

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
MÁLAGA

PARQUE NATURAL
Sierra de
Grazalema

MORE INFORMATION

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El Bosque. Cádiz. Tel. 956 70 97 33.

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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)

0,9 km

ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

20 minutes

DIFFICULTY

Low

TYPE OF TRAIL

Sand track

LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Limestone ridge relief with flint and dolomite. Olive and almond groves with carob trees, gall oaks and Mediterranean scrub. Ethnographic sites of interest: fountain and washery, cellar. Views of the Garganta Verde and Garganta Secafia canyons and the Bocaleones stream.

SHADE

Little or none

SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Cádiz / Zahara de la Sierra

SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1036 - Olvera

START / END COORDINATES

36° 50' 12,24"N – 5° 23' 48,29"W

36° 50' 5,86"N – 5° 24' 18,37"W



HOW TO GET THERE

In Zahara de la Sierra take the Camino de la Fuente heading southeast. After about 500m we reach the Guardia Civil barracks, where the trail begins.



PARKING

There is car park at the start of the trail and there are also places nearby to leave your vehicle.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

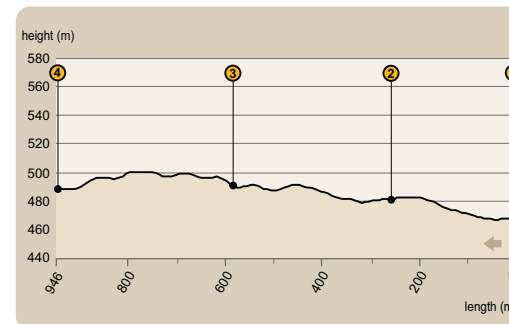
The main companies running regular bus routes in the area are Los Amarillos (tel. 902 21 03 17) and Transportes Generales Comes S.A. (tel. 902 19 92 08). The nearest train stations are in Cortes de la Frontera, Jímera de Líbar, Benaolán and Ronda (check services and timetables at www.renfe.es or by telephone on 902 24 02 02).



OTHER TRAILS

The natural park offers a number of routes for hikers. Nearby trails include the Garganta Verde and Llano del Rabel trails

PROFILE OF ROUTE



MAXIMUM GRADIENT

33 m

MAXIMUM HEIGHT

500 m

MINIMUM HEIGHT

467 m

WHITEWASHED VILLAGE



Zahara de la Sierra, declared an Historic-Artistic Site, is one of the most attractive profiles against these skies. From afar, crowned with its tower and walls, it also stands out for its whitewashed houses and streets which seem almost to almost organically adapt to the relief.

On the top of the hill, the old medieval fortress was a vantage point fought over for centuries by the two cultures. Over time, the people abandoned the castle and the church and settled in the current location of the village. Climbing to the medieval city offers a magnificent view and makes it easy to understand why it was so important to both Christians and Arabs.



On the ascent, an archaeological museum reminds us of its history, happily celebrated today. In the square, a natural park information point tells us more about this protected space.

Among its other attractions, the Corpus Christi festival held in June has been declared of Tourist Interest.

The Zahara-El Gastor reservoir provides a faithful mirror to reflect its beauty as well as a venue for certain water sports like canoeing. The surrounding area is also ideal for mountain sports and paragliding.



Trail

La Bodega

Camino de la fuente

To access this path, we must descend along a stone path opposite the Guardia Civil barracks of Zahara de la Sierra (See [1] on the map), as far as the municipal swimming pool and a fountain with a wash house, which is the point where our trail begins.



Since 1882 the locals have used the fountain that gives its name to the path we have taken to get here, Camino de la fuente.

The path is flanked on both sides by orchards, where we mostly see olive and almond trees. Later, the stony surface becomes an earth track. Several farmsteads peek out among the orchards. The trail begins to rise, while the landscape opens up on our right, offering us some excellent views of the Sierra de Lijar, with the town of Algodonales and the Bocaleones orchards and stream in its foothills.

Algodonales, on the slopes of the Sierra de Lijar.



Zahara from afar

It's time to take a breather and admire the landscape behind us, and the unmistakable silhouette of Zahara de la Sierra with the ruins of the castle and the tower overlooking the hill [2]. On the sides of the paths we can find examples of a plant, Sicilian sumac, that was quite abundant here in the past.



Back on the route, we reach the crest of the pass and the track begins to descend towards a gate where the route comes to an end.



In the past, Sicilian sumac was not so unusual in this area. Flour obtained from milling was used as a tanning agent in the leather industry. In Benadalid, in the neighbouring Genal Valley, there are the remains of an old sumac mill.

Before that, we observe part of the Reserve Zone of the Nature Park, with its unmistakable green mass of Spanish fir, we can make out the Sierra de Zafalgar, with its highest peaks of Cornicabra and the Cerro del Pilar, and the Garganta Verde and Garganta Seca chasms.

If we were to follow the Bocaleones stream to its headwaters, we would end up seeing its flow excavated into the limestone rock, and the impressive canyon of Garganta Verde [3], but it would soon become impossible to go any further due to the wells, drops and waterfalls impeding any path. The better option is to obtain the relevant authorisation and explore from Reserve Zone via the Garganta Verde trail.

We can also make out, as a gap in the limestone mass, the chasm of Garganta Seca, through which the Marrueco stream disgorge into the Bocaleones stream to irrigate the orchards below.



