

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



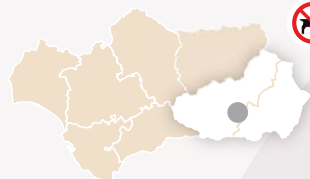
Fishing is prohibited



Plant collecting is not allowed



Dogs must not be kept loose



Emergency phone: 112

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Trail

La Ragua-
Lagunilla Seca



OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



ROUTE

Linear

LENGTH (OUTWARD)

7,9 km

ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

3 hours

DIFFICULTY

Medium

TYPE OF TRAIL

Path and track

LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

The landscape is dominated in the foreground by large areas of crops, which in an intermediate zone give way to reforestation pine forests, before being reduced to large areas of scrubland and gorse, the only organisms capable of surviving in these dolomitic sands at the highest altitudes

SHADE

Frequent

SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

RECOMMENDATIONS

You must wear hiking boots and know the weather forecast. Recommended season: Spring, summer and autumn. In summer, avoid midday. 200 m away from La Ragua in the direction of Laroles, we can find water in the Pilar de las Yeguas.

PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Almería, Granada /
Bayárcal, Ferreira, Dólar y Huéneja

SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1028 - Aldeire

START / END COORDINATES

37° 6' 48,49" N – 3° 1' 44,06" O
37° 5' 58,82" N – 2° 58' 21,01" O



HOW TO GET THERE

From the village of La Calahorra take the A-337 road that crosses the Alpujarra. After a little less than 15 km along this mountain road, we reach the Ragua pass and its recreational area of the same name, the starting point of our route.



PARKING

There is car park at the start of the trail and there are also places nearby to leave your vehicle.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

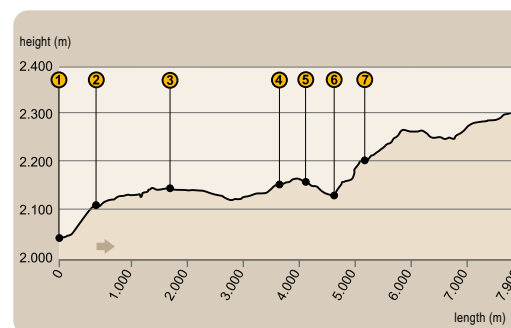
The main service provider for the area is Alsa (Tel. 902422242); www.alsa.es.



OTHER TRAILS

The natural park offers other routes, the first 4.8 kilometres share a section with the GR-240 and the starting point of the PR-A 334 La Ragua - Lagunilla Seca is practically next to the beginning of this path.

PROFILE OF ROUTE



MAXIMUM GRADIENT

262 m

MAXIMUM HEIGHT

2.300 m

MINIMUM HEIGHT

2.038 m

MOUNTAIN PASSES OF SIERRA NEVADA

The Puerto de la Ragua is the most important natural pass in the Sierra Nevada, as despite being situated at an altitude of over 2,000 metres, it is the main gap that opens up between the north and south faces of the Sierra Nevada, thus communicating the areas of Guadix and the Arquesado with the Alpujarra.

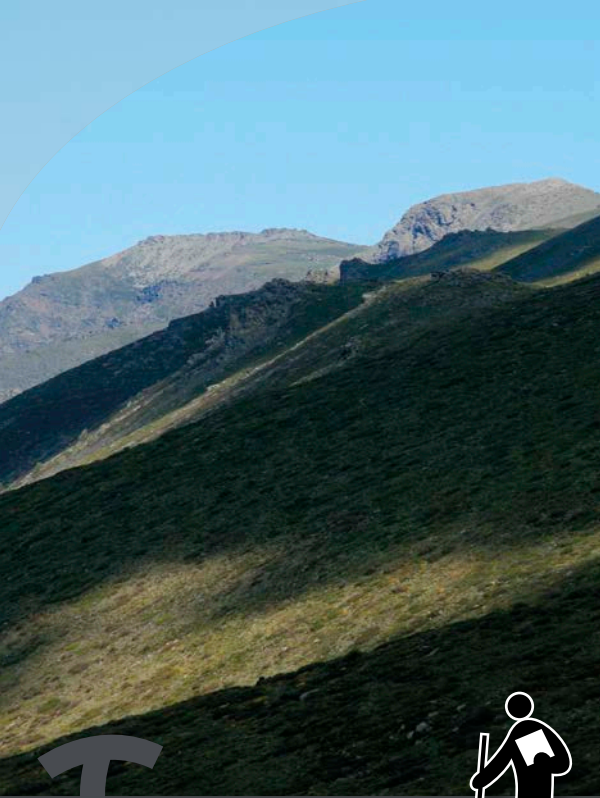
The two slopes are very different, while to the north we find the enormous ochre plains of the Marquesado, to the south we can see the green and extensive terraced lands of the foothills of the Sierra Nevada.

