

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



Open camping is not permitted



Plant collecting is not allowed



Fossil collecting is not permitted

Emergency phone: 112



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PARAJE NATURAL
Torcalde
Antequera

MORE INFORMATION

Torcal Alto Visitor's Centre, Km 3.5, on the asphalted forest track leading to Torcal Alto, from the A-7075 road, between Antequera and Villanueva de Concepción. A-7075, between Antequera and Villanueva de la Concepción. Tel. 952 24 33 24. Territorial Delegation in Malaga of the Regional Ministry of the Environment and Regional Planning. Av. de la Aurora 47 3ª a 7ª planta. Edif. Servicios Múltiples 29071. Málaga. Tel. 951 03 83 00 / 951 03 82 47.

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OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTIC



• ROUTE

Circular

• LENGTH

1,4 km

• ESTIMATED TIME

45 minutes

• DIFFICULTY

Medium - Low

• TYPE OF TRAIL

Path

• LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Karstic landscape made up of rocky mountains of limestone material which, due to its high level of dissolution, generates very characteristic rock formations, some of which even simulate stony figures well known to the locals. Regarding plants, there are some endemic plants, especially among the rupicolous plants (they grow in the crevices). There are also holm oaks, rowan trees, maples, gall oaks... shrubs such as blackberries, wild rose bushes and in wetter areas ferns, ivy, lichens and mosses.

• SHADE

Scant

• SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

In the case of active tourism companies, it is required to have the administrative authorisation regulated by the joint Order of 20/03/2012, based on the stipulations of article 10 of Law 2/1989. Procedures in the Territorial Delegation of Málaga. Regional Ministry of Environment and Land Planning.

• RECOMMENDATIONS

Wear non-slip footwear on rainy days and warm clothing.

• PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Málaga / Antequera

• SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1038 - Ardales

• START / END COORDINATES

36° 57' 16,81" N – 4° 32' 36,77" O

36° 57' 13,06" N – 4° 32' 37,85" O



HOW TO GET THERE

From Antequera: Take the A-7075 road towards Villanueva de la Concepción, follow it until you find a crossroads on the right after passing the Puerto de la Boca del Asno and continue along the asphalted forest track that starts at this crossroads to arrive directly at the parking area where the route begins.



PARKING

Parking area properly signposted and conditioned, asphalted, each parking area marked out for parking at an angle. The trail starts from the same parking area.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

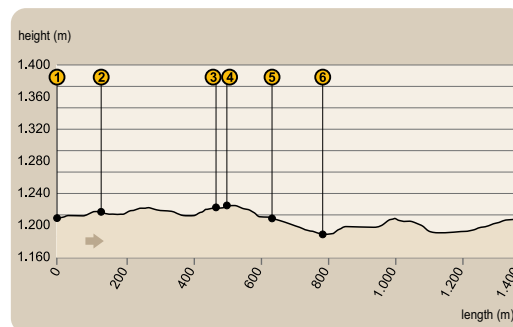
Málaga-Antequera: ALSA Buses (tel. 902 42 22 42, <http://www.alsa.es>). From Antequera take a taxi to the Torcal Alto Visitor's Centre.



OTHER TRAILS

The natural site offers other routes for hikers, such as the Ruta Amarilla and the Subida al Torcal.

