

LENGHT: 7 h 24.9 km DURATION:

**INCLINESS** 

Total ascent: 749 m Total descent: 1.001 m

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1064-II (Cortes de la Frontera) | 1064-IV (Gaucín) | 1064-III (El Colmenar)

















PROFILE OF THIS SECTION



# LINKS TO OTHER APPROVED TRACKS

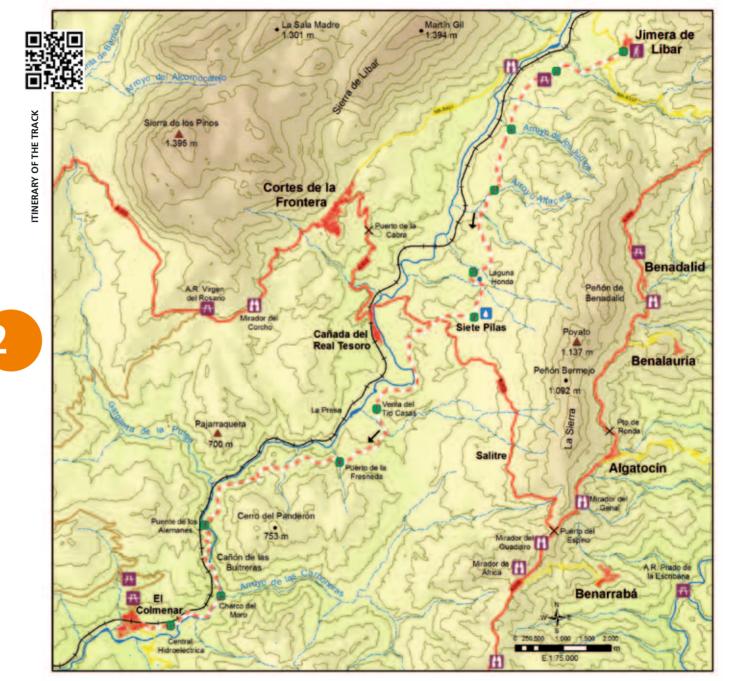
GREAT TRACKS **SMALL** LOCAL TRAILS TRACKS SL-A 34 Cañón Buitreras

GR 249 Gran Senda de Málaga PR-A 258 Atajate - Jimera

PR-A 237 C Tesoro - Benalauría SL-A 138 Río Guadiaro

This guide does not offer information regarding the state of conservation of the tracks since it can vary at any time.

SL-A 186 Camino de la Estación PR-A 245 El Colmenar - Gaucín



# SUMMARY OF THE SECTION

We will follow the course of the river Guadiaro along this section of the track. which will take us from Jimera de Líbar to El Colmenar (also known as Estación de Gaucín). The latter belongs to the town of Cortes de la Frontera. Most of our journey runs along the left river bank, through meadows, woodland and farmlands that stretch over the inter-stream ridge that separates us from the Valle del Genal (Valle of the Genal). A succession of medium-height mountain ranges dominate the fields, such as the sierras del Conio, Benadalid, Benalauría, del Fraile and del Hacho. On the other side we will always see the grev limestone of the macizo de Líbar (massif of Líbar), which is the most eastern area of the Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park and runs parallel to the river Guadiaro. Only at the end of this section of the

track, when we get to the narrow cañón de las Buitreras (canyon of las Buitreras), a protected area and Natural Monument in Andalusia, will we cross to the opposite river bank to finish our journey. Ardivieja flower We can also choose to take the detour of the Gran Senda de la Serranía de Ronda (Great Track of the Serranía de Ronda), that will take us from the Laguna Honda, near the town of Cañada del Real Tesoro and back to the main route through the Pasada del **Bujeo del Álamo**.

	MAIN SPOTS OF THIS SECTION		
1	Jimera de Líbar	30S x: 296633 – y: 4058399	520 m
2	Dehesa de Jimera	30S x: 294870 – y: 4057842	453 m
3	Vado de Arroyo Judío	30S x: 294291 – y: 4056784	413 m
4	Arroyo Alfacara	30S x: 293937 – y: 4055523	424 m
5	Laguna Honda	30S x: 293483 – y: 4053823	445 m
6	Siete Pilas	30S x: 293522 – y: 4052742	565 m
7	Venta del Tío Casas	30S x: 291488 – y: 4051148	365 m
8	Puerto de la Fresneda	30S x: 290811 – y: 4049858	474 m
9	Puente de los Alemanes	30S x: 287866 – y: 4048541	330 m
10	Charco del Moro	30S x: 288135 – y: 4047296	220 m
11	Central Hidroeléctrica Buitreras	30S x: 287139 – y: 4046390	227 m
12	El Colmenar	30S x: 286334 – y: 4046512	239 m



# THIS SECTION ONLINE

# **KEEP IN MIND**

We will pass through a total of 10 wooden gates (locally known as angarillas) that we must remember to close to prevent the cattle from crossing from one ranch to another. We should also have in mind, specially in the rainy seasons, that the track can be a bit uncomfortable to walk through due to the sticky mud in the Dehesa de Jimera and the rest of clayey trails of this section. Also be careful when crossing the different fords, as the river levels can be high because of the rain. Please do not disturb the livestock that graze in the field, specially the cattle. Although cows are gentle animals, they are easily enraged when bothered and may charge at you; should we find any in the middle of the track, we should best make

a detour and resume the trail further on. The puente de los Alemanes (Bridge of the Germans), which is 60 metres high, does not currently have any security fences, so we should take precautions, specially if we want to look over the bridge to see the bottomless abyss below. The descent towards the charco del Moro is very steep and slippery, so it is recommendable to use alpenstocks. Up to the scattered houses of Siete Pilas (Benalauría), our track coincides with the itinerary of the GR-249, Gran Senda de Málaga (Great Track of Málaga). As with the first section of the track, Jimera de Líbar, Cañada del Real Tesoro (Estación de Cortes) and El Colmenar (Estación de Gaucín) are all connected by the Algeciras-Ronda railway, which allows us to combine both sections. ADIF-RENFE Information number: 902320320.

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE ITINERARY**



▲ Sierra Blanquilla to the left and sierra del Palo to the right

# 1 JIMERA DE LÍBAR – km 0

We start by the MA-8307, at the exit of Jimera and in direction to Ataiate. Near the fountain we will see a public washing place, now fallen into disuse but well preserved, and behind it, a trough for the cattle. Hear you will also see several markers that belong to the PR-A258 Jimera de Líbar-Ataiate (although the sign wrongly reads PR-A 257) and to the great tracks GR-249 and GR-141. The last two overlap up until the Laguna Honda (Deep Lake in English).

We start our walk down the road to **Atajate** and later we turn to the asphalt lane to the right. This path will take us though several smallholdings of olive trees, almond trees and farmlands. At that same crossroad you will see a sign of the GR-249. It is worthwhile to stop here for a moment to look at the spectacular view of the **Blanquilla**, del **Palo** and Benaoján mountain ranges, all part of the Grazalema Natural Park. On these steep mountainsides and under the highest escarpments, natural habitat of the mountain goat, there are small patches of holm oaks that are home to several species, like the ginet.

