

GR 141 GRAN SENDA DE LA SERRANÍA DE RONDA
SECTION 5: BENALAURÍA - ALPANDEIRE

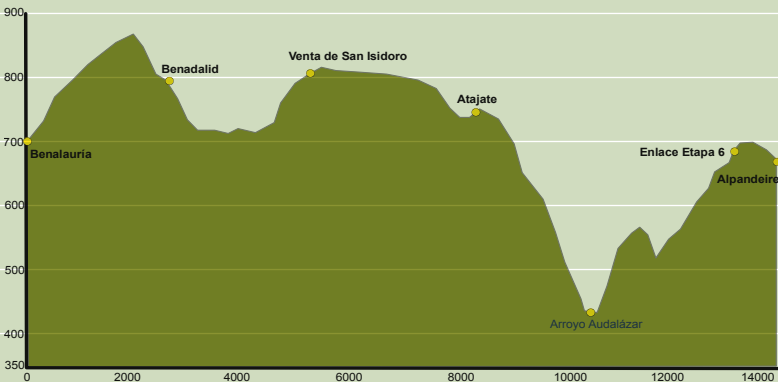
LENGTH: 15,5 km DURATION: 7 h

INCLINESS
Total ascent: 1.357 m Total descent: 1.364 m

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PROFILE OF THIS SECTION



LINKS TO OTHER APPROVED TRACKS

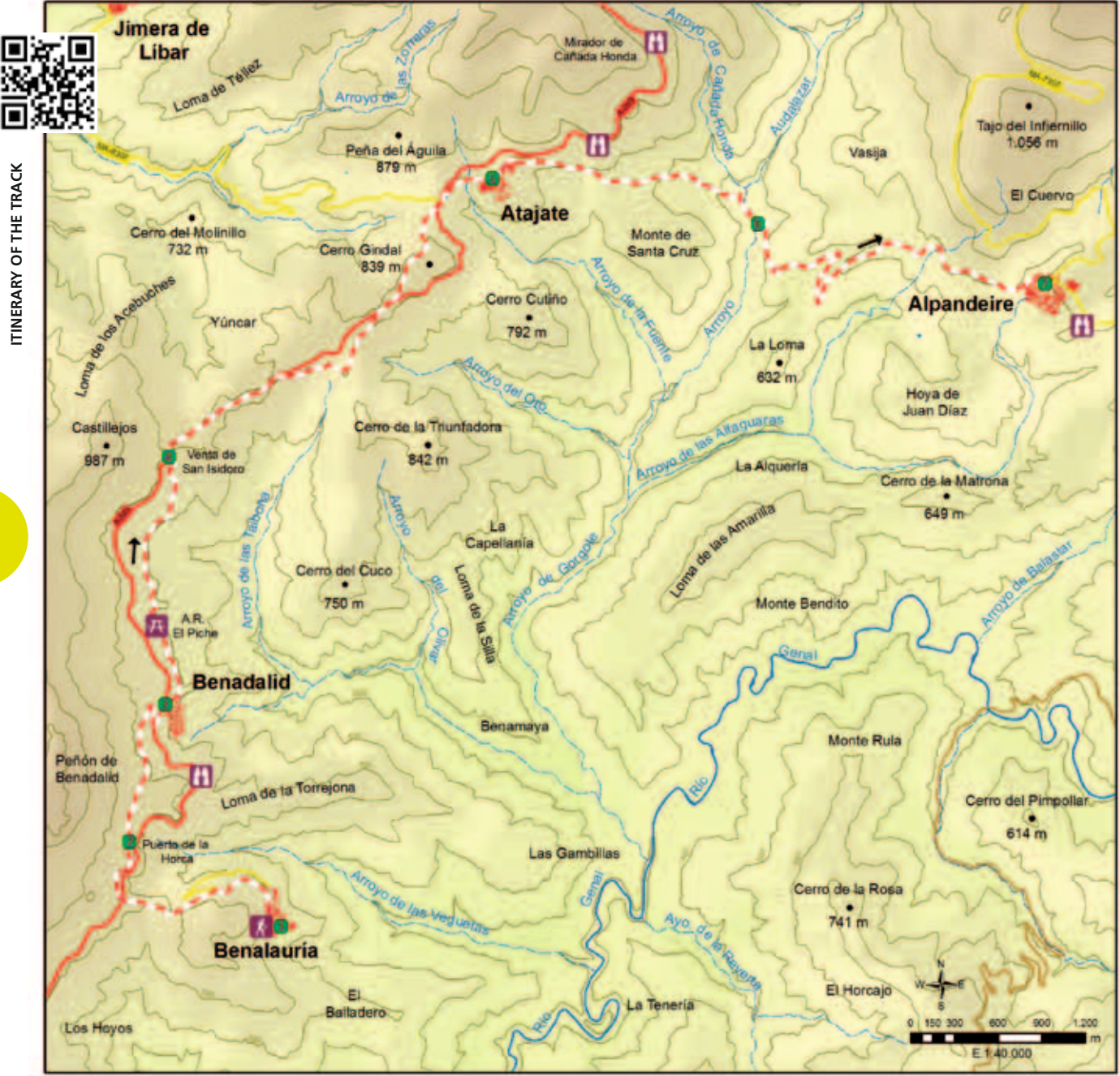


- GR 249 Gran Senda de Málaga
- PR-A 291 Benalauría - Jubrique
- PR-A 238 Benalauría - Algotocín
- PR-A 237 Benalauría - Cañada del Real Tesoro
- PR-A 236 Benadalid - Benalauría
- PR-A 235 Benadalid - Atajate
- PR-A 229 Atajate - Alpandeire
- PR-A 258 Atajate - Jimera de Líbar
- PR-A 228 Alpandeire - Faraján

