

## 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



JAÉN

PARQUE NATURAL  
Sierras de Cazorla,  
Segura y Las Villas

## MORE INFORMATION

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Cueva del Agua  
de Tíscar



## OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



### • ROUTE

Linear

### • LENGTH (OUTWARD)

0,06 km

### • ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

15 minutes

### • DIFFICULTY

Low

### • TYPE OF TRAIL

Stairs

### • LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Rupicolous and riparian species.

### • SHADE

Plentiful

### • SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

### • RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear. Caution with slopes and stairs.

### • PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Jaén / Quesada

### • SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

949 - Pozo Alcón

### • START / END COORDINATES

37° 46' 3,86"N — 3° 1' 24,61"O

37° 46' 4,92"N — 3° 1' 27,9"O



## HOW TO GET THERE

From Quesada take the A-6206 southbound towards Pozo Alcón. After about 13 km we find the Sanctuary of Tíscar on our left. The trail starts at this point.



## PARKING

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



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

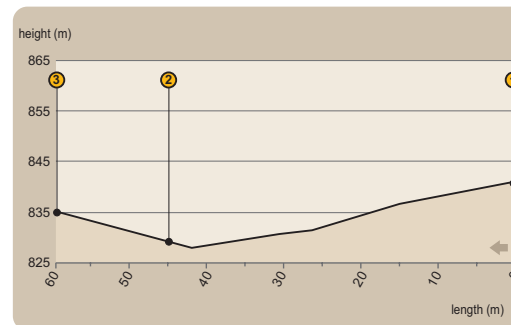
The principal companies running regular bus routes in the area are Alsina Graells (tel. 953 75 21 57), and Autocares Carcesa (tel. 953 72 11 42)



## OTHER TRAILS

The natural park offers other routes for hikers. Nearby trails include the Barranco de las Sabinas and Guazalamanco trails.

## PROFILE OF ROUTE



### • MAXIMUM GRADIENT

13 m

### • MAXIMUM HEIGHT

841 m

### • MINIMUM HEIGHT

828 m

## THE LEGEND OF THE VIRGIN

According to legend, the Moors who inhabited the castle of Tíscar believed that the Christians' insistence on conquering their fortress was because they wanted to recover an image of the Virgin that they possessed. It was therefore thrown from the tower into the river gorge. But, magically, the image reappeared before them again and again.

Their chief, Mahomad Andon, enraged, smashed it to pieces with his cutlass. When the Christians conquered the castle, they found out what had happened, and when they found the pieces, they took them to Toledo to repair them. But, once again, the Virgin miraculously reappeared in Tíscar.



Legends such as these inspired the verses of Antonio Machado who, in 1917, was impressed by the diminutive stature of the virgin:



«In the Sierra de Quesada there is a giant eagle, greenish, black and golden; its wings are always open. It is made of stone and does not get tired. Past Puerto Lorente, the mountain horse gallops through the clouds. It never tires: it is made of rock. In the hollow of the ravine, the fallen horseman can be seen, raising his arms to the sky. His arms are made of granite. And where no one climbs there is a laughing eagle with its blue river in its arms. It is the Virgen de la Sierra».





## Cueva del Agua de Tíscar

### Sanctuary of Tíscar

To access our path we take a road that comes off the A-6206 to the right in the direction of Pozo Alcón, after leaving the tunnel under the Sanctuary of Tíscar.

It was the first Christians, after the Reconquest, who built this Marian temple. Centuries passed and it became a place of pilgrimage. Next to its chapel, a hamlet was built to provide lodging for the weary pilgrims. Subsequently, after successive restoration and enlargement works, it can be found as we see it today.



If we follow its winding route for about five hundred metres we will reach the beginning of the path (check [1] on the map), where we can find a car park where we can stop it.



### Descent to the pool

The route is short but intense and, although it is short, we must be careful not to slip, due to the numerous stairs and the humidity of the place.



At the very beginning there are some stairs that lead down to a landing. For a while, we will have to crouch down to pass about 10 metres of a tunnel through which a ditch passes. Further on, we will find some stairs on the left hand side, from here the cave is already clearly visible. We can either venture down these stairs and stop again at a viewpoint [2], or continue down to the final platform.

