

## 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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PARQUE NATURAL  
Sierras de Tejeda,  
Almijara y Alhama

## MORE INFORMATION

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## OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



### ROUTE

Linear

### LENGTH (OUTWARD)

6,4 km

### ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

3 hours

### DIFFICULTY

High

### TYPE OF TRAIL

Path

### LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

This trail offers a beautiful view over the Sierra de Almijara and the course of the Verde River. The trail crosses a lush area with typical Mediterranean vegetation such as rosemary, esparto grass, diverse species of rockrose and maritime pines. We will also find other trees such as heather, carob trees and kermes oaks. As the trail comes closer to the river, the vegetation changes into oleander, Halimium halimifolium and engojo.

### SHADE

Frequent

### SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Authorisation required

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Walking boots with good grip soles and sturdy support around the ankles.

### PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Granada / Iznalloz

### SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1041 - Durcal

### START / END COORDINATES

36° 51' 38,11" N – 3° 43' 24,11" O

36° 50' 27,29" N – 3° 44' 24,27" O



### HOW TO GET THERE

From Otívar: Follow the road A-4050 in the direction of Granada for about 15 km, until a signalled parking area, just 30 m away from the start of the trail.



### PARKING

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



### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

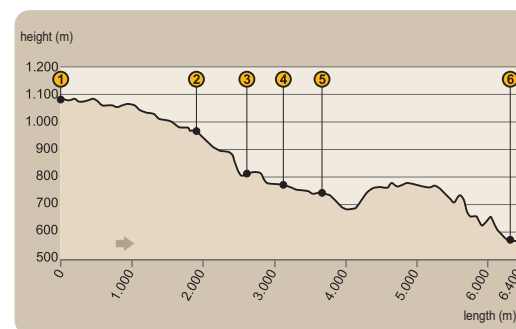
Granada - Otívar: ALSA Buses (tel. 902 42 22 42; www.alsa.es)



### OTHER TRAILS

There is no nearby route of the Regional Ministry.

### PROFILE OF ROUTE



### MAXIMUM GRADIENT

515 m

### MAXIMUM HEIGHT

1.082 m

### MINIMUM HEIGHT

567 m



## GREEN CANYONING

The Verde River is a popular destination for adventure activities. Its canyons, formed by the erosion of limestone rock, are an ideal place to practice canyoning. This place is well worth a visit, and canyoning is a thrilling activity, albeit not entirely free of risk. For this reason, it must be carried out by specialized personnel and with the previous authorisation of the Autonomous Government of Andalusia. Both trekking and canyoning are unforgettable experiences that you must not miss!





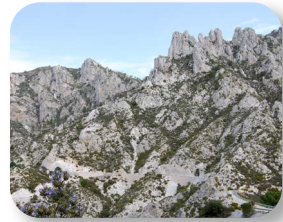


# Trail

## Río Verde

### Verde River

The trail continues along a narrow path, which in some sections has been prepared to prevent falls. However, please proceed with caution at all times.



From the Collado de los Chortales (see [1] on map) the trail zigzags down a mountainous slope circling the hill called Cerro

Martos down to the spring of the Verde River. At all times the landscape is lush and verdant. The first noteworthy species are maritime pines, many rosemary bushes and different species of rockroses. Shortly after the beginning of the trail, there is a specific space to admire the landscape surrounding this trail. A panoramic panel on the views will help you to locate all summits of the range that surrounds you [2].



Continue straight on to the Barranco de los Chortales, where you may admire the waterfall known as Cascada de los Árboles Petrificados or Chorrera de los Palos, and the first ponds of green waters (hence the name of Verde River, "verde" meaning "green" in Spanish) can be observed.



### Cascada de los Árboles Petrificados waterfall

This is a really unique waterfall [3]. Inside it there are long, clear rocks, which look very much like tree trunks. And, basically, that is what they used to be. Originally, these forms were trees that fell either naturally or due to fires, and were stuck in the limestone rocks. Over the years, the limestone dissolved in water accumulated on them turning the trees into a highly porous rock known as tufa. Dissolved limestone material penetrated the trunks, causing the organic matter to decay and leaving the trunk hollow. The resulting rock maintains the shape of the tree trunk from which it was originated.



*Spectacular waterfall surrounded by mineralised old tree trunks turned tufa by the effect of water-dissolved limestone.*



*Cool spring with a steady flow throughout the year.*

### Pools and waterfalls, a canyoning paradise

Your next stop shall be at the middle point of the trail, just at the spring of the Verde River, by which is the Fuente de las Cabrerizas spring [4]. Shortly afterwards, you will reach a series of pools along a cliff; they are the spillway of the reservoir called Pantaneta de la Cueva de Funes [5], which is located uphill and discharges in this side of the mountain. All along the way, you will probably have had four-legged company: agile specimens of Iberian ilex may have been interested in you.



You are now close to the end of the trail. The last highlight is the Cascada de la Cueva waterfall, known by some as the "Y" [6], which creates the pool called Poza Central. After a few metres, our way finishes.



*Starting point for some canyoning routes. Our route ends here. Take a rest and enjoy the view of this beautiful waterfall and the cool pools it creates.*

This is a descending trail across a middle mountain area of the Sierra de Almirajara, until arriving at the karst canyons and creeks at the spring of the Verde River.

Along the trail you will be able to enjoy panoramic views over the Almirajara range and be surprised by the visit from a specimen of the large population of Iberian ilex that it is home to. It is interesting to appreciate the diverse vegetation all along the trail, with an astonishing number of endemic species. You will also be able to appreciate the transition between the vegetation typical of middle mountain at the beginning of the trail and the riparian vegetation near the end.



# Trail

## Río Verde



- Verde River Trail
- Natural park boundary
- Road
- Path
- Electricity line
- Livestock Track
- Landmark (see text)
- Interpretive panel
- Farmstead

0 200 400 m