

# The Signs along the Long Distance Pathway



A waypoint marker signalling to Continue straight on a protective fence, on Stage 30

**U**n Sendero Homologado (An Official, Certified Trail) is a pathway designed for sports use in the natural environment (hiking, mountain running, cycling or horse-riding), but with an additional focus on tourism, nature and artistic use, or even designed to help the area to develop. Since it has been constructed in a natural setting, signposts are required to direct its visitors. Other signs are there to guarantee the visitor's safety, while a third type is focused on interpreting the route's environmental or historical values.

The visitor will find all these signs when on the Great Malaga Path. The route's signposts follow the guidelines set out by the Andalusian Federation of Mountaineering in its Technical Manual of Footpaths, using the well-known reference of coloured markings on Waypoint markers. The upper white

ring identifies a Certified Trail and the red, yellow and green bands identify the three types: Long Distance Pathway (GR<sup>®</sup>), Short Distance Pathway (PR<sup>®</sup>) and Local Pathway (SL<sup>®</sup>) respectively.

The Environmental Information panels follow the Environment Department's Public Use Manual and have a different format depending on the feature in question. There are Panoramic Signs for the landscape, Themed or Start Signs (for the mapping and the starting points of each Stage or Alternative) and Landmark Signs or Complementary Signs for specific elements of the environment such as a tree or a water mill.

There are signs which are a mixture of both models such as, Posts and Directional Arrows, which indicate and provide information, or those warning about potential dangers, such as proximity to traffic or the very occasional fording of temporary streams.



1 Marker to Continue Along the GR



2 Marker to Continue Along 2 GRs – Different Symbols



3 Marker for a Wrong Direction for the GR



4 A GR overlapping with a SL



5 A GR overlapping with a PR



6 A GR overlapping with a SL and a PR



7 Marker for a SL (and a Pathway for Local Use)



8 Marker for a PR (and an uncertified Pathway)



9 Marker for a PR and SL (and a Pathway for Local Use)



At kilometre 6.5 of Stage 17 there is a sign indicating the start of the Alternative Route 249.2 and four directional arrows indicating the distances and directions of each branch that can be taken. The GR 249 labelling on a red background is present on each of these signs.



Directional arrows at a crossroads where a Long-distance pathway (GR), a Local pathway (SL) and a Short-distance pathway (PR) take different branches.



A Panoramic Sign and a Birdwatching Themed Sign on Stage 21 between El Chorro and Ardales.



Various signs corresponding or not to the design of the Pathway itself, informing about potential dangers to take into account.