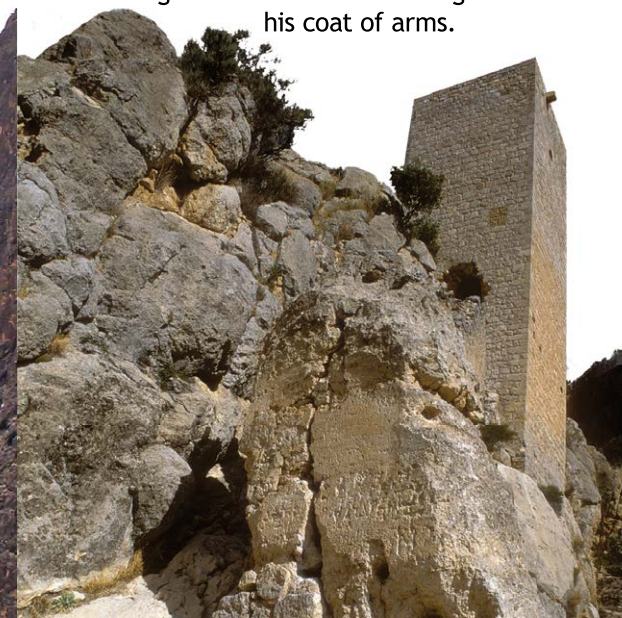
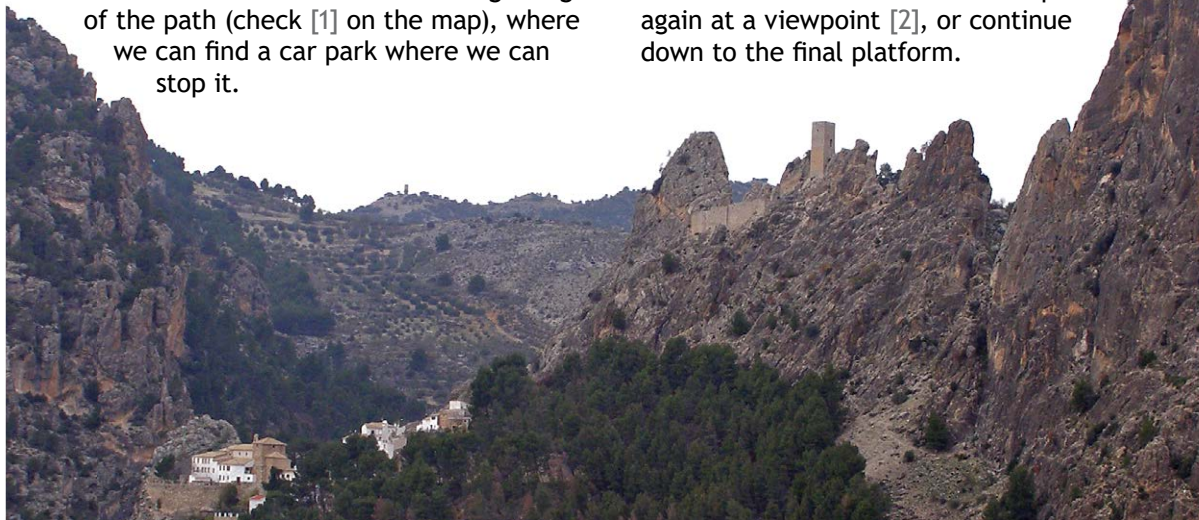


### The Cave of the Virgin

In front of us is the image of the Virgin [3] among the mosses and ferns, surrounded by candles and other relics that, according to tradition, only the young men of Belerda can bring up to place.

The cave presents a combination of light and dark, water and whimsical stone shapes (stalactites, stalagmites and columns). The vegetation blends with these elements, creating unique environments. It is known as the Cave of the Virgin of Tíscar because, according to tradition, the Virgin appeared there in 1319 to the kinglet of Tíscar, Mahomad Abdón.

The castle, of small size, is of Muslim origin, dating from the 14th century. It is perched on a fine ridge of the Peña Negra. It is really complicated and dangerous to reach it. This difficulty was still evident when it was restored a few years ago. According to legend, when the castle was reconquered, the squire of the feat, Pere Hidalgo, was granted a golden star on a red background on his coat of arms.





# Sendero

## Cueva del Agua de Tíscar



A QUESADA

Castillo  
de Tíscar

Santuario  
y Ermita de Tíscar

Tíscar

1.025 m

1.022 m

996 m

Peña Negra

Caballo

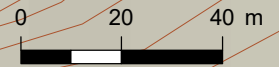
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Cueva del Agua

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A HINOJARES



- 1** Landmark (see text)
- P** Parking
- Visitable cave
- Castle
- Sanctuary / Hermitage
- Viewpoint
- Stairs
- Cueva del Agua Trail
- Livestock Track
- Nature park boundary
- Path
- Camino