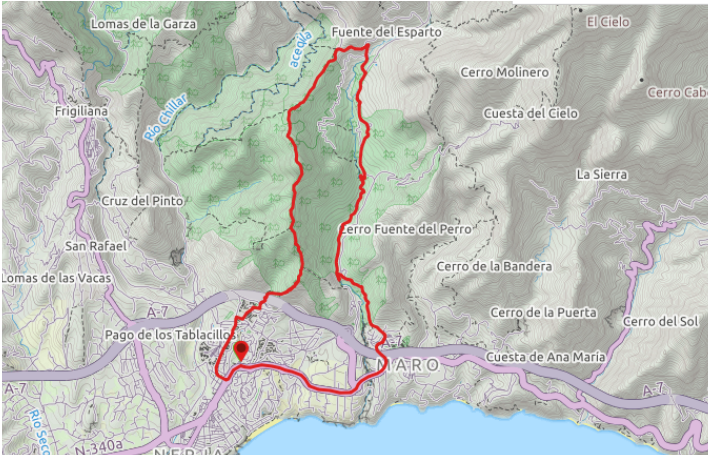


Barranco de la Coladilla and ridge walk from Nerja



Start/Finish: E.Lopez Cuenca
Athletic stadium, Nerja

Distance: 15km circular

Time: 4hr 30mins-5hr

Refreshments: Nerja caves, El Pinarillo
picnic site

Terrain: Tarmac, dirt road, footpaths

Highest altitude: 630m

This circular walk starts from the athletic stadium in Nerja and follows a ridge with excellent views to the surrounding mountains. On the way back the route leads the walker down to the Barranco de la Coladilla (gorge).

Starting from the E. Lopez Cuenca athletic stadium on Av. De Pescia (N-340) in Nerja, head west to reach the next roundabout, take Calle Julio Romero to the right. A little farther on keep right to follow Avenida de la Constitución heading north. 1km later turn right onto Calle los Álamos and then turn left onto Calle Via Real. At the end of the street turn right and then left at the next street, Calle Mandarin. 50m later the road splits, take the path in between the streets leading down to a ravine.



Walk along this path and in about 100m notice a small path steeply heading up to the hillside and eventually reaching the ridge. Enjoy great views back towards Nerja and sea.

The trail is really easy to follow on the ridge. It is not a very busy trail so the vegetation can be a little denser at some places. About 3.5km from the start of the ridge section reach a dirt track. Keep right and follow it for about 400m. Take the path on the right. In about 600m reach the El Pinarillo picnic site. Here there is a fountain with drinking water.

From the picnic site facing, the disused snack bar,

keep right on the forest track southwards.

1.5km later notice a path on the right. This leads down to the river gorge.

Reaching the dry riverbed keep left and follow the gorge for about 2km. Notice a path on the left hand side heading out from the gorge. Take this path leading back to the forest track.

Reaching it, turn right and follow it for 1.5km and arrive at the Nerja caves car park. Turn right onto the tarmac road and follow it. Reach a roundabout, keep right and at the next roundabout keep left and follow the N-340 road back to the starting point. It will take about 30mins to get back to the stadium.