| LENGHT： | $24,9 \mathrm{~km}$ | DURATION： | 7 h |
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| INCLINESS <br> Total ascent： | 749 m | Total descent： | 1.001 m |
| CARTOGRAP <br> 1064－III（Cortes | $\begin{aligned} & 1: 25.000 \\ & \text { frontera) \| } 106 \end{aligned}$ | II（El Colmenar） |  |

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PROFILE OF THIS SECTION



Penon de
Benadalid

LINKS TO OTHER APPROVED TRACK

| GREAT TRACKS | SMALL TRACKS | $\square$ LOCAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GR 249 Gran Senda de Málaga | PR－A 258 Atajate－Jimera | SL－A 34 Cañón Buitreras |
|  | PR－A 237 C Tesoro－Benalauría | SL－A 138 Río Guadiaro |
| This guide does not offer information regarding the state of conservation of the tracks since it can vary at any time． | PR－A 245 El Colmenar－Gaucín | SL－A 186 Camino de la Estación |

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SUMMARY OF THE SECTION
We will follow the course of the river Guadiaro along this section of the track, which will take us from Jimera de Líbar to El Colmenar (also known as Esacion de Gaucin) The latter belongs to the town of Cortes de la frontera tación de Gaucin). The latter belongs to the tortes de la Frontera. Most of our journey runs along the left river bank, through meadows, woodland and farmlands that stretch over the inter-stream ridge that separates us from the Valle del Genal (Valle of the Genal). A succession of medium-height mountain ranges dominate the fields, such as the sierras del Conio, Benadalid, Benalauria, del Fraile and del Hacho. On the other side we will always see the grey limestone of the macizo de Libar (massif of Libar), which is the most eastern area of the Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park and runs parallel to the river Guadiaro. Only at the end of this section of the
track, when we get to the narrow cañón de
las Buitreras (canyon of las Buitreras), a protected area and Natural
S5, a protected area and Natura we cross to the opposite river bank to finish our journey. We can also choose to take the detour of the Gran Senda de la Serranía de Ronda (Great Track of the Serranía de Ronda), that will take us from the aguna Honda, near the town of $C$ Laguna Honda, near the town of Caroute through the Pasada del Bujeo del Álamo.

## KEEP IN MIND

We will pass through a total of 10 wooden gates (locally known as angarillas) that we must remember to close to prevent the cattle from crossing from one ranch to another. We should also have in mind, specially in the rainy seasons, that the track can be a bit uncomfortable to walk through due to the sticky mud in the Dehesa de Jimera and the rest of clayey trails of this section. Also be carefu when crossing the different fords, as the river levels can be high because of the rain. Please do not disturb the livestock that graze in the field, specially the cattle. Although cows are gentle animals, they are easily enraged when bothered and may charge at you; should we find any in the middle of the track, we should best make
a detour and resume the trail further on. The puente de los Alemanes (Bridge of the Germans), which is 60 metres high, does not currently have any security fences, so we should take precautions, specially if we want to look over the bridge to see the bottomless abyss below. The descent towards the charco del Moro is very steep and slippery, so it is recommendable to use alpenstocks. Up to the scattered houses of Siete Pilas (Benalauria) our track coincides with the thinerary of the GR-219 Pilas ( Senda ma Máloga (Great Track of Málaga) As with the fist section Gran Senda de Málaga (Great Track of Málaga). As with the first section of the track, Jimera de Libar, Cañada del Real Tesoro (Estación de Cortes) and El Colmenar (Estación de Gaucin) are all connected by the AlgecirasRonda railway, which allows us to combine both sections. ADIF-RENFE Information number: 902320320.


- Sierra Blanquilla to the left Sierra Blanquilia to the left
(1) Jimera de Líbar - km 0

We start by the MA-8307, at the exit of Jimera and in direction to Atajate. Near the fountain we will see a public washing place, now fallen into disuse but well preserved, and behind it, a trough for the cattle. Hear you will also see several markers that belong to the PR-A258 Jimera de Líbar-Atajate (although the sign wrongly reads PR-A 257) and to the great tracks GR-249 and GR-141. The last two overlap up until the Laguna Honda (Deep Lake in English).

We start our walk down the road to Atajate and later we turn to the asphalt lane to the right. This path will take us though several smallholdings of olive trees, almond trees and farmlands. At that same crossroad you will see a sign of the GR-249. It is worthwhile to stop here for a moment to look at the spectacular view of the Blanquilla, del Palo and Benaoján mountain ranges, all part of the Grazalema
H. Natural Park. On these steep mountainsides and under the highest escarpments, natural habitat of the mountain goat, there are small patches of holm oaks that are home to several species, like the ginet.

