

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



MÁLAGA



MORE INFORMATION

Cortes de la Frontera Visitor's Centre. Av. de la Democracia s/n.

Cortes de la Frontera. Málaga. Tel 952 15 45 99.

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PARQUE NATURAL
Sierra de
Las Nieves

Trail

Yunquera
Los Sauces



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OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



NATURA 2000



Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura
Red Española de Reservas de la Biosfera

• ROUTE

Linear

• LENGTH (OUTWARD)

8,3 km

• ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

3 hour and 30 minutes

• DIFFICULTY

Moderate

• TYPE OF TRAIL

Rocky

• LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Agricultural crops in the first sections. Most of the route is made up of Aleppo pine and maritime pine forests. There are more or less isolated specimens of Spanish firs and cypresses, as well as some holm oaks.

• SHADE

Plentiful

• SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

• RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear. It crosses a landslide area.

• PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Málaga / Yunquera

• SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1051 - Ronda

• START / END COORDINATES

36° 44' 7,97"N – 4° 55' 38,16"O

36° 44' 49,09"N – 4° 58' 49,34"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. Walk for about 500 m and the path starts in front of the Yunquera football pitch.



PARKING

There is a car park available at the start of the trail.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

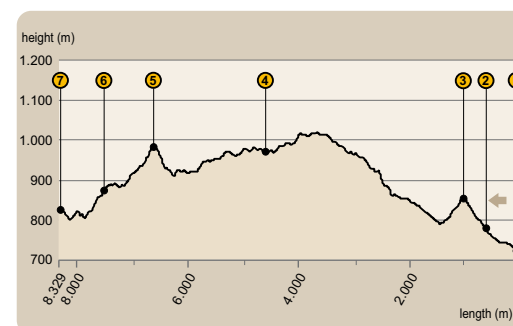
The main companies running regular bus routes in the area are Los Amarillos (tel. 952 18 70 61), Comes (tel. 952 87 19 92) and Autobuses Lara (tel. 952 87 22 60). The nearest train station is in Ronda (check services and timetables at www.renfe.es or tel. 902 24 02 02).



OTHER TRAILS

The natural park offers a number of routes for hikers. Nearby trails include El Burgo-Puerto de la Mujer and Puerto Saucillo-Puerto Bellina trails.

PROFILE OF ROUTE



• MAXIMUM GRADIENT

299 m

• MAXIMUM HEIGHT

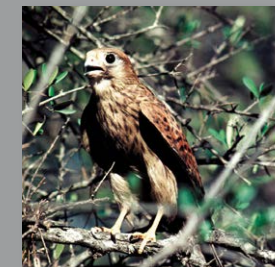
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• MINIMUM HEIGHT

721 m

A VARIED FAUNA

Along the route it is possible to observe a good sample of the fauna that inhabits or runs through these mountain ranges.



It is relatively easy to spot mountain goats around the Arca ravine or on its high crags. Wild boars also live in the area, as well as carnivores such as foxes, genets and wild cats, all of which are difficult to spot.



Birds that frequent the pine forest include the great tit and Eurasian blue tit, rock bunting, chaffinch, crossbill, blackbird, woodpigeon, etc. The Arca ravine is also home to kestrels, rock thrushes, black wheatears, and numerous rock thrushes. The large birds of prey that frequent the area are golden eagle, booted eagle, Bonelli's eagle, buzzard, and eagle owl.



In addition to snakes, reptiles include the snub-nosed viper and the red-tailed and long-tailed lizards.



The agricultural environment of Yunquera

The trail starts in the village of Yunquera, on a dirt track opposite the football pitch and bordering the existing campsite (check [1] on the map).

During the first sections of the path, we will walk through very humanised areas of the agricultural area of Yunquera [2], going up through olive groves and vineyards placed on small terraces, mixed with small areas of natural vegetation. The slight ascent gives us a good view of the beautiful village. In the background, the Hoya de Málaga and the Sierras de Alhaurín and Coín can be seen.



In just one kilometre we reach the crest, which allows us to see the other side and appreciate how the landscape changes, as, along with olive and chestnut trees, there are areas of scrubland and pine forests. We have views of the Cerro del Arca ravine and the Cañada del Cañuelo stream, which we will follow along this path. Descend along the track and, on reaching the edge of the pine forest, enter under the shade of the pines. The pine forest [3] welcomes us with a drop in temperature and an increase in humidity. We take the Guarte path. We go up the watercourse in the shade of the pine forest, and little by little we gain altitude.



Natural viewpoint

We continue through pine woods and, in just over an hour from the start, we reach the Prado del Caballo, an area where the path joins the dirt track that heads towards the Cueva del Agua. Turn left along this lane and, after climbing some 400 metres, turn right onto a path. Some stakes of the GR-243 path and of the public footpath of the natural park show us the way to follow.



Along this section of the trail there are some excellent natural viewpoints [4]. We can see the area of El Burgo and the Sierra de Alcaparain in the background. At our feet, there is the Cañada Cuesta de los Hornillos, to which we will go and which we will cross immediately.



Towards Los Sauces

We can already see, in the distance, the recreational area of Los Sauces and the ruins of the Convento de las Nieves. After crossing the Cañada de la Cuesta de los Hornillos we start a climb until we reach the Puerto de Guarte. From this spot we can observe the impressive Cañada de la Encina [5] in all its splendour and, in the background, the Spanish firs of Cubero.



We start the descent towards the area of Los Sauces. For this purpose, we will cross a thick thicket repopulated with gall oaks and we will pass next to the San Eulogio tin mines [6], a former artisan excavated mine, now abandoned. After less than a kilometre of descent we reach the recreational area Los Sauces [7] and with it the end of this trail. There is a leisure facility with water, toilets and tables, all in a beautiful setting with a hundred-year-old holm oak tree.



Trail

Yunquera Los Sauces



- 1** Landmark (see text)
- P** Parking
- Caves
- Tower
- Church / Hermitage
- Town Hall
- Recreational area
- Viewpoint
- Monitored camping area

- Yunquera - Los Sauces Trail
- Other trails of the natural park
- Livestock Track
- Nature park boundary
- Road
- Path

SIERRA DEL PINAR

PARQUE NATURAL
SIERRA DE LAS NIEVES

Yunquera

Convento de Nuestra Señora de las Nieves

Mirador Puerto del Saucillo

Mirador natural

Zona de acampada Los Sauces

Restos de Mina de Estano de San Eulogio

Área recreativa Los Sauces

Los Sauces

Cerro de la Cruz (1.019 m)

Cueva del Agua

Pico del Jarro (1.309 m)

Cerro de la Mina (1.189 m)

Mirador Puerto del Saucillo

1.247 m

1.345 m

1.407 m

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853 m

821 m

865 m

882 m

971 m

1.021 m

1.086 m

1.122 m

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