

## 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

Emergency phone: 112

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## MORE INFORMATION

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MONTE PÚBLICO  
Sierra Blanca



trail

El Juanar-  
Puerto Marbella



## OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



### • ROUTE

Linear

### • LENGTH

2,7 km

### • ESTIMATED TIME

1 hour and 15 minutes

### • DIFFICULTY

Low

### • TYPE OF TRAIL

Track

### • LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

There is lush vegetation, dominated by maritime pines and kermes oaks dotted with chestnut and cherry trees, with the olive grove of Juanar being a singular agricultural spot in this forest environment. Esparto grass, gorse, thyme and certain orchids add to the floral richness of the site. Almost from the beginning we are welcomed by the Cruz de Juanar and the Cerro Nicolás, and from the viewpoint of the Corzo we have a magnificent view of Ojén and the coast of Mijas. A comfortable walk along forest tracks will allow us to finish the route at the Macho Montés viewpoint, from where we will be able to contemplate Marbella.

### • SHADE

Frequent

### • SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

### • RECOMMENDATIONS

Binoculars are recommended for bird watching in the area and to enjoy the scenery from the two viewpoints.

### • PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Málaga / Ojén

### • SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1065 - Marbella

### • START / END COORDINATES

36° 34' 40,21" N – 4° 52' 59,78" O

36° 33' 58,08" N – 4° 53' 22,32" O



## HOW TO GET THERE

From Ojén: take the A-7103 road, then the A-355 (towards Monda-Guaro) and turn left onto the MA-5300 road, towards Refugio del Juanar. Just before reaching the Refugio del Juanar, turn off to the left along the forest track, arriving at the start of the path after about 360 metres.



## PARKING

There is a designated and signposted parking area with a capacity of approximately 15 cars. It is located at the start of the trail.



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

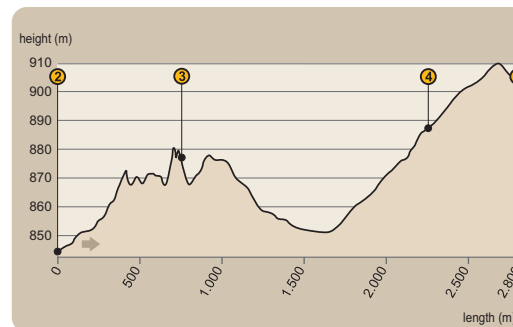
Reach the town of Ojén by the regular bus service of the Portillo Group (tel. 902 450 550 or <http://portillo.avanzabus.com>), and from there take a taxi to the Refugio del Juanar.



## OTHER TRAILS

This public mountain offers other trails, such as: GR 243.1/PR-A 167/PR-A 168/PR-A 169.

