# **GOOD PRACTICE**



Please leave rubbish in the bins provided











Fishing is

The capture of animals

is not permitted

Starting fires is

strictly forbidden

# **Emergency phone: 112**



## MORE INFORMATION

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El Lucero



#### OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



# • ROUTE

Linear

# • LENGTH (OUTWARD)

3 km

# • ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

2 hours

## • DIFFICULTY

Very high

## • TYPE OF TRAIL

Path

#### LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Trees such as maritime pines, Spanish junipers, holm oaks, and shrubs such as wild lavander and Genista scorpius. Almost from the begiing, the skyline of Sierra Nevada can be seen at the distance, and as the trail goes up you will be able to enjoy the views over a large part of the Sierra de Tejeda, Almijara and Tejeda and parts of the Malaga coast (Axarquía).

## • SHADE

Scant

## SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Authorisation required

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear

#### • PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Granada / Jatar (Arenas del Rey)

## • SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1040 - Zafarraya

## • START / END COORDINATES

 $36^{\circ} 52^{'} 29,64$ " N  $- 3^{\circ} 54^{'} 49,95$ " O  $36^{\circ} 52' 3" N - 3^{\circ} 53' 26,6" O$ 

## HOW TO GET THERE

From the town of Fornes (Granada): Take road GR-3302 in the direction of Arenas del Rev and after 500 m, take path off the road to the left, in the direction of La Resinera. Continue straight on, leaving La Resinera to your left, and continuing along the GR-7 path until arriving to the Cómpeta summit. Barely 50 m after the summit, the trail starts.



#### PARKING

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



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Granada-Fornes: ALSA Buses, (tel. 902 42 22 42; www.alsa.es).



#### OTHER TRAILS

The natural site offers other routes, and the GR-7 trail runs nearby.

#### PROFILE OF ROUTE



## MAXIMUM GRADIENT

452 m

#### MAXIMUM HEIGHT

1.777 m

#### MINIMUM HEIGHT

1.325 m



# VIEWS ON THE ASCENT

This is a very hard route. The description of the way up leaves no doubt: the way down will be even harder. Please be extremely careful of tor step, since the terrain is not stable. However, enjoying the views after a hard way up is really worth the effort. Make sure to take one last glance before you start the way down.



As the watchman over the divide between the provinces of Málaga and Granada stands the summit called Pico del Lucero, which towers over the Sierra de la Almijara. This trail climbs up to its summit at 1,997 m. This trail is located at the Sierra de Tejeda, Almijara and Alhama Natural Park, which offers a wide range of trails, paths and adventured.

The summit is occupied by an abandoned Guardia Civil precint of which only two walls are still standing. These ruins have become part of the landscape and you can enjoy a wide view of the area by looking outside one of its windows.

# **Preamble**

The start of the trail (see [1] on map is by a small rushing creek. and the first section is a slightly steep slope uphill, a preparation for the much steeper final section of the route. From the very beginning the air is filled by the scent of wild lavender and other plants that grow amid the limestones rocks, and the view is dominated by the presence of Sierra Nevada. As the trail continues, the views expand, now over the Berjemales reservoir.







You will see this view at the last section uphill. You will see the Bermejales reservoir together with the populations around it: Fornes, Arenas del Rey.

Shadow is not abundant, and only found under a small patch of maritime pines, which in the past was used to obtain resin, which was then used by chemical industry.

# The climb

The trail is virtually entirely uphill, and the last section is rather demanding. After the patch of maritime pines, the trail starts to go up. After a few metres, it has climbed enough to admire a large part of the coast of the region of Malaga called the Axarquia [2], and, again, the Bermejales reservoir. At this section, the trail runs a rather steep slope. If you suffer from achrophobia, we recommend you to skip this section of the trail, you will not enjoy it.



Shadow along the trail is scant, although, a little before the middle of the trail, there is a shadowy patch of maritime pines under which it is possible to take a break.

The real thing starts after this summit: it is time to tie up your shoelaces, have a good slug of water and make one last effort: here starts the true climb up



to the Lucero summit or Raspón de los Moriscos. In order to minimise the effort of climbing, the trail zigzags uphill, up a rocky slope in which there is the danger of small rock falls. Even so, it is very much worth it, since the trail offer magnificent views in all directions.

# The reward

Amid the

mountains, in an apparently unreachable summit, stand the ruins of a small building, and, astonishing as it may seem, this is the end of the trail. The climb has been completed and now it is time to enjoy the hard-earned reward: a 360° [3] panoramic view over the Axarquiía region in the province of Malaga, where towns such as Nerja, Torrox and Vélez-Málaga stand. Next comes Sierra de Tejada, that joins the ranges of Sierra de Almijara. The snowy mountain tops of Sierra Nevada are a little further away. The trail goes west and runs across Sierra de Almijara and its towns, such as those that stand by the Bermejales reservoir, such as Arenas del Rev and Fornes. Everything is at our feet. If you want to take a rest in the shadows, you can take a break by the walls of an old Guardia Civil garrison and compound.



