GR 141 GRAN SENDA DE LA SERRANÍA DE RONDA
SECTION 1: RONDA – JIMERA DE LIBAR

LENGHT 22.4 km  DURATION: 7 h

INCLINNESS
Total ascent: 624 m  Total descent: 837 m

CARTOGRAPHY E/1:25.000
1050-II (Montejaque) | 1050-IV (Benaoján) | 1051-I (Arriate) | 1051-III (Ronda) | 1064-II (Cortes de la Frontera)

PROFILE OF THIS SECTION

LINKS TO OTHER APPROVED TRACKS

GREAT TRACKS  SMALL TRACKS  LOCAL TRAILS

GR 7 (E 4) Tarifa - Atarazas  PR-A 255 Ronda - Montejaque  SL-A 38 Ronda - Molinos
GR 249 Gran Senda de Málaga  PR-A 255 Jimena - Cortes  SL-A 138 Rio Guadiaro
GR 243 Sierra de las Nieves  PR-A 258 Jimena - Atajate  SL-A 139 Cueva del Gato
PR-A 221 Ronda - Cartajima  SL-A 35 Ronda - Ventilla
PR-A 71 Ronda - Pilar de Coca  SL-A 36 Ronda - Cabeza

This guide does not offer information regarding the state of conservation of the tracks since it can vary at any time.
SUMMARY OF THE SECTION

This section of the track runs through a territory with great ethnological and environmental value. Its start is located in one of the historical access- es to the town of Ronda, from which we can see the majestic Tajo and the Puente Nuevo (New Bridge). Before reaching the puerto de la Muela (pass of la Muela), we will cross the Hoya del Tajo (river basin of el Tajo) and its splendid Andalusian vegetable gardens. After these, we will come across the stone pine forest of mount Dehesa del Mercadillo, and then a wide valley where the Guadalcobacín and Guadalevín merge their waters and its splendid Andalusian vegetable gardens. From there, we will wander for a while along the Algeciras-Bobadilla railroad track until we get to the Pasada de Gibraltar, where we will follow a trail in continuous ascent that crosses the steep mountainside of the Algarrobo mountain range. From the nearby puerto de Ronda (pass of Ronda) we will enjoy an attractive panoramic view of the Valle del Guadiaro (Guadiaro Valley) and the location of the cueva del Gato (Cat’s cave). In our descent towards Benaoján, we will be surprised by the contrast between the sharp karstic mountainside and the polje on which the town sits. During the next stretch of the trail, we will be able to see the source of the Benaoján river, impressive after constant rains, and the neighbourhood of la Estación (Benaoján Station). The second part of the track runs alongside the left bank of the Guadalevín river and through a narrow valley, in between the Benaoján and the del Palo mountain ranges to the West, and the Monte de las Viñas (Mount of the Vineyard) and the del Conio mountain range to the East. The latter separates the Guadiaro from the nearby Valle del Genal (Genal Valley). During the journey, we will walk through a green canopy of holm oaks and gall-oaks. The other unique feature of the track is the railway line, which crosses the diverse landforms of the area, passing through tunnels and over viaducts. An important part of the track is through the Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park.

MAIN SPOTS OF THIS SECTION

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DESCRIPTION OF THE ITINERARY

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We begin the first part of the GR 141 Gran Senda de la Serranía de Ronda (Great Track of the Serranía de Ronda) in Plaza de María Auxiliadora (María Auxiliadora Square), also known as Plaza del Campillo. It is located in the historical centre of the city and near a row of natural balconies that look over the Hoya del Tajo (river basin of the Tajo de Ronda), a great steep depression through which the Guadalevín river runs. The quickest way to get here, taking the Municipal Tourism Office next to the bull ring as reference, would be to get to the nearby Plaza de España and to cross the famous Puente Nuevo (New Bridge). Then, we just have to follow Armián and Torneo streets.

The wide and stone paved path starts with a steep slope that twists and turns in between the almond trees, known as the Cuesta del Cachondeo. In front of the worn walls of the Albacara, which were once plastered with rammed earth and lime, we find a fork on the road. The path runs alongside the wall and connects the Puerta del Viento (Gate of the Wind), to the left, with the Puerta de los Molinos (Gate of the Mills), to the right. After crossing the Puerta del Viento, we turn to a path which descends to the right. This path is made of slippery pebbles that can make the walk more difficult when it rains. If so, be careful not to fall and watch out for any passing vehicles.

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