## PROFILE OF ROUTE



### • MAXIMUM GRADIENT

65 m

### • MAXIMUM HEIGHT

905 m

### • MINIMUM HEIGHT

8450 m

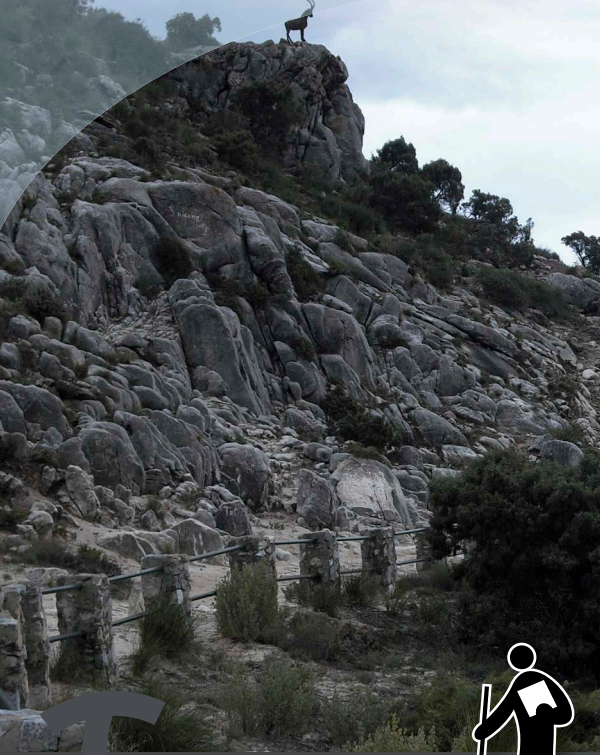


The path is largely shaded by a thick grove of pine trees

## THE SIERRA BLANCA IN OJÉN

This mountain range offers a wide variety of trails, including the one described here, which is of minimal difficulty and offers a rewarding scenery and a pleasant walk through the forest. Sierra Blanca has other trails of greater difficulty, with longer routes and steeper slopes, suitable for the more adventurous; such is the case of the trails that reach the summit of the Concha peak (1,215 m) and the Cruz del Juanar. People say that the Concha Mountain is named after the inverted shell shape of this mountain, with its special peak, while other versions allude to the discovery, years ago, of a sea shell on this peak, as a witness to the marine origin of the rocks that form it. The Cruz del Juanar, on the other hand, has a different story. This mountain is visible almost all the way up to the Macho Montés viewpoint, located just in front of it in an easterly direction. There is an iron cross at the top, and legend says that fishermen in a dense fog at sea lost all sense of the direction of the beach. The thick fog lifted for a moment, just long enough for one of the fishermen to catch a glimpse of Juanar's peak. Knowing in which direction to turn back, they saved their lives. In gratitude they climbed to the top and placed the cross, under which a mass is still celebrated today after the popular pilgrimage.





## The Refugio del Juanar

Nowadays, the Refugio del Juanar (check [1] on the map), located some 400 metres from the start of the trail [2], is an rural hotel within the mountain. It was built on the foundations of the old Palacio del Juanar, owned by the Marquises of Larios at the beginning of the century. It was used as a hunting lodge and once hosted King Alfonso XIII himself.

Also, as a hotel, it has been visited by many famous and illustrious people, including General Charles de Gaulle, who chose this place to finish his memoirs in 1970.

## The Mirador del Corzo

[3] This viewpoint offers a view of the interior, including some of the municipalities of the Malaga coast, in particular Mijas and Marbella, although the latter is best seen from the next viewpoint. The village of Ojén, which also belongs to the Biosphere Reserve of the Sierra de las Nieves, can be enjoyed in its entirety.



*From the Corzo viewpoint you can see part of the coast and all the surrounding mountain formations*

The viewpoint is in a key location; as we turn around, we will find that we are completely surrounded by the peaks and summits of the surrounding mountains: it is an incomparable feeling.



*The town of Ojén from the Mirador del Corzo*

## Mountain goat station [4]

Our route, accompanied by picturesque rock formations that surprise us along the way, passes in front of this particular research centre. The mountain goat (*Capra pyrenaica*) is one of the bovine species best adapted to the mountainous areas of Spain. This centre studies the possible diseases that may develop, carrying out very important work in terms of their prevention and cure.

Thanks to all this research, we are helping the proper conservation of the species, to which we can also contribute by respecting and keeping the environment we share clean.



*Some rocky outcrops appear with shapes and textures that will catch our attention*

## Mirador del Macho Montés

As per its name, this viewpoint [5] is dedicated to the queen of these peaks, the mountain goat, a species very common in the area and loved for the beauty and majesty it shows. This animal runs through rocky environments with enviable ease and precision. The viewpoint is fully equipped to make it easy to walk along it and enjoy the scenery without fear. As soon as we arrive, we can see to our left some long rock walls, the degradation and erosion of which has been covering part of the path with crystalline sand. This viewpoint is amazing, as the view it offers of the coast of Marbella is indescribable and, despite being captured graphically by a camera, it is not comparable to being therein. It is a good place to take out our binoculars and put them to good use. To our right looking towards the sea, the mountain we see above Marbella is El Juanar, which is popularly known as the Cruz de Juanar because it has the aforementioned cross on its summit. We are at an altitude of more than 900 m, enjoying a pleasant balcony overlooking the Mediterranean that culminates our route next to the sculpture of a male mountain goat as the eternal guardian of these peaks.



*A space of great landscape interest*

Trail



El Juanar-  
Puerto Marbella

This trail gives us the opportunity to enjoy one of the best views of the coast of Marbella from the mountains of Sierra Blanca, through two strategically located viewpoints.

