

## 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

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PARQUE NATURAL  
Montes de  
Málaga

Trail

El Cerrado



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## OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



### • ROUTE

Circular

### • LENGTH

2,9 km

### • ESTIMATED TIME

1 hour and 20 minutes

### • DIFFICULTY

Moderate

### • TYPE OF TRAIL

Track or path with a compact surface

### • LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Uneven terrain. Reforestation pine forests with the presence of species typical of Mediterranean woodland. Ravines and shady areas. Viewpoints with views of the natural park and its surroundings.

### • SHADE

Frequent

### • SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

### • RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear. Traffic to private plots.

### • PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Málaga / Málaga

### • SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1053 - Málaga

### • START / END COORDINATES

36° 48' 38,66"N – 4° 23' 5,51"O



## HOW TO GET THERE

From Málaga take the A-7000 north towards Colmenar. After about 13 km, you reach La Fuente de la Reina, from where a tarmac track leads off to the left in the direction of the Hotel Humaina. Continue along this track until reaching the recreational area of El Cerrado, where the path begins.



## PARKING

There is a car park with about 25 parking spaces at the beginning of the trail, counting the parking spaces at the Hotel Humaina and the recreational area.



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

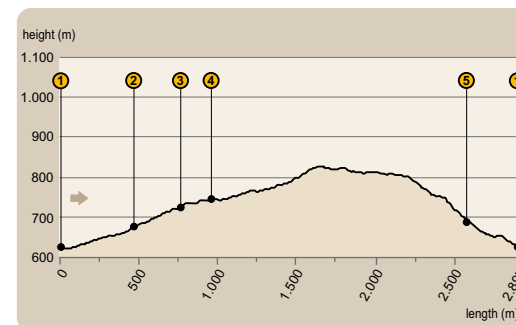
As there are no urban centres along the route of the road, there are no buses or trains with stops close to the access, which means that access must be by car. In Malaga, bus station: tel. 952 35 00 61; railway station: www.renfe.es, tel. 902 24 02 02.



## OTHER TRAILS

Nearby trails include the Pocopán and Umbría de Contadoras trails.

## PROFILE OF ROUTE



### • MAXIMUM GRADIENT

206 m

### • MAXIMUM HEIGHT

827 m

### • MINIMUM HEIGHT

621 m

## THE PINE FOREST RECOVERS

The fire reduced a large part of this fifty-year-old reforestation pine forest to ashes and now nature is fighting to return to the previous situation.

The relative proximity in time of the fire means that the vegetation is still young and changes its appearance every year. Now the Aleppo pines are intermingled with holm oaks and cork oaks that are sprouting up again in these lands in an attempt to recover the lost wealth. Junipers and strawberry trees also form a beautiful thicket, a typical Mediterranean undergrowth of great beauty.



## EL COCHINO (THE HOG)

A sculpture of a hog gives its name to this viewpoint. It was made by Mr Francisco Martín, who recycled scrap metal found in the same natural park for its composition. A stone monolith commemorates the repopulation carried out after the 1989 fire.







# Trail

## El Cerrado

### Effects of fire

We start our route in the recreational area El Cerrado (check [1] on the map), opposite the mountain hotel Humaina, which is named after a nearby stream.

This area was spared the effects of a fire declared on 15 August 1989, which started at the foot of the lane from which we have accessed the path. In just two hours the flames reached the road, leaving behind a dark and deserted landscape. The affected area covered about 40 hectares.

Continuing on our way we will cross a gully with water only seasonally [2] and tributaries of the Humaina stream.



*Animals flee in our presence, but if we keep silent, we are likely to find some of them. The chameleon, a slow-moving, protected species, will try to camouflage itself in order to go unnoticed.*

The ascent leads to a forest track that is frequently used by vehicles, so extreme caution should be exercised on this stretch [3]. From here we will be able to observe the route completed up to this point. We will observe the line that separates the area that burned and the area that escaped the fire, which marks the boundary between life and the destruction caused by the fire. We are currently witnessing the regeneration of the Mediterranean vegetation, the pine forest and its characteristic scrubland.



### From the lookout point, there is the sea behind a sea of hills

The route takes us to the viewpoint of El Cochino [4], with access adapted for people with functional disabilities, and the main landmark of this trail. From here, we have good panoramic views of these mountains, of the Mijas, Alhaurín and Cártama mountain ranges, of the bare Verdiales hill, of the Sierra de las Nieves Natural Park, and of the city of Málaga with the Mediterranean Sea in the distance.



Once we have passed the adapted viewpoint, we continue up the ridge of the firebreak, so that we have views of the two slopes. We will continue until we join the lane again to take another lane to the left at the bend.



*With caution we may come across a wild boar or a squirrel in search of food. Birds of prey cannot be absent from this description either; the short-toed eagle watches us from the sky.*

From here, we will continue on a gentle stroll for just over 400 m, leaving the track on the left and descending towards the start of the route.



On this return section we will walk along part of the boundary that we saw earlier, with some pine trees that were miraculously saved from the fire, as this area is located in the shady part of the mountain.



Trees and bushes have followed one after the other along the route, sometimes encountering bushes that are more robust than many trees.

This can be attested to by some magnificent strawberry trees [5], which can be found at the foot of the path, testifying to the effort of this vegetation to survive despite the harassment of clearings, felling and fires.

Finally, the path crosses the track again, returning to the recreational area next to the Hotel Humaina, where you can rest and extend this day in full contact with nature.

After two long decades, these mountains are beginning to look promising. The fire that razed them to the ground is now part of their history, but its devastating effects are still visible amidst the recovering vegetation and the rich animal life that roams or flies over it.

This path runs through much of the space that was then devastated by fire -this should not be forgotten-. This event demands us a commitment to respect the rules that prevent the flames from happening again, leaving the ground dangerously ravaged.



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## El Cerrado



PARQUE NATURAL  
MONTES DE MÁLAGA



759 m

673 m

914 m

605 m

703 m

761 m

735 m

885 m

859 m

Hotel Humaina

Área recreativa  
El Cerrado

Venta de  
San Francisco

Venta de  
la Chinchilla

El Cerrado

Chinchilla

Cuesta de la Reina

Arroyo  
de  
Cercadilla

- Landmark (see text)
- Parking
- Recreational area
- Interpretive panel
- Viewpoint
- Hotel

- El Cerrado Trail
- Nature park boundary
- Road
- Path



El Cerrado Trail

Nature park boundary

Road

Path