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DURATION: 8 h

Total ascent: 1.557 m

Total descent: 1.356 m

1064-III (El Colmenar) | 1064-IV (Gaucín)



17,20%



30,67%



53,13%



9,40%



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GREAT TRACKS



SMALL TRACKS



LOCAL TRAILS

SL-A 34 Cañón Buitreras

SL-A 175 Concoste - La Porta

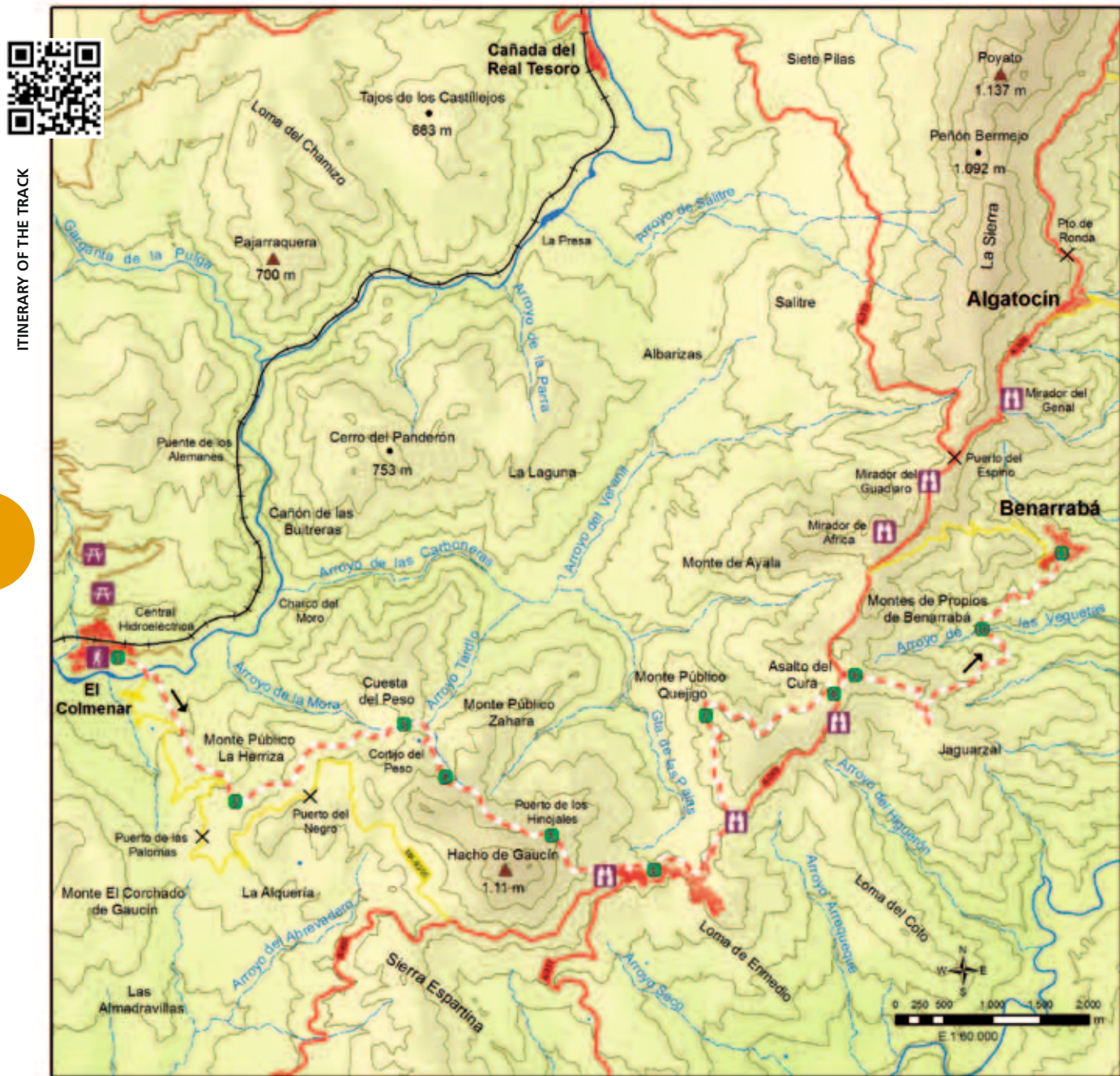
SL-A 216 Sendero Ornitológico

SL-A 215 Llanos del Rey

This guide does not offer information regarding the state of conservation of the tracks since it can vary at any time.

