

(Priego de Córdoba – Rute) Sierra Horconera

Starting point: Gámiz Country House, coordinates: 37.429788, -4.234739

End: Rute

Length: 19.6 km, lineal

Time: 8 hours

Difficulty: Medium-High

This path crosses the Natural Reserve through its southern slope, and continues along an olive grove, and the steep slopes of Sierra Horconera mountains, which is the highest one of Córdoba province. We start our route between olive trees to Cortijo de Gámiz country house, where we will turn to the right, and continue our way between rock walls towards Sierra de los Pollos mountains. After a gentle climb and a descent, we will reach the brook Arroyo de Jaula, which we will cross over bridge. After 100 m we will reach the road CO-7208, and we will follow it towards Rute for a long stretch.

The road runs between the mountains and the brook of Jaula. The stunning Sierra de Horconera, in front of us, gets closer.

After about 4 km., we will leave the road next to Cortijo del Puerto del Cerezo country house, and take another path which crosses the Los Villares brook over a bridge called Posada de los Arrieros. We will go on through the slopes of Pico Bermejo mountain to reach Cortijo de Vichira country house.

From this point, the mountains are more steep, and covered by Aleppo pine woods. We will pass the remains of Rute el Viejo village, and the recreational area of Fuente Alta, to finally reach Rute.

