GOOD PRACTICE



Please leave rubbish in the hins provided



Walk on the marked paths



Please respect



private property



Plant collecting is not allowed

The capture of animals

is not permitted

Starting fires is

strictly forbidden

Fishing is

prohibited

Emergency phone: 112



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MORE INFORMATION

Cortes de la Frontera Visitor's Centre. Av. de la Democracia s/n. Cortes de la Frontera. Málaga. Tel 952 15 45 99. ventanadelvisitante.







El Burgo La Fuensanta



OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION





• ROUTE

Linear

• LENGTH (OUTWARD)

2.5 km

• ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

1 hour and 30 minutes

• DIFFICULTY

Low

• TYPE OF TRAIL

Track

LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Hilly mountainous relief. Olive groves and cultivated areas in the first section. Reforestation pine forests. Poplar groves in La Fuensanta, Panoramic views,

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

Málaga / El Burgo

SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1051 - Ronda

• START / END COORDINATES

36° 47′ 16,85″N — 4° 56′ 56,15″O 36° 46′ 24.2"N – 4° 57′ 40.96"O

MAXIMUM GRADIENT

HOW TO GET THERE

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

OTHER TRAILS

PROFILE OF ROUTE

PARKING

From Ronda, take the A-366 east towards El

Burgo. Cross the town and just after crossing

There is no car park at the beginning of the

at the recreation area of La Fuensanta.

trail, although it is possible to park the vehicle

The main companies running regular bus routes in the area are Los Amarillos (tel. 952 18 70 61),

Comes (tel. 952 87 19 92) and Autobuses Lara (tel. 952 87 22 60). The nearest train station

is in Ronda (check services and timetables at

The trail shares most of its route with the El

the natural park offers other routes for hikers.

Nearby trails include the Yunguera-Los Sauces

Burgo-Puerto de la Muier trail. In addition.

and Puerto Saucillo-Puerto Bellina trails.

www.renfe.es or tel. 902 24 02 02).

the river El Burgo: the trail begins on the right.

172 m

MAXIMUM HEIGHT

721 m

MINIMUM HEIGHT

549 m



LA FUENSANTA SETTLEMENT

The recreational area of La Fuensanta is part of the natural park's facilities. Its location is particularly attractive to visitors for many reasons. There you will find the La Fuensanta farmhouse, an old flour mill from the 18th century that gives its name to the recreational area. The milling activity used a spring located just behind the building.



The existence of abundant water allows the existence of dense riverside vegetation framed by a leafy poplar grove.

It is a settlement that combines natural, cultural and historical interest, making it particularly pleasant and suitable for use as a recreation and rest area for visitors who walk along the paths of the mountain.



An itinerary that will take us to one of the most attractive spots in the natural park: La Fuensanta. This is a place of special charm due to its lush vegetation, which has been provided with a recreational area around an old 18th century mill building.

Along the way, starting with an obligatory visit to El Burgo, we can appreciate a landscape dominated by a dense pine forest in full regeneration and admire the beauty of centuries-old olive groves.

Towards the port of Los Lobos

We start this path next to the bridge that, at the exit towards Yunquera, passes over the River Burgo (check [1] on the map). At this point we can find several information signs, as well as an arrow of the GR-243 long-distance footpath.

In just 100 metres, a fountain on the left of the track will allow us to refill our water bottles. We soon reach a crossroads where we turn left to begin a climb.



Fountain at the beginning of the trail. Water is the main character at various points along the route

Taking advantage of the fact that we have gained height above the village, we will look back to see the beautiful view [2] of the town centre of El Burgo and, in the background, the Sierra de Alcaparaín mountain range.

Going gradually up the forest track, we reach a fork in little more than 1 km, where we take a path to the right, following the signs for the GR-243 long-distance footpath. After this junction, there are only 200 metres of ascent left to reach the Lobo pass [3].

At this point we reach the highest point of the route (721 metres). In just under a kilometre and a half we have climbed 200 metres.

From here, and until our final destination, the path winds downhill into an enclosed Aleppo pine forest. This pine forest is the result of the natural regeneration of the forest after the abandonment, some time ago, of agricultural work. In fact, we will be struck by the leafy, centuries-old olive trees twisting their branches among the pines. Despite the lushness of the pine forest, in some sections we can look over the canopy and stop to admire the impressive Sierra Prieta massif to the northeast.



Old feral olive trees are interspersed along the path between reforested pine forests, bearing witness to an ancient landscape in which these slopes were used for cultivation



As we continue our walk, we must once again keep an eye out for what appear to be paths that diverge from the one, we are following; they are paths formed by the



comings and goings of domestic and wild animals, which like to take the shortest route. We will always continue on the right.



Little by little, and as we descend, we will see more and more olive trees isolated among the pines, until we reach, almost abruptly, an olive grove like an island surrounded on all sides by pines, behind which rise the majestic canopy of a splendid poplar tree, with canopies of more than 30 metres high. This is the sign indicating that we have reached the recreational area of La Fuensanta [4].

Nearby, there is a spring that provides most of the flow to the stream of the same name that runs through it. The

Fuensanta refuge is also nearby [5].