Mountain passes like this one have for centuries been a place of constant movement of goods and people, passing from one side of the mountain massif to the other to trade, buy and sell all kinds of materials. Several muleteers were found frozen to death in these mountain passes, which were very hard and terrible during the winter months.

Finally, we must not forget that the pass of La Ragua is an important historical settlement, through which the Christian armies crossed during the Moorish Wars of La Alpujarra, which from 1568 to 1570 shook the Castilian hegemony in the kingdom of Granada and which led to the subsequent expulsion of the Moors from Spain.



A picture of the past, when it was necessary to cross the Alpujarra with mule trains.



La Ragua-Lagunilla Seca

Puerto de la Ragüa recreational area

We start this itinerary at the Puerto de la Ragüa recreational area, at an altitude of 2,045 metres, a strategic place situated between the two slopes of the Sierra Nevada and on the provincial boundary between Granada and Almería.

Our path leaves the recreation area behind us. We share this part of the route with the Sulayr GR-240 Path, a magnificent circular route in nineteen stages that surrounds the entire Sierra Nevada mountain massif.

After only 150 metres of gentle ascent, we leave the forest track to go left into the reforested pine forest, where we will repeatedly cross the different loops of the service lane that during the winter months is used as a cross-country skiing circuit.



Several firebreaks are spread throughout the area to protect the pine forest in case of fire.

This brings us to the wide firebreak (check [1] on the map), which descends from the top of Chullo, at an altitude of 2,613 metres, and which we follow for 350 metres before entering the pine forest once again.

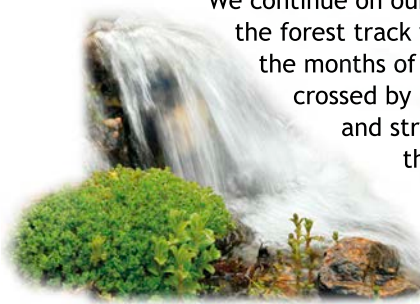
In this wooded area, further away from the road and the recreational area, we will have the opportunity to observe some of the rich wildlife that populates the area, including foxes, weasels, wild boar and birds such as blackbirds, jays and coal tits.

With the Marquesado at our feet

After 1 kilometre, our path through the pine forest turns into a comfortable track, which runs along the side of the Chullo, offering us increasingly fuller and wider views of the vast Llanos del Marquesado [2], where we can make out numerous windmills and photovoltaic energy panels. This great development, which has taken place in just a few years, has turned the Marquesado area into one of the world's leading renewable energy production centres.



We continue on our way along the forest track which, during the months of spring thaw, is crossed by numerous ravines and streams such as the Castañar [3] watercourse, where a multitude of riverside flowers and



bushes grow, sheltered by the humidity offered by this settlement.

We will walk along the track for another 900 metres, passing a shepherds' shelter [4] before reaching the junction with a firebreak, where we leave the main road and the Sulayr path to take the path [5] to the right that leads to Lagunilla Seca.



Dandelion

Towards Lagunilla Seca

The path now goes uphill again and after a steep climb of just over 500 metres, we reach a shepherds' shelter [6], similar to the one we left next to the Castañar watercourse, although it is in a worse state of conservation.



Extensive cattle farming is developed in this area, being brought to these areas during the spring and summer

months in search of cooler pastures, which is why it is common to see herds scattered around these areas.

From here, our trail climbs upwards among pines and junipers, crossing several ravines such as the Dólar Ravine, which flows into the River Isfalada and from there to the Huéneja Reservoir and the village of the same name that can be seen at the foot of the mountains.

This is how we finally reach the area of Lagunilla Seca. Depending on the time of year, we will find it full or empty, so it is advisable to come during the thawing period to admire this interesting and unknown corner of the Sierra Nevada.

