

Alfaix and The 'Balcon' Track

Walk 4

Distance - 5 miles / 8 km Ascent - 265m (870ft) Mapa Topografico Nacional de Espana, 1031-II,Turre,1:25,000.



There and back again' kind of walk stretching over the hills across the valley of Rio de Aguas, all on good tracks. This route has a section terraced high above an extensive valley, the Barranco del Aire, hence the 'Balcon' title. The ascent is quite prolonged, but height is then maintained for a considerable distance, with fine views. The end of the track is surprisingly close to HPB but do not be tempted! There is no sensible way down the side of the Rio de Aguas valley. Return by the same route, enjoying the views.

Start/car parking: HPB Alfaix

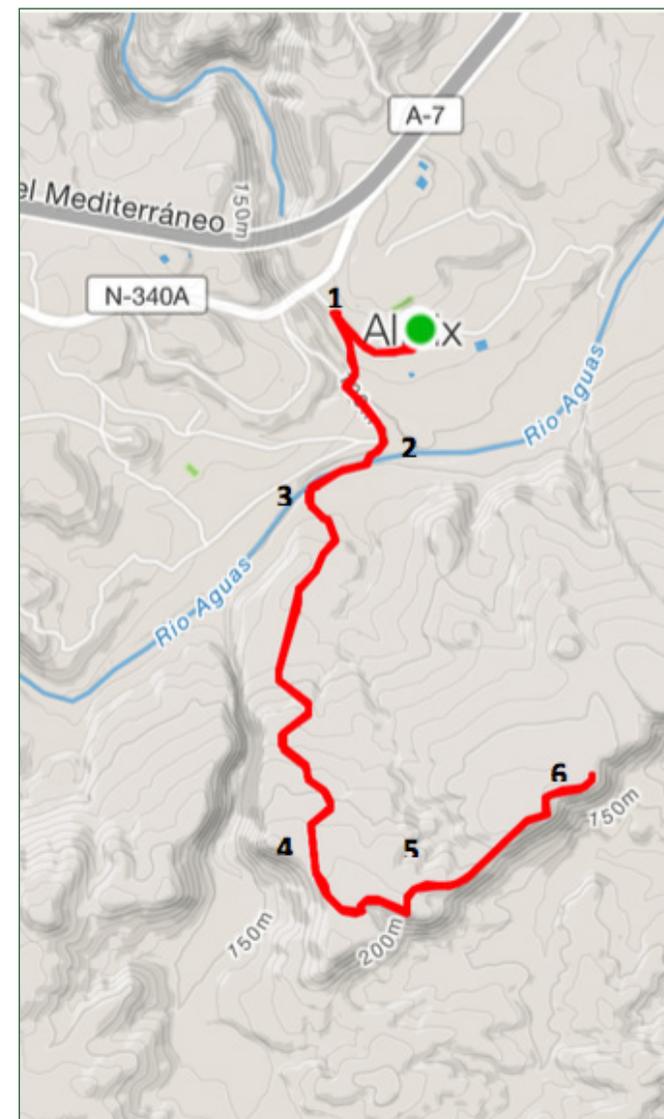
Refreshments: Bar at HPB

Via bike: Yes

El Route

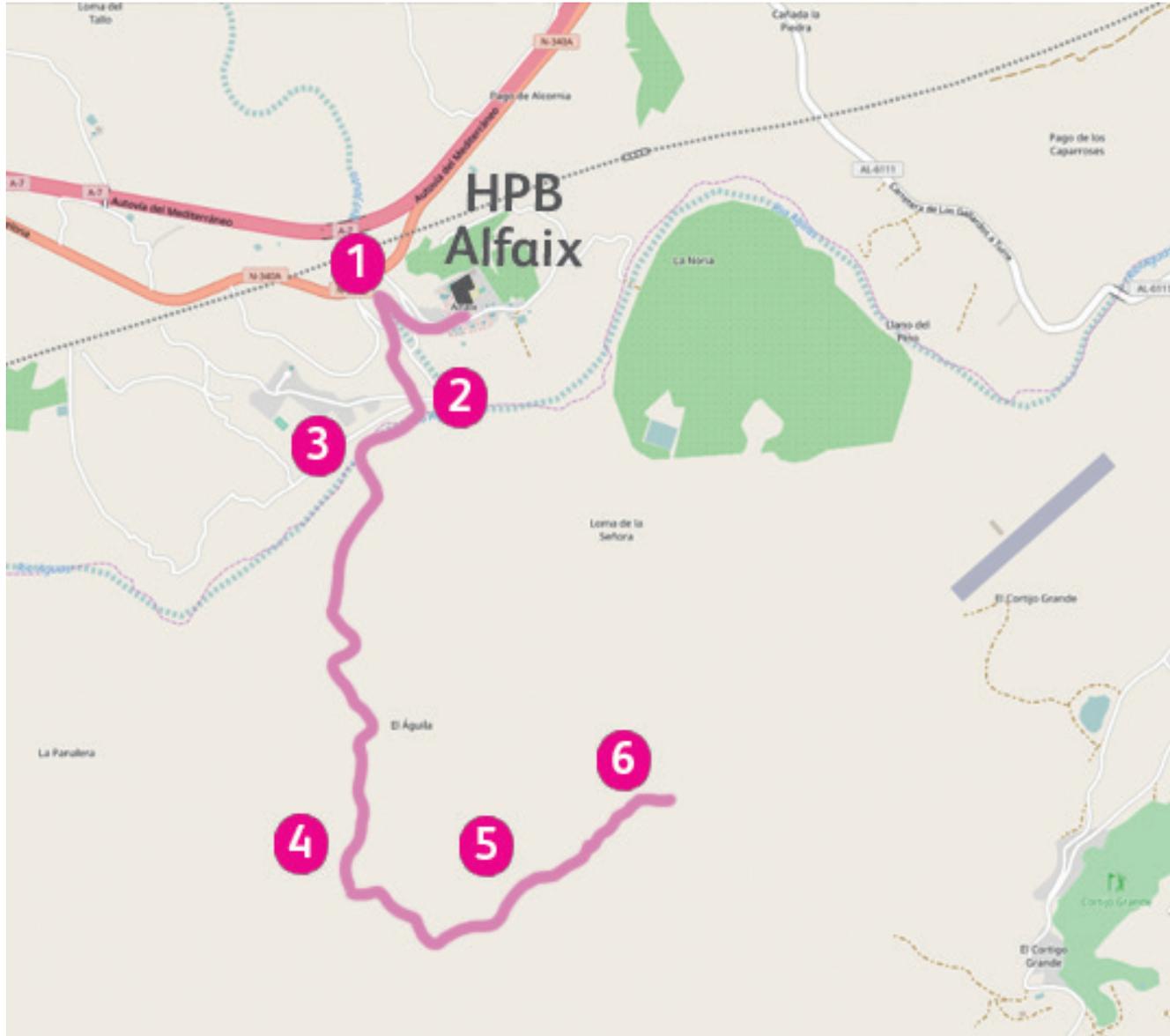
From reception walk down to the site road. Turn right towards Alfaix bridge.

1. Before the bridge turn sharp left to descend along a minor road, crossing the Rio Jauto at the concrete ford (usually dry). Continue along the road.
2. As it bends sharply to the right, cross the cleared area on the left to follow a track to the right.
3. In approximately 200 yards bear left to commence the ascent of the hillside - the gradient is never excessive, passing through two farm buildings, heading now towards the rather roasted almond trees. This next section, is a rough one (and needs to be noted for the return route). The views back to Alfaix and the Sierra de la Alcornia are excellent.
4. Reach the top of the rise at 216m (709ft.). Turn left here along another fine track, still rising. At the next fork keep left, initially gently downhill. Keep left at a 'T' junction to stay with the path along the top edge of the valley side, truly a 'Balcon', with the village of Cortijo Cabrera in view clinging high to the side of the Sierra Cabrera.
5. The path continues, now narrower and heading for a hill, the motorway viaduct at Alfaix is visible ahead.
6. The path peters out to a cleared section. Note: despite the appearance of possible tracks in this area, this really is the end of the walk.
7. Turn around and enjoy the return journey, predominantly downhill.



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