ITINERARY OF THE TRACK

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SUMMARY OF THE SECTION

Transitional stage between the **two main valleys** of the GR-141, the **Guadiaro** valley, where we initially walked, and the **Genal** valley, where we will walk from now on, with Benarrabá as our first destination. From the Bujeo fields where cows graze, we will steadily climb up the **Hacho mountain range**, covered by a large patch of Mediterranean forest. The **port of Hinojales**, the highest point of our day, dominates the large panoramic view overlooking the imposing spur of Líbar, in the eastern sector of the Sierra de Grazalema natural park, and the rolling hills that extend from Cortes de la Frontera to Campo de Gibraltar, forming the great forests of the natural park of Alcornocales. We will also get a glimpse of the romantic village of **Gaucín** with the historic **castle of the Águila** towering over it.

On entering the Montes de Propios de Benarrabá, the cork grove stands as absolute owner of the forest. Meanwhile, the curious hiker will not have a chance to grasp all the magnificence of the Valle del Genal, shaped by green hills and deep gorges with no apparent order, and a small group of charming whitewashed villages of clear Andalusian typology scattered around.



Dragonfly

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KEEP IN MIND

As in previous stages, we will be passing between plots of land using gates that we must close behind us. In the summer months, the first stretches of the path run through fields riddled with thistles that make wearing long trousers a good idea. Be careful not to disturb the cows grazing in the first fields. We will cross Gaucín by road and the roadside won't always be very wide, so be careful with the traffic, especially when crossing from one side to another. Some bits of the GR, through the passage of the Montes de Propios de Benarrabá, will be more or less signposted depending on how

MAIN SPOTS OF THIS SECTION			
1	El Colmenar	30S x: 286492 – y: 4046469	244 m
2	Monte público La Herriza	30S x: 287725 – y: 4044836	435 m
3	Colada del Camino del Molino	30S x: 289607 – y: 4045668	583 m
4	Monte público Zahara	30S x: 289835 – y: 4045191	676 m
5	Puerto de los Hinojales	30S x: 290983 – y: 4044506	791 m
6	Gaucín	30S x: 291814 – y: 4044143	630 m
7	Monte público Quejigo	30S x: 292606 – y: 4045872	664 m
8	Asalto del Cura	30S x: 293895 – y: 4045890	737 m
9	Montes de Propios de Benarrabá	30S x: 294047 – y: 4046187	784 m
10	Arroyo de las Veguetas	30S x: 295411 – y: 4046637	412 m
11	Benarrabá	30S x: 296288 – y: 4047364	538 m



◀ THIS SECTION ONLINE

the cork grove is managed. Wooden beacons will always help to clear any doubts. The surrounding plots of land, before reaching Benarrabá, are dedicated to the cultivation of fruit; as one may imagine, the fruit belong to their owners and, as one might expect, cannot be collected, even if it is only an orange. Until Gaucín, the path of this stage coincides entirely with the PR-A-245 El Colmenar-Gaucín. In addition to the beacons of these standardized trails, we will see signs in yellow, blue, white and green paint. At the end of the stage it coincides with PR-A 243 Gaucín-Benarrabá.

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▲ Starting the journey

▼ Facing El Colmenar

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DESCRIPTION OF THE ITINERARY

1 EL COLMENAR – km 0

Situated at the village crossing, we go south to the road of Gaucín (MA-9300). Then we get to the **iron bridge** over the Guadiaro river. From the other end we go down to the bank and move to cross over the gate that takes us away through a small path that happens to meet the Cañada Real of El Colmenar. This first street slope ends to the right, the lane is cut off by a gate that separates it from the road. It is unusual, and at the same time exemplary, to find here a large container installed by the hunting society of Las Lomillas, where hunters deposit their cartridges; we applaud the idea, because this measure helps to avoid contaminating the soil and prevents the poisoning of wildlife, especially birds. The trail crosses over the gate and continues straight ahead. The height gained adds mastic shrubs to the vegetation and displays an extraordinary landscape from west to north. During the summer, the fragrance of the pennyroyal will waft through the air, as it is very abundant in the Bujeo.



After about a hundred meters from the last intersection, we stumble across a high step besides the gate when accessing a nearby cortijo, a sort of 'farmhouse'. We walk up another little slope and then we access the public hill of La Herriza, in the municipality of Gaucín.