

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



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MORE INFORMATION

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OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



ROUTE	Circular
LENGTH	4,5 km
ESTIMATED TIME	1 hour and 30 minutes
DIFFICULTY	Low
TYPE OF TRAIL	Non-determinant
LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION	Gentle mountain relief. Most of the route passes through pine forests, ranging from a few centimetres to large fir trees. There are also Aleppo, Scots and maritime pines and even some gall oaks and cedars, the latter of which have been repopulated.
SHADE	Plentiful
SPECIAL AUTHORISATION	It is required. Natural Park Office. Edif. Eurocom, Bloque Sur c/ Mauricio Moro Pareto, 2-3 and 4 floor. Málaga. Tel. 951 04 00 58
RECOMMENDATIONS	Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear. Check that the water from fountains is safe to drink.
PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES	Málaga / Yunquera
SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000	1051 - Ronda
START / END COORDINATES	36° 43' 19,27"N – 4° 57' 54,8"O



HOW TO GET THERE

From Ronda, take the A-366 east towards El Burgo. After about 40 km you reach a roundabout where you take the turning to the right. Follow this track for about 6 km until you reach the viewpoint from where the trail starts.



PARKING

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



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

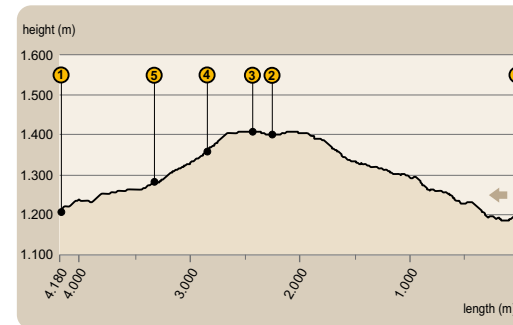
The main companies running regular bus routes in the area are Los Amarillos (tel. 952 18 70 61), Comes (tel. 952 87 19 92) and Autobuses Lara (tel. 952 87 22 60). The nearest train station is in Ronda (check services and timetables at www.renfe.es or tel. 902 24 02 02).



OTHER TRAILS

The trail shares a section of its route with the Puerto Saucillo-Torrecilla trail. In addition, the natural park offers other routes for hikers. Nearby trails include the Caucón-Peñón de los Enamorados and Caucón-Tajo de la Caína trails.

PROFILE OF ROUTE



MAXIMUM GRADIENT	225 m
MAXIMUM HEIGHT	1.410 m
MINIMUM HEIGHT	1.185 m

MOUNTAIN GOATS

Along the way we will find many opportunities to contemplate a rich and diverse sample of the park's fauna: foxes, genets, mongooses, eagles, thrushes, blackbirds..., but,



A lover of crags and hills, it can be seen all over the Sierra de las Nieves, especially in intricate areas that are difficult to access.

Although always present, it must never have been very abundant in this area. The approximately 12 specimens that existed when the National Game Reserve was created in 1948 increased to 1,900 individuals (1990 census). With the appearance of the outbreak of mange in 1991, the population has suffered a sharp reduction, and is currently estimated at 1,000

specimens, although it is still one of the areas of the Peninsula with the greatest presence and density of these ungulates.



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PARQUE NATURAL
Sierra de
Las Nieves

Trail

Puerto Saucillo
Puerto Bellina





Puerto Saucillo Puerto Bellina

Puerto del Saucillo Viewpoint

The trail starts from the Puerto del Saucillo Viewpoint (check [1] on the map). It is a starting point that coincides with another path in the park (the one that would take us to the summit of Torrecilla). The viewpoint at the start offers impressive views of the Guadalorce river valley and the nearby sierras Prieta and Cabrilla. We must take the path that goes downhill and, from there, at all successive crossings, take the path that goes to the left.



The Spanish fir is a large tree, up to 25-30 meters. Like all of its family (pine trees) it has a conical shape, although the oldest specimens have twisted silhouettes and branches of disparate shapes, which give them that very attractive ghostly image. On the same specimen we find male cones (smaller and reddish in colour) and female cones (more similar to the typical pine cones).

During the route, the path climbs gently up to an altitude of 1,400 metres, after which the descent begins and the return to the starting point via the Cañada de Puerto Saucillo.

