the route, after which you bear L uphill to a 'T' junction at a cross track with signpost. Turn R along the track signed to 'Cava de Don Miguel' SL CV 168. Within 100m on a bend at a signpost turn R onto a path.	5.6 km, 1hr 32 min
Follow it to a 'T' junction with a track, ignore a path straight ahead with G/W cross. Turn R and continue passing another ice house, soon at a right hand bend look for a small path which branches off L.	6.8 km, 1hr 48 min
Turn L up the path over a rise to a 'T' junction turn R (cairns and yellow arrow on rock). Follow this rocky path which leads over the open ridge of 'Penya del Rellotge' (1,127m) with fine views from its crest. At a fork take the upper right hand path (both lead to the same place) just beyond the summit you pass a large cairn from where the path descends slightly and joins a path coming up from the right.	7.6 km, 2hr 4 min
Turn L and soon join another path coming from the right, keep L (you have rejoined the G/W route) and soon you emerge at a signpost in front of the impressive 'Cava de Don Miguel'.	8.1 km, 2hr 16 min
Walk around the Cava and from behind it go up (optional, it involves a few awkward scramble steps both up and down) to reach in a short distance the summit of 'Alt de la Cava' (1,078m). Complete the circuit to return to the signboard.	8.4 km, 2hr 22 min
With your back to the Cava turn L signed to 'Refugio Moli Mata' SL CV 168. Descend the path to join a track and turn R downhill, to reach a 'T' junction with a forestry road.	9.1 km, 2hr 32 min
Turn L, the road goes around a hairpin on a section of concrete, then just as it begins to bend to the right, look out for a boulder on the right with Y/W paint on it, now find a narrow path which descends on the left.	10 km, 2hr 44 min
Turn L down the path which curves R towards the village, it is steep and stoney in places and arrives at the 'Cova de Montblanc' (a dark cavern). Just below this the path turns up L over rock slabs then continuous to a 'T' junction at the edge of a clearing where the cross path cuts a groove to the R (R/Y/W on a rock).	10.4 km, 2hr 51 min

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Turn R and go down to the picnic area at the site of 'Font de Moli Mato' (usually with running water in the stream). Continue along a track which rises up to reach the car park at the Refugio.

10.9 km, 3hr

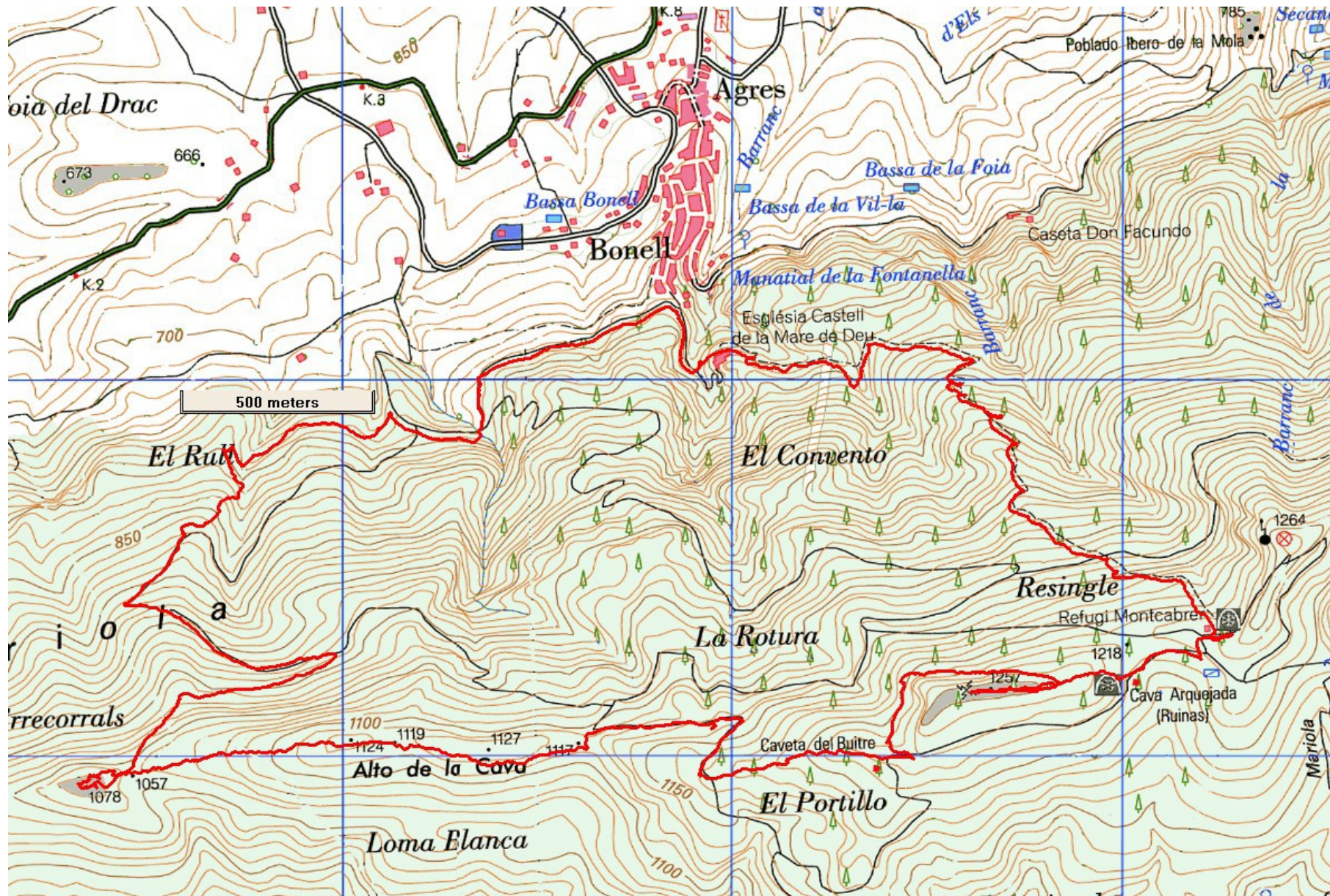
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Walk Recommendations or restrictions

There are many path options and some of the rough sections could be avoided, but it would be a shame.

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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