

LENGHT 22.4 km DURATION: 7 h

**INCLINESS** Total ascent:

624 m Total descent: 837 m

CARTOGRAPHY E/1:25.000

1050-II (Montejague) | 1050-IV (Benaoján) | 1051-I (Arriate) | 1051-III (Ronda) | 1064-II (Cortes de la Frontera)

















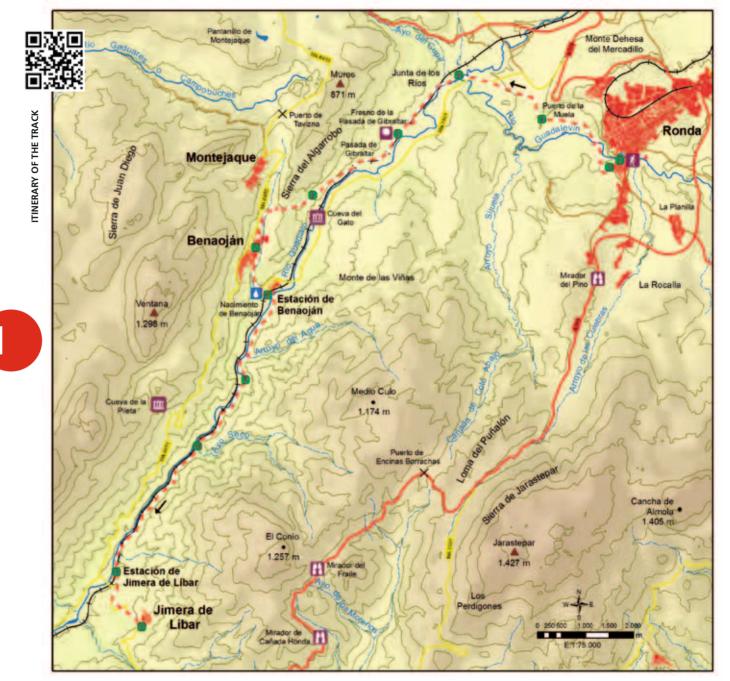


PROFILE OF THIS SECTION



### LINKS TO OTHER APPROVED TRACKS

[ 	GREAT TRACKS	SMALL TRACKS	LOCAL TRAILS
(	GR 7 (E 4) Tarifa - Atenas	PR-A 251 Ronda - Montejaque	SL-A 38 Ronda - Molinos
(	GR 249 Gran Senda de Málaga	PR-A 255 Jimena - Cortes	SL-A 138 Río Guadiaro
(	GR 243 Sierra de las Nieves	PR-A 258 Jimera - Atajate	SL-A 139 Cueva del Gato
		PR-A 221 Ronda - Cartajima	SL-A 35 Ronda - Ventilla
		PR-A 71 Ronda - Pilar de Coca	SL-A 36 Ronda - Cabeza
	This guide does not offer		SL-A 37 Ronda - Planilla
	information regarding the state of conservation of the tracks since it can vary at any time.		SL-A 39 Ronda - Pilar Ca.
			SL-A 40 Ronda - Abanico



### SUMMARY OF THE SECTION

This section of the track runs through a territory with great ethnological and environmental value. Its start is located in one of the historical accesses to the town of **Ronda**, from which we can see the majestic **Tajo** and the Puente Nuevo (New Bridge). Before reaching the puerto de la Muela (pass of la Muela), we will cross the Hoya del Tajo (river basin of el Tajo) and its splendid Andalusi vegetable gardens. After these, we will come across the stone pine forest of mount Dehesa del Mercadillo, and then a wide valley where the Guadalcobacín and Guadalevín merge their waters to become the **Guadiaro river**, one of the most important in the Mediterranean Hydrographic District. From there, we will wander for a while along the Algeciras-Bobadilla railroad track until