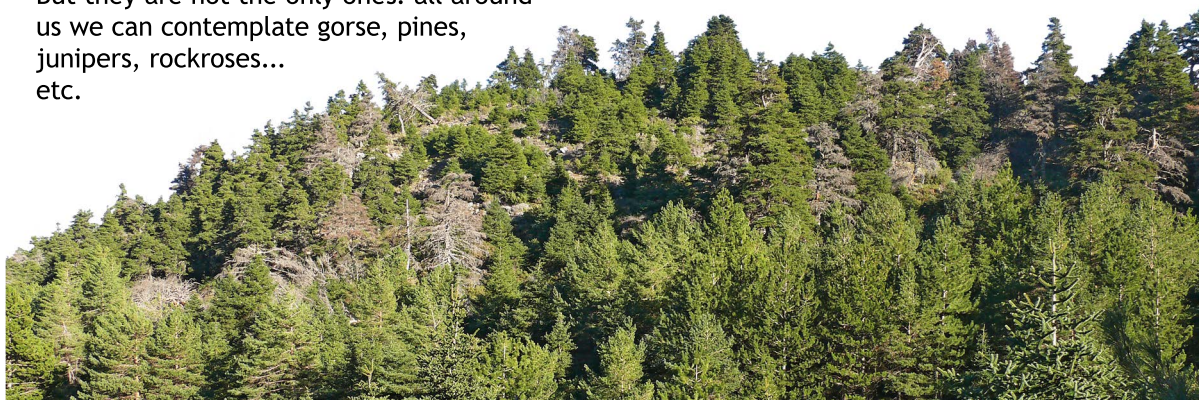
We start our return along a flat path that becomes increasingly stony, bounded by stone walls on the left bank until we change slopes. After passing by a stone-built sheepfold, you will reach a flat area with a group of large Spanish firs. In this spot, known as Llano de la Casa [2], the fertile soil conditions, on a deep valley floor, have favoured the growth of these excellent fir trees.



Now descending, we continue along a well-defined path, the Puerto Saucillo gully [3]. A short distance away we will find a stone fountain, Fuente de la Perdiz [4], which only has water during the rainy season. From here, the path continues towards the pass through an excellent Spanish fir forest, which coexists on a shady slope with pines, hawthorns, junipers, etc., and where we find a snow well [5], a cultural heritage of ancient uses of the mountain range. Snow pits were depressions in the ground, with stone reinforced walls, which were used to preserve the snow, transforming it into ice and using it later in the summer.

From the first sections of the path, we can enjoy the rich vegetation of the area. At the beginning we find a pine forest (resin pine) of reforestation, and a little further up, the Spanish firs form the dominant vegetation. But they are not the only ones: all around us we can contemplate gorse, pines, junipers, rockroses... etc.

