

GOOD PRACTICE

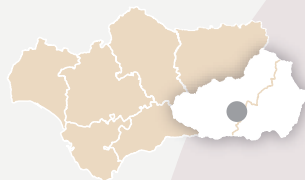


- Please leave rubbish in the bins provided
- Walk on the marked paths
- Please respect private property



- The capture of animals is not permitted
- Starting fires is strictly forbidden
- Plant collecting is not allowed

Emergency phone: 112



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MORE INFORMATION

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Trail
del Aguadero



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OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



ROUTE

Circular

LENGTH

14,0 km

ESTIMATED TIME

5 hour and 30 minutes

DIFFICULTY (MIDE)



Environment: 2

There is more than one risk factor



Itinerary: 3

Precise identification of landforms and cardinal points is required



Underfoot conditions: 2

Walking on bridle paths



Effort: 3

More than 3 h and up to 6 h (3+2+1) of effective running time

TYPE OF TRAIL

Path or track

LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Hilly, steep. Limestones and metamorphic schists. Pine forests. Holm oak forests. Chestnut forests. Alder and riverside forest. Milestones of ethnographic interest

SHADE

Frequent

SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear. Check that the water from fountains is safe to drink.

PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Almería / Laujar de Andarax

SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1028 - Aldeire

START / END COORDINATES

37° 1' 4,05"N – 2° 53' 19,03"W



HOW TO GET THERE

From Laujar de Andarax, take the road that goes to the El Nacimiento recreational area, heading north. After passing it, and after walking about 2 km parallel to the river, we arrive at the beginning of the path, which is on our right.



PARKING

There is a car park with some 10 places at the start of the trail.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

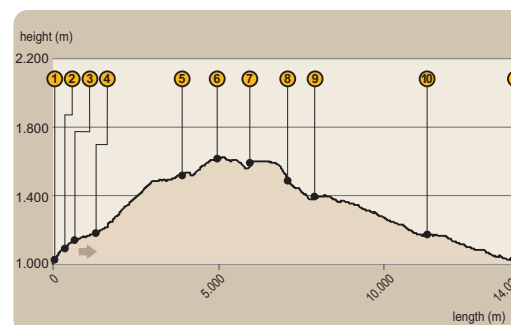
The principal companies running regular bus routes in the area are Alsina Graells Sur (tel. 958 185 480) Maestra Autedia (tel. 958 153 636) and Alsa (tel. 902 42 22 42).



OTHER TRAILS

The trail shares a section of its route with the Monterrey trail. In addition, the natural park offers other routes for hikers. Nearby trails include the Ubeire and Molinos de Isfalada trails.

PROFILE OF ROUTE



MAXIMUM GRADIENT

644 m

MAXIMUM HEIGHT

1.647 m

MINIMUM HEIGHT

1.003 m



THE VARIETY OF THE LANDSCAPES

Walking along this path offers the visitor the opportunity to pass through a great diversity of landscapes. Different types of materials and landforms will give rise to equally different plant formations, often contrasted.



Along with cultivated areas on the slopes of terraces, the difficult conditions in which historically the local populations were supplied with food resources can be observed. Then, we will also cross areas where the vegetation is shown to us in different degrees of naturalness: pine forests, holm oaks, chestnut trees, alder and riverside forests..., and along with them landmarks of a human presence that left its mark on these landscapes: farmhouses, threshing floors, ditches and old facilities for harnessing the energy of rivers and streams.



Banks of the Andarax

We start from the El Nacimiento recreational area, 1 kilometre from Laujar de Andarax. From there we follow the track that goes up, between limestone cliffs, along the banks of the River Andarax to the Chillo Ravine, where the start of this trail is signposted (see [1] in the map). The path ascends between terraces of almond trees, olive trees and holm oaks, until it reaches a splendid plot [2], a place where the cereal grain was traditionally separated from its husk. From here we witness a beautiful landscape: the Andarax Valley, presided over by the Almirez Hill (2,519 m), and the Gádor mountain range, in the background.



Along the path we will observe curious geological phenomena caused by water erosion and the effect of temperature on an area of limestone materials, in which we will observe a large rock fracture [3].

We continue climbing until we cross the Canal de la Hidroeléctrica, an old ditch that supplied several light factories. We leave the canal to enter the pine forest and we will pass by a ruined farmhouse surrounded by large chestnut trees [4]. At this point it is interesting to see the contact between the limestone materials with the metamorphic ones. A Betic endemism is found here: the Ayrupe, a shrub that prefers acid substrates.

Tajos de la Umbria

We continue walking through the reforested pine forest [5] observing the large gullies that erosion has caused on the ground. When we go about three kilometres (from the canal) we will arrive at the Tajos de la Umbria [6], a natural viewpoint, at more than 1,600 meters high. From here we can enjoy a wonderful view, presided over by the Almirez Hill, in which the old terraces stand out where until not many years ago all kinds of cereals were grown. To our right, there is the Peñas Blancas Hill, which we go around to go down to the Aguadero Ravine.



This beautiful and hidden place is the appropriate area to make a stop and observe the vegetation that surrounds us. We will meet in a riverside forest [7] with willows, poplars or ash trees. We cross to the opposite side of the ravine and along a path between pine trees we reach the forest track. At this point of the route we coincide with the Sulayr Trail (GR-240), the beacons of which are red and white.