we get to the Pasada de Gibraltar. where we will follow a trail in continuous ascent that crosses the steep mountainside of the Algarrobo mountain range. From the nearby **puerto** de Ronda (pass of Ronda) Purple milk thistle we will eniov an attractive panoramic view of the Valle del Guadiaro (Guadiaro Valley) and the location of the cueva del Gato (Cat's cave). In our descent towards Benaoián, we will

be surprised by the contrast between the sharp

karstic mountainside and the polie on which the town sits. During the next stretch of the trail, we will be able to see the source of the Benaoján river, impressive after constant rains, and the neighbourhood of la Estación (Benaoján Station). The second part of the track runs alongside the left bank of the Guadiaro river and through a narrow valley, in between the Benaoián and the del Palo mountain ranges to the West, and the Monte de las Viñas (Mount of the Vineyard) and the del Conio mountain range to the East. The latter separates the Guadiaro from the nearby Valle del Genal (Genal Valley). During the journey, we will walk through a green canopy of holm oaks and gall-oaks. The other unique feature of the track is the railway line, which crosses the diverse landforms of the area, passing through tunnels and over viaducts. An important part of the track is through the Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park.

	MAIN SPOTS OF THIS SECTION		
1	Ronda	30S x: 306528 – y: 4068038	start
2	Mirador del Tajo	30S x: 306226 – y: 4068113	0,8 km
3	Puerto de la Muela	30S x: 304933 – y: 4069058	3,1 km
4	Junta de los ríos	30S x: 303167 – y: 4069874	5,3 km
5	Fresno de la Pasada de Gibraltar	30S x: 301996 – y: 4068690	7,0 km
6	Puerto de Ronda	30S x: 299729 – y: 4067200	9,9 km
7	Benaoján	30S x: 299011 – y: 4066442	11,8 km
8	Barriada Estación de Benaoján	30S x: 299237 – y: 4065379	13,3 km
9	Mirador de las Angosturas	30S x: 298692 – y: 4063777	15,1 km
10	Arroyo Seco	30S x: 297834 – y: 4062125	17,4 km
11	Barriada Estación de Jimera	30S x: 296106 – y: 4059762	20,9 km
12	Jimera de Líbar	30S x: 296633 – y: 4058399	22,4 km



## THIS SECTION ONLINE

## **KEEP IN MIND**

The itinerary is not difficult at all under normal conditions. However, in case of heavy rain, there are two spots where the water flood the road: in las Angosturas and just before reaching Estación de Jimera (Jimera Station). The train will allow us to move in between Ronda, Benaoján-Montejague, Jimera de Líbar, Cortes and Gaucín (El Colmenar) stations, starting or intermediate points of this section. This part of the track coincides with the GR 249 Gran Senda de Málaga (Great Track of Málaga).

## DESCRIPTION OF THE ITINERARY

# 1 RONDA – km 0

de Ronda (Great Track of the Serrania de Ronda) in Plaza de María Auxiliadora (María Auxiliadora Square), also known as Plaza del Campillo. It is located in the historical centre of the city and near a row of natural balconies that look over the **Hova del Tajo** (river basin of the Tajo de Ronda), a great steep depression through which the Guadalevin river runs. The quickest way to get here, taking the Municipal Tourism Office next to the bull ring as reference, would be to get to the nearby Plaza de España and to cross the famous **Puente Nuevo** (New Bridge). Then, we just have to follow Armiñan and Tenorio streets

We begin the first part of the **GR 141** Gran Senda de la Serranía

The wide and stone paved path starts with a steep slope that twists and turns in between the almond trees, known as the Cuesta del Cachondeo. In front of the worn walls of the Albacara, which were once plastered with rammed earth and lime, we find a fork on the road. The path runs alongside the wall and connects the **Puerta del Viento** (Gate of the Wind), to the left, with the **Puerta de los Molinos** (Gate of the Mills). to the right. After crossing the Puerta del Viento, we turn to a path which descends to the right. This path is made of slippery pebbles that can make the walk more difficult when it rains. If so, be careful not to fall and watch out for any passing vehicles.

▼ Exit of Ronda