PROFILE OF ROUTE



• MAXIMUM GRADIENT

41 m

• MAXIMUM HEIGHT

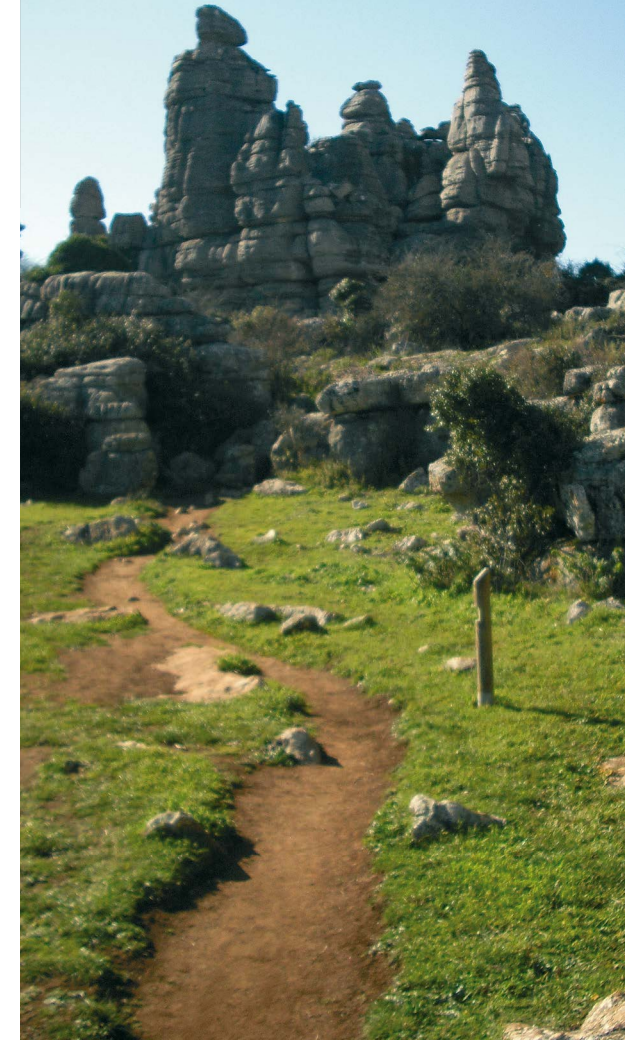
1.226 m

• MINIMUM HEIGHT

1.185 m

TORCAL DE ANTEQUERA

El Torcal was the first Andalusian Protected Natural Area (1929). In 1978 it was declared a Natural Park, and is currently considered a NATURAL PARK (Law 2/1989, of 18 July, of the Parliament of the Autonomous Region of Andalusia). Therefore, the great value that El Torcal offers in terms of flora, fauna, geomorphology and landscape has been recognised.



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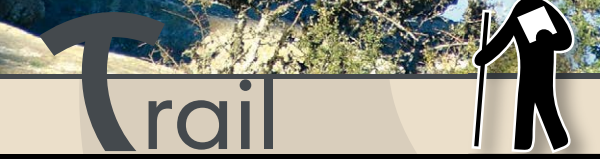
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Trail

Ruta Verde-
Sendero del Torcal Alto



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Trail

Ruta Verde-Sendero del Torcal Alto

Origin

The formation of the surrounding limestone rocks originated on the seabed during the Jurassic period, approximately 150 million years ago. The materials deposited in the sea emerged as a consequence of Alpine folding. Later, a series of fractures generated cracks and fault systems that have produced what is known today as alleyways or “corridors”. From this point onwards, the complex is subjected to a characteristic process of erosion, karst modelling, giving rise to a multitude of rock forms. This modelling has created a veritable “museum of natural sculptures”, known as imitative forms, which have deserved individual recognition.

Our trail

The green route starts at the car park of the Torcal Alto Visitor’s Centre (check [1] on the map), and is just under 1.4 km long. As it is such a short distance, it is suitable for almost any user (who does not have mobility problems), and can be seen as a nice walk. Despite its short length, the trail allows us to get to know the essence of the Torcal in a short time. As soon as we start, we come across



a characteristic rock formation, “El Vigilante” [2], and after passing “La Esfinge” [3], we will be able to observe wonderful panoramic views

of the Sierra Nevada. These are perhaps the most striking views because of the distance, although the most charming element is the distinctive landscape of the Torcal and the combination of other items in it, as in some cases the moon itself.

Before reaching the Peña de los Civiles [5], and leaving behind the most famous Montpellier Maple tree of the route where we can rest in its shade [4], we find a detour on the right, which we will not take, as we will take the path called “Ruta Amarilla” (Yellow Route). If we continue on our way we will find again with the path of the yellow route as both coincide in another of the best maples of the path, that of Hoyo de Los Arregladeros [6]. We continue on our way, leaving on our right the impressive walls formed by an old fault, Los Arregladeros, and after a short climb we come to the end.



Karst landscape

This area is characterised by the karstic nature of the terrain, i.e. the limestone formations shaped by water, which give this landscape a unique appearance. These karst formations cause a number of hollows that end up producing passages, depressions and alleys, although the most striking thing is undoubtedly the appearance of the rocks on the outside, with whimsical and curious shapes that take us into a place where the imagination runs wild.



The mountain goats share their resting place with us; at the halfway point of the route, we can meet them at dusk, as they come down to look for food and water or simply to rest.

This is a very special environment, thanks to its geomorphological formations and the flora and fauna that inhabit therein, so it is very important to help in its conservation. It is a very busy place that, if it were not for everyone’s cooperation, we will hardly be able to enjoy it in the future.



Montpellier maple of Los Arregladeros, at the time of the year when it is leafless.



El Torcal is a very special place thanks to its karst landscape, which makes the sight of the moon through its whimsical rock formations even more spectacular.



El Torcal is located above the town of Antequera, in a southerly direction. It is a mid-mountain area of the Sierras Béticas, with spectacular scenery.

It covers an area of more than 20 km2 , with a lithological composition based on limestone rocks of three basic types: oolitic, breccoid and clastic.



Trail

Ruta Verde- Sendero del Torcal Alto



Paraje Natural Torcal de Antequera

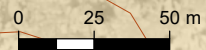
Ruta Amarilla

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Las Ventanillas



- Ruta Verde Trail
- Other trails of the natural park
- Road
- Path
- Torcal de Antequera Natural Site
- Landmark (see text)
- Visitor's Centre
- Recreational area
- Viewpoint
- Interpretive panel