

## 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
- Fishing is prohibited
- Plant collecting is not allowed

Emergency phone: 112

MÁLAGA  
GRANADA

PARQUE NATURAL  
Sierras de Tejada,  
Almijara y Alhama

## MORE INFORMATION

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## OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



### ROUTE

Linear

### LENGTH (OUTWARD)

10,5 km

### ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

5 hours

### DIFFICULTY

High

### TYPE OF TRAIL

Path

### LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

High and medium mountain relief with karst forms, characteristic of limestone substrates. Diverse vegetation, depending, among other variables, of altitude. Prevalence of reforested conifer woods and scrub. Snowfall during the winter months is common.

### SHADE

Scant

### SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear. Check that the water from fountains is safe to drink. Take all the necessary precautions and care for a high mountain trek.

### PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Granada y Málaga  
/ Alhama de Granada y Alcaucín

### SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1040 - Zafarralla

### START / END COORDINATES

36° 55' 3,97"N – 4° 5' 20,21"O  
36° 54' 9,56"N – 4° 2' 43,95"O



## HOW TO GET THERE

The main road to Alcaucín is MA-4104, from Puente de Salía, about 15 km to the north of Vélez Málaga by the A-356. When you enter Alcaucín by this road, take a road that branches off to the left: this is the Alcázar path. About 6 km on, you will find the Cortijo del Alcázar recreational area, and that is where the trail begins.



## PARKING

There is a car park with some 15 places at the start of the trail.



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

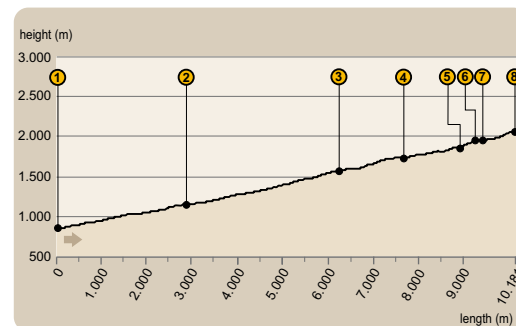
The principal companies running regular bus routes in the area are ALSA (902 42 22 42; www.alsa.es), Los Amarillos (902 21 03 17; www.losamarillos.es) and Linebus (902 35 55 33; www.linebus.com).



## OTHER TRAILS

The natural park has an extensive offering of marked trails. There are two trails that reach the La Maroma summit. El Robledal - La Maroma, by the northern slope, and Canillas de Aceituno - Casa de la Nieve, by the southern slope.

## PROFILE OF ROUTE



### MAXIMUM GRADIENT

1.226 m

### MAXIMUM HEIGHT

2.068 m

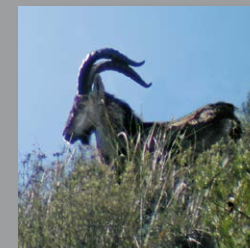
### MINIMUM HEIGHT

842 m

## IBERIAN IBEX

The Iberian ibex is distributed in isolated populations in different mountain areas between the Pyrenees and Gibraltar, although the highest density populations are located in the Baetic

Mountains. The Sierra de Tejada and Sierra de Almijara mountain ranges are two of the most important homes for this species. They were hunted, for food or for sport, to within an inch of extinction, and that is the reason that the area was declared a National Hunting Reserve in 1973.



In subsequent years, an outbreak of scabies decimated the populations of Iberian ibex throughout Spain. Currently, though, populations are growing, and they can be spotted fairly easily in the roughest areas, especially along the tracing of this trail.





## El Alcázar

The starting point of the trail is the Cortijo el Alcázar, recreational area, at about 6 km from Alcaucín and accessible by a dirt road. This area is blessed by abundant water and vegetation, as well as many and diverse public facilities. Just nearby there is an old Arab fortress, that gave its name to the area. To start the trail, take a path to the east that starts just behind the *cortijo* or farmstead and closed for vehicles by a chain (see [1] on the map). A little further down there is a path that we will take to the right and continue to a curve to the left, leaving behind a path that branches off to the right.