Castaño de la Rosa

We leave the track by a path to the left. Following it we will arrive at the Castaño de la Rosa [8], a wonderful centennial specimen the trunk of which can only be embraced by several people.



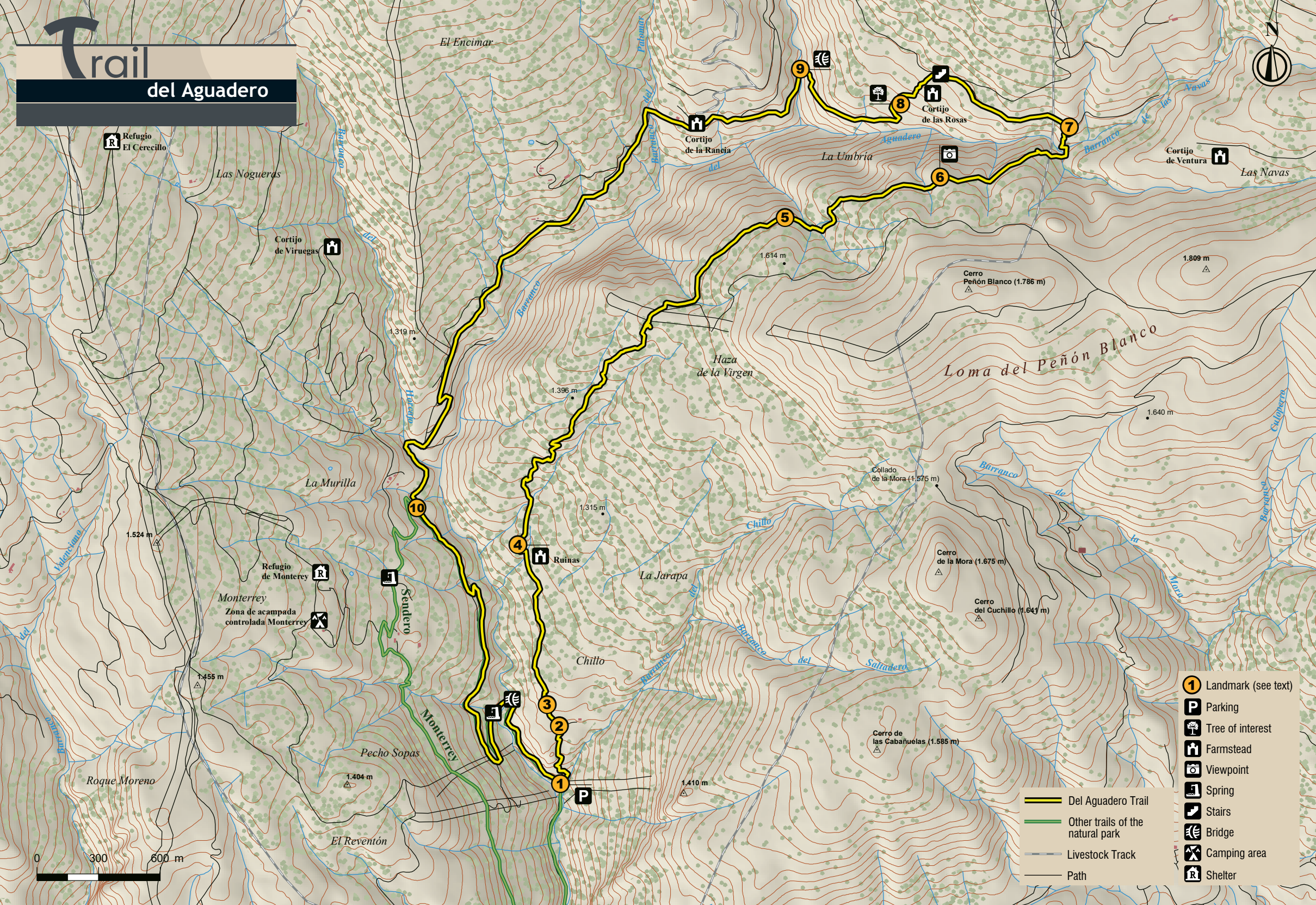
We continue the path, passing through populations of chestnut trees, until we reach the Majada de Las Vacas Ravine and its magnificent alder forest. We cross the ravine over a wooden bridge [9] and climb until we reach the forest track, being near the Cortijo de la Rancia. We will walk about three kilometres along the forest track. We will pass the Palomar Ravine and the Horcajo Ravine. At this point we will find ourselves in the area of La Murilla [10], from where we can enjoy the wonderful panoramic views that the peaks of this area of Sierra Nevada offer us: Almirez (2.519 m) and Buitre (2.464 m). We will continue the forest track for another 5 kilometres to get back to the recreational area.



The Trail of Aguadero will allow us to enjoy a beautiful landscape with abundant vegetation, within which a unique tree such as the Castaño de la Rosa stands out.

During the tour we will pass through several ravines with crystal clear waters and we will see old farmhouses, some of them restored. This privileged environment is considered one of the greenbelts of the province of Almería.

Trail del Aguadero



- 1 Landmark (see text)
- P Parking
- Tree of interest
- House Farmstead
- Camera Viewpoint
- Fountain Spring
- Stairs
- Bridge
- Tent Camping area
- R Shelter

- Del Aguadero Trail
- Other trails of the natural park
- Livestock Track
- Path