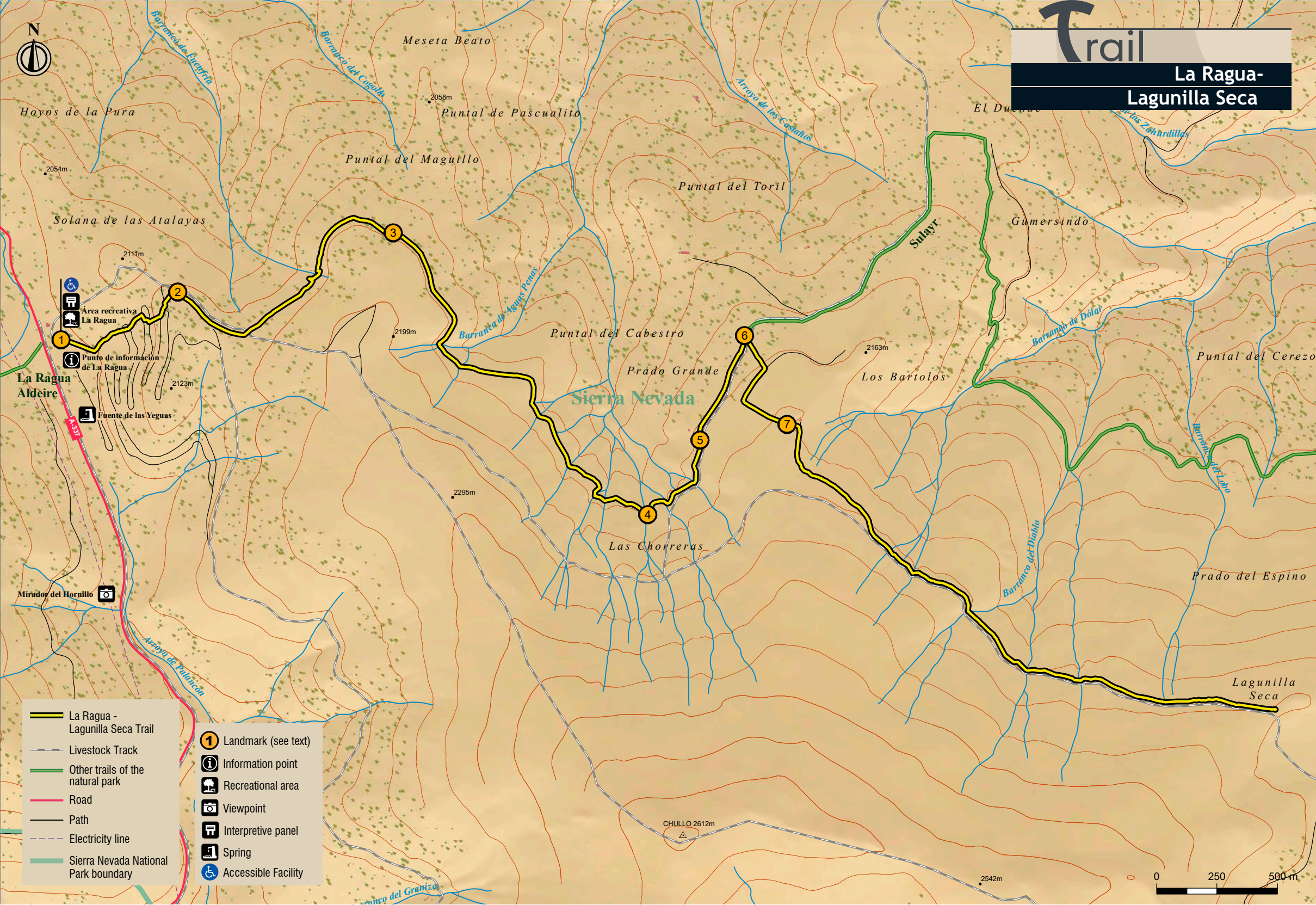
We will return to our starting point by the same route, so that we can once again admire the natural and scenic values that this area of the snowy massif has to offer.

This trail, which starts at the Puerto de la Ragua recreational area, will take us up through reforested pine woods and forest tracks to the Lagunilla Seca settlement, located at an altitude of 2,300 metres on the eastern slope of the Chullo peak.

At the same time, this trail will take us through the easternmost part of the Sierra Nevada in Granada, on the border with the province of Almería, where we can enjoy excellent panoramic views of the Llanos del Marquesado and the Sierra de Baza as a backdrop.

Trail

La Ragua-Lagunilla Seca



- La Ragua - Lagunilla Seca Trail
- Livestock Track
- Other trails of the natural park
- Road
- Path
- Electricity line
- Sierra Nevada National Park boundary
- Landmark (see text)
- Information point
- Recreational area
- Viewpoint
- Interpretive panel
- Spring
- Accessible Facility