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

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ITINERARY OF THE TRACK



SUMMARY OF THE SECTION

The most remarkable geographical feature in this section is the long Genal-Guadiaro interstream ridge. The GR-141 runs on its eastern side, overlapping the ancient **Vereda del Camino de Ronda**, which was the historical connection of this region and the Campo de Gibraltar. In accordance with its geological diversity, the surrounding landscape shows three well-defined spaces: the mountainous border which encloses the valley to the West and to the North, characterised by the greyish colour of its limestones and dolomite rocks and certainly deforested by human action (coaling, shepherding, felling, fires, etc); the valley itself, composed of metamorphic rocks (slates, gneisses, schists, quartzites, phyllites, etc.), where a magnificent oak forest grows; and lastly, to the East, the peculiar **Sierra Bermeja**, home to pinaster and radiata pines,

to Spanish firs and to numerous botanical endemisms. The depression of the Guadiaro allows us to barely make out the **Peñón de Gibraltar** (Rock of Gibraltar), as well as the African coast to the South.

Between the two inns of San Isidoro and Atajate, the path climbs along the ridge that separates our two main valleys. This will allow us catch sight of the **macizo de Líbar** (massif of Líbar) in all its splendour to the West;

one of the most prominent karstic landscapes of the eastern edge of the Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park. To the North, we will always have **sierra del Oreganal** (mountain range of the Oreganal), which cuts the plateau of Ronda off from the prolific Valle del Genal (Valley of the Genal). From afar, we will be able to see the mountainsides that surround the towns of Faraján, Júzcar, Cartajima, Parauta, Igualaja and Pujerra, dotted with chestnut groves. Once we arrive in Atajate, we will leave the Camino de Ronda to walk down the trail to Alpandeire, crossing the narrow valley of the Audalázar and one of the most beautiful **holm oak forests of the upper Genal**.



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MAIN SPOTS OF THIS SECTION			
1	Benalauría	30S x: 297880 – y: 4052151	631 m
2	Puerto de la Horca	30S x: 296782 – y: 4052989	859 m
3	Benadalid	30S x: 297090 – y: 4053768	706 m
4	Venta San Isidoro	30S x: 297025 – y: 4055426	792 m
5	Atajate	30S x: 299350 – y: 4057423	759 m
6	Arroyo Audalázar	30S x: 301050 – y: 4057006	445 m
7	Alpandeire	30S x: 303046 – y: 4056546	701 m

KEEP IN MIND

After leaving Benalauría and by the the old in of Santo Domingo, we will have to cross the road A-369 (Ronda-Gaucin). We must do so with extreme caution, and again when we get to Benadalid and to Atajate. After walking for a kilometre, between the inn of San Isidoro and the entrance to the Yuncar estate, we will actually be walking on the verge of the road. Crossing the ford of the river Audalázar (which carries water all year round), is not difficult at all, except when there is a great rise in its level. As in previous sections, we will have to cross several gates in between estates and we must also respect the fruits and crops from the different farming fields. The first part of the track matches the GR-249 (the section from Siete Pilas to Benalauría) and the PR-A 237 (Cañada del Real Tesoro-Benalauría). The routes from Benadalid to Atajate and from Atajate to Alpandeire overlap the approved trails PR-A 235 and 229, respectively.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ITINERARY

1 BENALAURÍA – km 0

From the **plaza del Teniente Viñas** (Lieutenant Viñas Square) we follow the steep Fuente street until we leave the old town through a paved road. After 400 metres we reach the main road to Benalauría (MA-8306). We will continue down that road towards the sport facilities, the town pool and the factory of **La Molienda** cooperative, which produces handmade ecological preserves. The slope comes to an end at the crossing with the A-369, by the **old inn of Santo Domingo**, also known as the **inn of Farruco**. The inn used to be a required



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stop-off for traders, mule drivers and even doctors that came from Ronda before a medical centre was opened in Algotocín. From here, the spectacular limestone hulk of the **peñón de Benadalid** (rock of Benadalid) or the **tajo de los Aviones** easily catch the attention of the walker. Numerous birds that usually inhabit rocky areas nest on their walls: crag martins, red-billed choughs and several birds of prey. This is also the perfect setting for mountain climbers and enthusiasts of via ferratas.

▼ Peñón de Benadalid (Rock of Benadalid)



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