Go up the northern slope towards Cerro Tacón under the canopy of an irregular pine patch, with a humid atmosphere that allows for the presence of turpentine trees, narrow-leaved mock privet and many other shrub and herbaceous species. After a long section towards the north-northeast, you will cross a firebreak and arrive at the foot of the summit of Cerro Tacón [2], from where you may enjoy view over the Axarquía and its dense network of traditional villages, with the addition of recently-built isolated cottages, and the La Viñuela reservoir, with its special colour.

## Loma de las Víboras

The trail makes a deep turn, and, for an important part of the trail, shall go towards the south-east along the fire-break that goes to Hoyo de los Castellone. At this point, the trails climb again to Erilla Tarara and subsequently to the hill called Loma de las Víboras [3], where, if the frequent mists allow it, you will see a different perspective: the eastern part of the Zafarraya plains.

The climb is now less steep and the views prettier: the rocky cliffs Los Castillejos to one side and La Alcauca to the other, and, at your feet, the Zafarraya plains and the Granada mountains.



The slope becomes steeper in the Cuesta de las Víboras, and ends in the rocky plains Las Allanadas, dotted by holm and Portuguese oaks. The path continues south, and turns east shortly afterwards, in the direction of the hill called Majada del Arce. The trail goes by its summit [4], by a pass at the heads of the canyons called Mojón (front) and Espino (left), where there is a source called Fuente del Espino).

## Maroma

The trail continues going up to the south, in the direction of its destination, the summit of Maroma. The Fuente Santa [5] pass will give you a break and the opportunity of admiring the views. From here, look for the peak that leads to the summit.

After another steep section you will walk across a new path and, further on, find another source, Fuente Santa or Fuensanta, around which a small patch of pine and maple trees has grown. Next comes the Acarraero [6] pass and its old snow gauge.



The trail continues along the watershed divide, that also marks the boundary between the provinces of Málaga and Granada. Before the summit you will find the ruins of the house called Casa de las Nieves [7], and a new snow gauge. An undergrowth of large junipers will call your attention.

The last step to the summit [8] is here. Take the safest way possible. And, finally, you have arrived: enjoy the privileged views and the feeling of having the world at your feet.

The highest point in Sierra de Tejada and also in the entire province of Málaga is over two thousand metres of altitude, is only 17 kilometres away from the seaside and twelve from Alhama de Granada. The panoramic views from La Maroma on a clear day can reach Sierra Nevada or the African coastline. It is truly a live lesson in geography. The view answers a lot of questions, and at the same time poses new ones. All this makes the climb a worthy trek along the north-east slope of the mountain.



# Trail

## Alcázar La Maroma



- Landmark (see text)
- Parking
- Farmstead
- Recreational area
- Spring
- Camping area

- Alcázar - La Maroma Trail
- Other trails in the Natural Park
- Boundaries of the Natural Park
- Path
- Electrical Line



### PARQUE NATURAL SIERRAS DE TEJEDA, ALMIJARA Y ALHAMA

Zona de acampada controlada La Alcaúca

Cerro Tacón (1.173 m)

Peñón del Romero (1.167 m)

Cerro del Pimiento (1.341 m)

1.211 m

1.301 m

841 m

Los Castellones

La Alcaúca

Los Barracones

El Alcázar

Erilla Turara

Loma de las Víboras

Cerro de la Majada del Arce (1.769 m)

1.744 m

Área recreativa El Alcázar

Puesto Blanquillo

Cortijo de Alcázar

Cerro del Tojo Fuerte (1.224 m)

Allanadas

Collado Cerro del Mojón

Cerro del Selladero (1.744 m)

Cerro del Mojón (1.909 m)

1.889 m

Collado de Fuente Santa

1.948 m

Collado El Acarraero

1.942 m

Collado Casa de las Nieves

2.068 m

Maroma (2.068 m)

Sendero

Robledal - La Maroma

Collado Torrecilla

S. Canillas de Aceituno - Casa de la Nieve

Loma de Capellania

Las Llanadas