Over the course of the route, we see other plants like the carob tree, gall oak, butcher's-broom, laurestine, mastic, grey-leaved cistus. Matagallo, kermes oak, gorse, torvisco, camomile and tilia and home to various species of warblers, partridges, rabbits, mongeese, mountain goats, foxes and weasels, while falcons, eagles and griffon vultures (one of the biggest colonies in Europe) circle above.



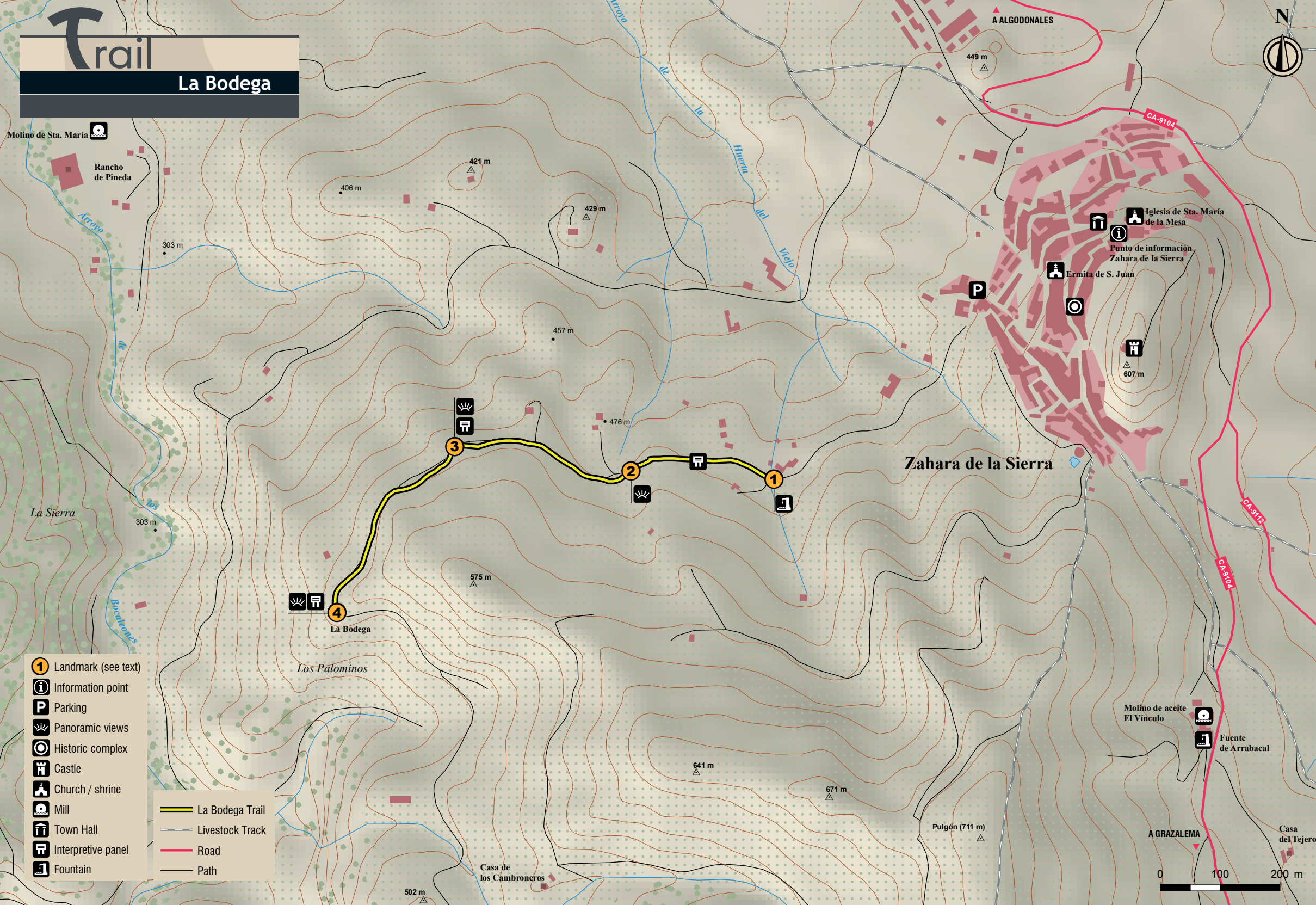
The return route from La Bodega [4] is made along the same track in the opposite direction.

As its name indicates the trail runs in the direction of La Bodega. The lands of La Bodega were once a wine estate, given the importance of wine cultivation in the area until the terrible phylloxera plague of the 19th century, after which growers were forced to switch to olive cultivation and today olive trees line our path for almost the entire route.

It's a comfortable trial, on foot or on bicycle, with excellent views of the nearby vegetable farms close to the Bocaleones stream and the Reserve Zone of the Sierra de Grazalema Nature Park.

Trail

La Bodega



- Landmark (see text)
- Information point
- Parking
- Panoramic views
- Historic complex
- Castle
- Church / shrine
- Mill
- Town Hall
- Interpretive panel
- Fountain

- La Bodega Trail
- Livestock Track
- Road
- Path



Molino de Sta. Maria

Rancho de Pineda

303 m

La Sierra

303 m

Los Palominos

La Bodega

575 m

421 m

406 m

429 m

457 m

476 m

2

1

641 m

671 m

Pulgón (711 m)

502 m

Casa de los Cambreros

A ALGODONALES

449 m

CA-9104

Iglesia de Sta. Maria de la Mesa

Punto de información Zahara de la Sierra

Ermita de S. Juan

607 m

Zahara de la Sierra

Molino de aceite El Vínculo

Fuente de Arrabacal

A GRAZALEMA

Casa del Tejero