

Alfaix and Fossil Valley

Walk 2

Distance - 4 miles / 6.5 km **Ascent** - 160m (525ft) Mapa Topografico Nacional de Espana, 1031-II,Turre,1:25,000.



Not a long walk, but an interesting circuit among the nearby hills. The highlight (and the challenging section!) is 'Fossil Valley', a remarkable defile between near vertical cliffs rich in fossils. Be warned – walking through this valley requires more than just the feet. Hands, knees, elbows and more may be involved as rock, water, mud and vegetation all combine to impede progress.

The return route is an excellent track down the hillside facing HPB across the valley of the Rio de Aguas, with good long views to the Sierra de la Alcornia. Parts of the route are rich in wild flowers.

Start/car parking: HPB Alfaix.

Refreshments: Bar at HPB

Via bike: No

El Route

From HPB reception walk down to the site road. Turn right, heading for Alfaix bridge.

1. Before the bridge turn sharp left to descend the minor road heading for the rambla, Rio de Aguas. Cross the tributary Rio Jauto at the concrete ford (usually dry) and continue along the road.

2. As the road bends to the right cross the cleared area on the left and follow the track to the right, along the bed of the rambla. This excellent track stays fairly close to the stream amidst dense vegetation, including gorse. Keep right at a fork and continue until you meet the riverbed.

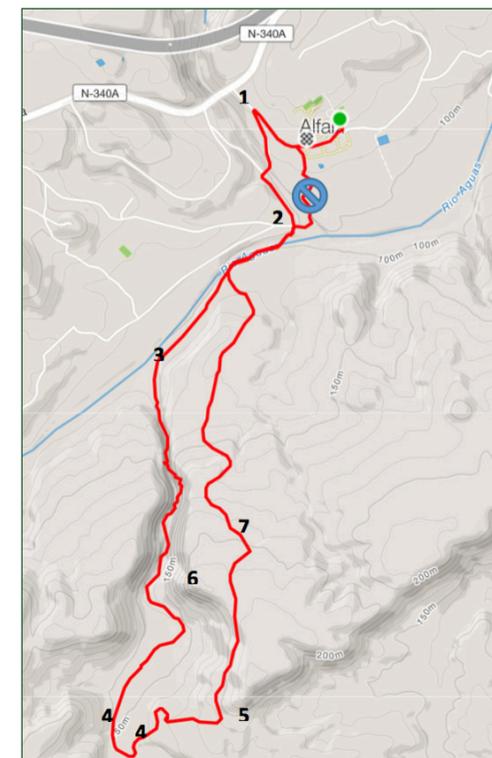
3. Immediately turn left once you meet the riverbed, heading straight ahead to the now visible 'Fossil Valley'. Very dense vegetation leads to uncertainty as to a route through however, eventually the narrow valley broadens and a good track follows the Azagador rambla.

4. Keep following the riverbed, passing the farmhouse building above on the left. Keep left at any fork. (If you can't find the track look for the closest farmhouse out of Fossil Valley, head towards this and from there you will regain visual of the route.

5. After the left bend in the rambla track, passing the farmhouse building mentioned up close, turn sharp left once again leading to the top above Fossil Valley on the left.

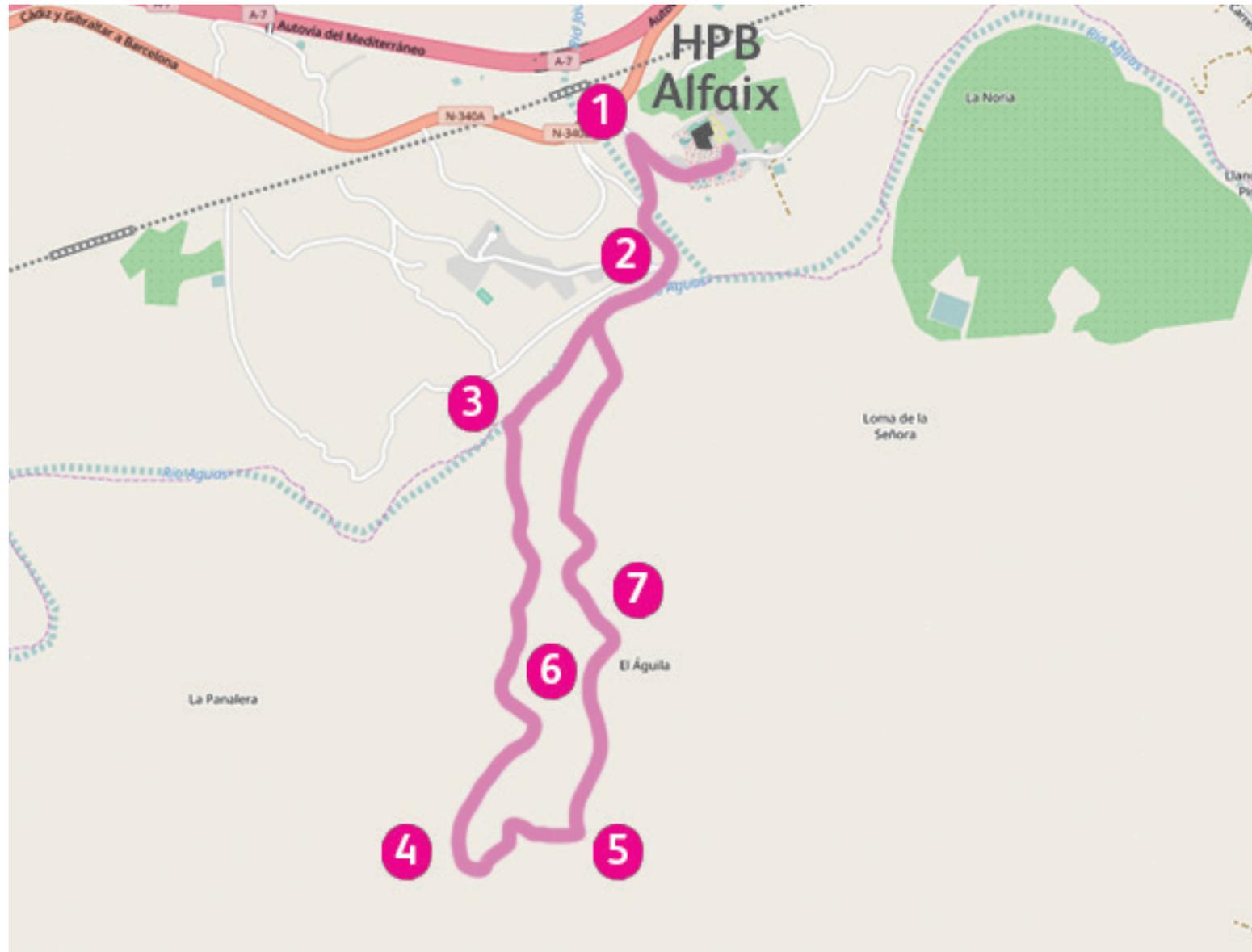
6. Once at the top, take in the fine mountain views.

7. From the top of the track head straight down, passing a large area of almond trees and travelling down between two farmhouse buildings. From this point you have once again some spectacular views of HPB and Alfaix. Keep right until you once again reach the corner bend where the sewage works are located, then head back up to HPB.



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