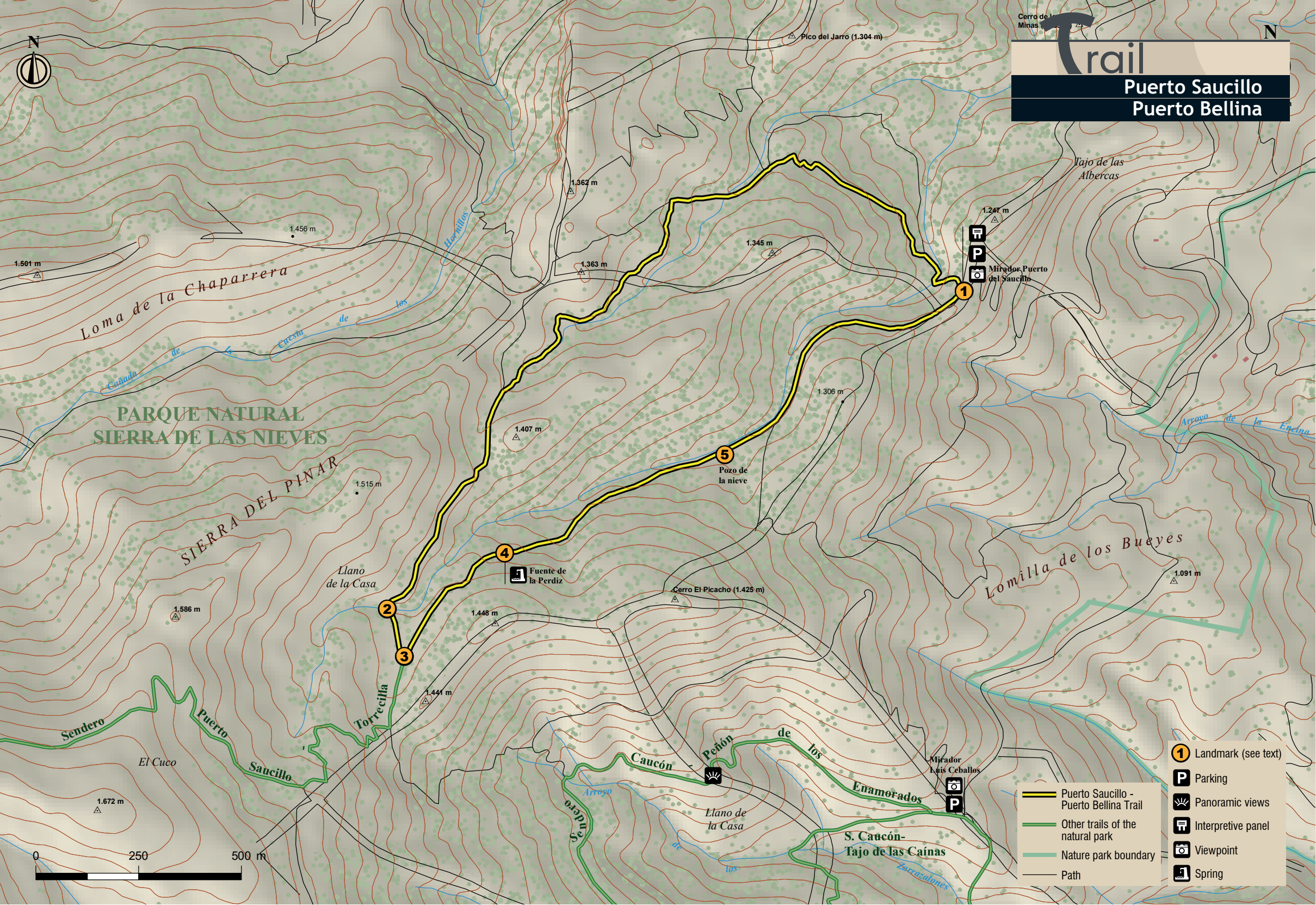
In the Mármoles ravine, which the path crosses longitudinally, we will find a copse of cedars and wild pines.



A circular route that will allow us to cross landscapes of exceptional beauty in which, as in so many other routes in the natural park, the presence of the Spanish firs and the pinsapares will play an unquestionable role. But we will also pass through pine, chestnut and cedar woods that border the path and where we can linger and contemplate the varied fauna that populates these mountains, especially if we spot the emblematic mountain goat on the peaks and in the most intricate areas of the terrain.



Trail
Puerto Saucillo
Puerto Bellina



- 1** Landmark (see text)
- P** Parking
- Panoramic views
- Interpretive panel
- Viewpoint
- Spring

- Puerto Saucillo - Puerto Bellina Trail
- Other trails of the natural park
- Nature park boundary
- Path

Mirador Luis Ceballos

S. Caucón - Tajo de las Caínas

Llano de la Casa

Cerro El Picacho (1.425 m)

Fuente de la Perdiz

Llano de la Casa

Lomilla de los Bueyes

Mirador Puerto del Saucillo

Llajo de las Albercas

Pico del Jarro (1.304 m)

1.362 m

1.363 m

1.345 m

1.247 m

1.456 m

1.501 m

1.407 m

1.306 m

1.515 m

1.586 m

1.448 m

1.441 m

1.672 m

1.091 m

Loma de la Chaparrera

SIERRA DEL PINAR

Sendero Puerto Saucillo

Torreçilla

Caucón

Peñón de los Enamorados

Enamorados

El Cuco

Arroyo de los

Zarcas alpes

Arroyo de la Enjina

Cuñana de Cuesta de los Lavantillos