### **GOOD PRACTICE**



Please leave rubbish in the bins provided



Walk on the marked paths

Please respect



strictly forbidden Plant collecting is not allowed

The capture of animals

is not permitted

Starting fires is

# **Emergency phone: 112**



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### MORE INFORMATION

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# **Bastidas Floranes**



#### OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



• ROUTE

Linear

### • LENGTH (OUTWARD)

3.9 km

# • ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

1 hour and 45 minutes

#### • DIFFICULTY

Moderate. Steep slopes in the rocky areas

#### • TYPE OF TRAIL

Path or track

### LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Steep slopes, canyons and gorges covered by pines, holm oaks, walnut trees and riparian vegetation. You may possibly spot birds, Iberian ibex, squirrels, etc.

#### SHADE

Frequent

## • SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

#### PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Granada / Baza

#### • SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

994 - Baza ; 1012 - Fiñana

#### • START / END COORDINATES

37° 20′ 59,41″N — 2° 45′ 52,42″O 37° 19' 47,04"N – 2° 46' 20,28"O

#### HOW TO GET THERE

From Baza, to the southeast, taking the A-334 road to Caniles. Once at this point, take the county road GR-8101 in the direction of Escúllar. Áfter about 14 km, there is a path that branches off to the right. You will have to take the path left and continue straight on for about 3km. This path will lead you to the recreational area of Bastidas, where the trail starts.



#### PARKING

There is a carpark with some 15 places at the entrance of the Bastidas recreational area.



# **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

The main companies running regular bus routes in the area are ALSA (tel. 902 42 22 42), Autedia S.A. (tel. 958 15 36 36) and Hijos de Simón Maestra García (tel. 958 70 06 60).



#### OTHER TRAILS

Once toy have completed this trail, you can continue walking the trails of Floranes-Cortijo del Tío Capote and Floranes-Arredondo. Besides, part of the tracing of this trail is shared with the trail Floranes-Cerro Panizo.

#### PROFILE OF ROUTE



#### MAXIMUM GRADIENT

355 m

#### MAXIMUM HEIGHT

1.530 m

#### MINIMUM HEIGHT

1.175 m

# A WOOD **POPULATED BY SOUIRRELS**

Along the tracing of the Bodurria river, next to the path, there is a small colony of this friendly furry animals.

The frequent presence of squirrels in the Sierra de Baza has been documented up to the mid-20th century, when they vanished. However, in the 1960s, several dozens of squirrels from the Sierra de Cazorla were re-introduced in the area near



They colonized a small long strip along the Bodurria stream- The constant flow of the river in ths section, from the vicinity of Arredondo to those of Bastidas, covers their needs for water and

Squirrels feed mostly on fruits and seeds, especially pine cones, that they peel with astounding skill. The complete their diets with mushrooms, shoots and even birds' eggs that they find when jumping around trees.

Although naturally shy, they are curious enough to keep an eye on everything that happens on their territory, so be sure that you are being



In just under two hours, this route across the natural park offers the chance to admire landscapes that make a striking contrast.

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And, in all cases, you will be able to discover the traces left by human presence throughout history: caves, limekilns and farmsteads, sometimes hidden and sometimes standing out in this rough landscape.

Other inhabitants, such as squirrels or specimens of Iberian ibex also leave traces of their presence.

# Bastidas recreational area

The trail begins at

natural park.

the recreational area of Bastidas (see [1] on the map), that, together with Canaleja, Pinarillo, Tablas y Olmos, are included in the Narváez Visitors' Centre and Nature Classroom that make up the public services for the enjoyment of the

Leaving the recreational area behind, the trail runs up a narrow path that crosses a small canyon to arrive at the terraces of the farmstead called Cortijada de Bastidas [2]. During the climb up, you will cross an impressive patch of holm oaks, with some specimens that are well worth a stop. Once in there, you will be able to admire the renovation carried out by the Escuela Taller de Floranes to turn the old Bastidas farmstead into hostel. Continue own towards the Bodurria creek but, before completing the descent, you will pass by a natural viewpoint from which you will be able to admire, on the opposite slope, the famous La Golfa cave [3].

Caves were inhabited in this area since Neolithic times, and were used as shelters or burial places. Subsequently, since the Roman era to this day, they have been used to keep livestock.



# Bodurria creek

Riverside forests, also known as gallery forests, grow along the banks of watercourse and take advantage of the abundance of water and humidity.

Riverside tree are deciduous trees and every autumn is a festival of colour, with their yellow, ochre and orange leaves are a striking contrast with the deep greens of the evergreen trees that surround them.

The path crosses a poplar grove [4] where, if you pay attention, you will be able to spot squirrel's nests or even squirrels themselves looking for food.



Yu will also feel the special climate unique to this type of forests, which are much more humid, cooler and with more stable temperatures than their surroundings pine woods.

During the climb up the Floranes canyon [5], the path starts going among reforested pine woods. These pine woods are home to a large variety of birds, which are in charge of providing a soundtrack for the climb.

# The old Florantes forest house

If you are lucky, as you get closer to the canyon you will be able to spot several species of birds and specpimens of Iberian



ibex, that, although their preferred spots are Calares de Santa Bárbara and Casa Heredia, during the winter months come to fed in lower areas.

Thus, this canyon and the surroundings of Bastidas are a good place to spot them. However, due to their highly-developed sight, hearing and sense of smell, if you want to spot one of them you are advised to walk in silence and have your binoculars ready at all times.



Near the old Floranes forest house [6] other trails start, such as the Floranes-Cerro Panizo trail and the Floranes-Arredondo trail, both good options to for future visits to this natural park.

This route is completed by a vist to the old Floranes forest house, with its unique entrance arch, its central court, and its beautiful surroundings.