This is a small route that astonishes visitors with its variety of vegetation, typical of the Mediterranean. The easy transit of the trail, suitable for all types of users, makes it perfect for the personal enjoyment of nature lovers. The site is also home to a variety of fauna, particularly the mountain goat, to which a sculpture pays homage to its hunting value.

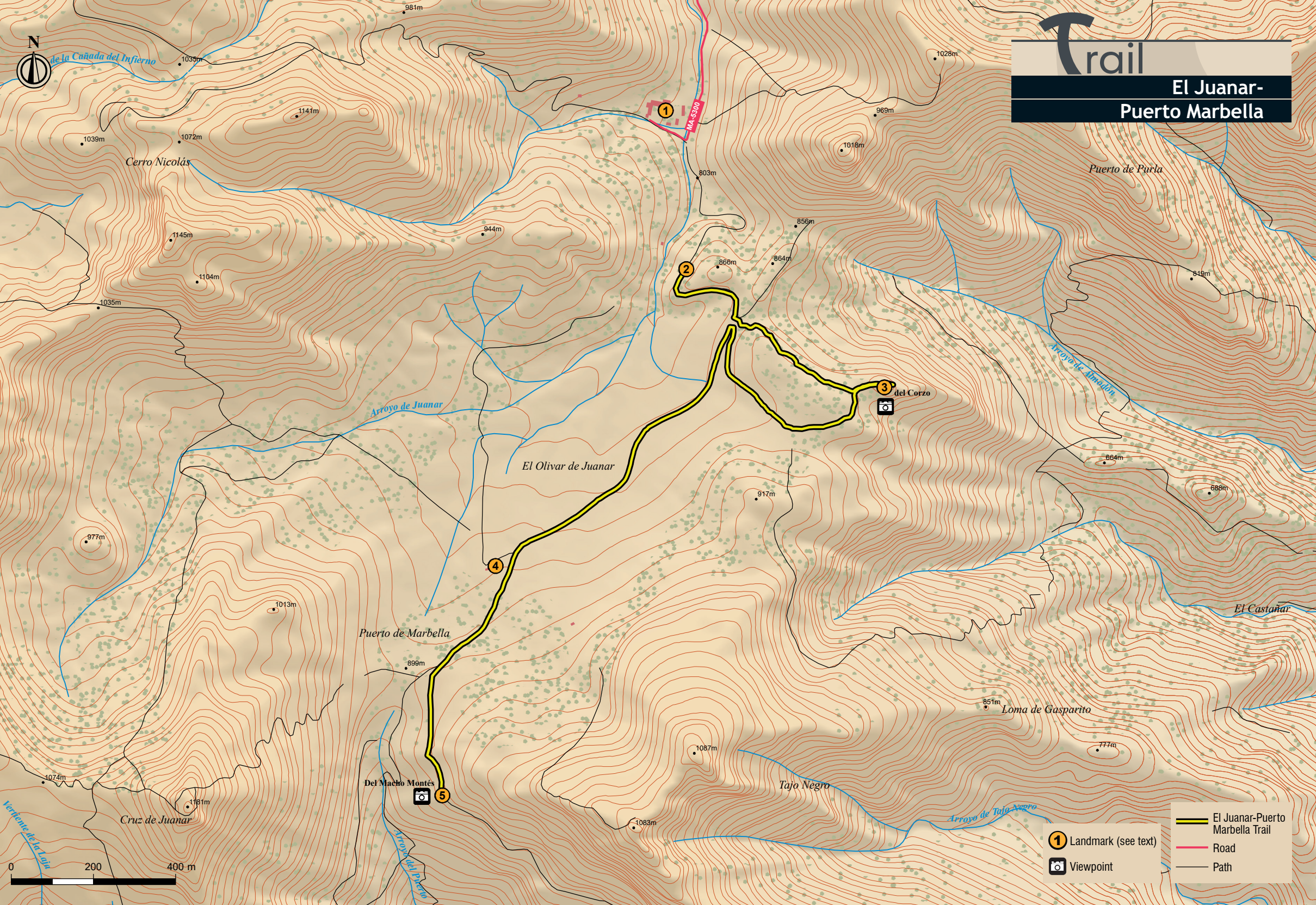






# Trail

## El Juanar- Puerto Marbella



**1** Landmark (see text)

Viewpoint

El Juanar-Puerto Marbella Trail

Road

Path