

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



CÁDIZ
PARQUE NATURAL
Del Estrecho

MORE INFORMATION

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Faro Camarinal



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• ROUTE

Linear

• LENGTH (OUTWARD)

1,7 km

• ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

30 minutes

• DIFFICULTY

Low

• TYPE OF TRAIL

Dirt road and wooden footbridge on the way down to the viewpoint.

• LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Pine woods and mastic trees at the beginning and at the end junipers, broom and some coastal juniper. Spectacular views of the Strait of Gibraltar.

• SHADE

Frequent in the middle of the route.

• SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

• RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

• PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Cádiz / Tarifa

• SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1077 - Tarifa

• START / END COORDINATES

36° 5' 45,36" N – 5° 47' 46,71" O

36° 5' 22,17" N – 5° 48' 42,01" O



HOW TO GET THERE

On the N-340 at km 71, take the CA-2216 road to Bolonia and continue in the direction of the archaeological site of Baelo-Claudia, following the same road for a further 3 km towards the Sierra de la Plata.



PARKING

There is car park for 8-10 cars on site.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

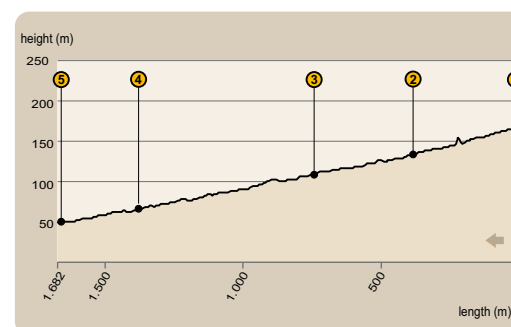
The principal companies running regular bus routes in the area are: Transportes Comes (902 19 92 08; www.tgcomes.es), Portillo (902 14 31 44; www.ctsa-portillo.com) and Linesur (956 66 76 49; www.linesur.com). Algeciras has a railway station (956 63 20 87; RENFE customer service: 902 240 202; www.renfe.es) and a harbour station (956 58 54 63). Tarifa also has a harbour station (956 68 18 30).



OTHER TRAILS

The natural park offers other routes for hikers, the closest being Duna de Bolonia and Algarbes-Betijuelo. The GR-7 international long-distance footpath starts in Tarifa and goes to Atenas.

PROFILE OF ROUTE



• MAXIMUM GRADIENT

117 m

• MAXIMUM HEIGHT

141 m

• MINIMUM HEIGHT

24 m

DEFENSIVE ARCHITECTURE

As a sign of the strategic importance of this coastal area, there is a striking superposition of defensive constructions, ranging from medieval watchtowers to bunkers built during the Second World War. They were all part of defensive systems that were now obsolete and no longer useful in their original defensive purpose.



Today, they are considered architectural heritage elements -authentic signs of cultural identity- integrated into unique landscapes, which are thus revalued. More and more of them are being restored and reused for new purposes, as is the case of the tower we are visiting.





Trail

Faro Camarinal

Bolonia

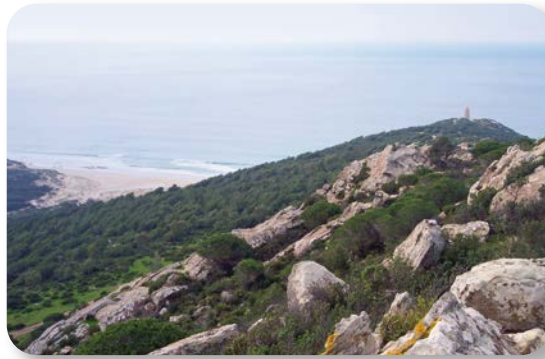
When we reach El Lentiscal, the main town in the Bolonia inlet, we must follow the signs to the archaeological site of Baelo Claudia, and then continue along the road ahead when we reach the gates of the site. We continue two kilometres further up, first going around the archaeological site, and then passing by the pine forest that stretches up to the dune and a group of houses known as Rosa Contreras, and then turning left at the fork there. One kilometre further on we will find the start of the trail (check [1] on the map).



The road continues up La Laja of the Sierra de la Plata, but does not connect with the residential area of Atlanterra nor, therefore, with Zahara de los Atunes. To get there by car you have to return to the national road and drive more than forty kilometres to reach a place that is only a kilometre and a half away on foot along a wide and comfortable path. But this is not the only advantage of the trail, as it offers us another main advantage from the beginning: the views in all directions, towards the sea or towards the mountains, which we can extend from the two viewpoints a little further up the road.

Camarinal Hill

The path starts at the car park next to the road. All around us we will find some eucalyptus trees, as they are common in many public forests in the area, as decades ago they were repopulated with this type of tree. However, it is difficult to describe them as pure eucalyptus trees, and not only because now they are trying to correct what was done then, but also because it is clear that there is vigorous native vegetation scattered everywhere, whether in the form of palmettos, mastic trees, broom or the numerous invasive coloured grasses, such as holm oaks, cork oaks, wild olive trees or stone pines that reclaim their old domains.



About four hundred metres from the start we reach the foot of a rocky mound where we will find a cistern [2] that collects water from some of the many springs in these limestone mountains, favoured by a climate that is more humid than usual in the area. It is a good place to stop and contemplate the view from here of Camarinal Hill with the carpet of maritime pines that covers it, penetrating a sea of waters of changing colours, with turquoise and emerald tones. At the end, the military detachment, and beyond, on the other side of the Strait, Tangiers and Cape Espartel.

El Cañuelo

In a little less than four hundred metres we will reach a farmhouse [3], around which we are likely to see goats and other animals that belong to it. When the depopulation of the countryside seems to be complete, although sometimes reversed with other types of settlers, it is surprising to find ranches like this one, which somehow preserve old ways of life. From here the trail changes in appearance, it descends more steeply, the sand becomes progressively sandier and the thicker scrubland shows some junipers.



Below us there is a small unspoilt beach, over which we will be gaining perspective, where the Cañuelo stream flows into. Near the lighthouse there is a viewpoint [4] and the road leading to it, which is closed to traffic by a gate a little further down. We will approach the tower and go down the wooden staircase behind it, passing by a bunker, until we reach the viewpoint, where the path ends [5], from where we will now see Atlanterra or Germans' beach to our right.

Trail

Faro Camarinal



- Faro Camarinal Trail
- Nature park boundary
- Road
- Path
- Electricity line
- Landmark (see text)
- Parking
- Farmstead
- Viewpoint
- Beach

0 150 300 m