

LAS DUNAS TO FALLA DE BAZA		
Circular route around viewpoints overlooking the Baza geological fault		
Walk or Mountain-bike ride to the Falla de Baza geological fault where it cuts through the lower slope of Jabalcón mountain within the Granada Geo Parque. Several miradores on the route provide impressive views of the geological fault line between red sandstone and white limestone formations and out across the 'badlands' of the plateau that used to form the bed of an ancient lake.	Total Distance	9 km
	Uphill Height Gain	+ 302m
	Downhill Height Loss	- 302m
	Time, walking	2 hrs 30 min

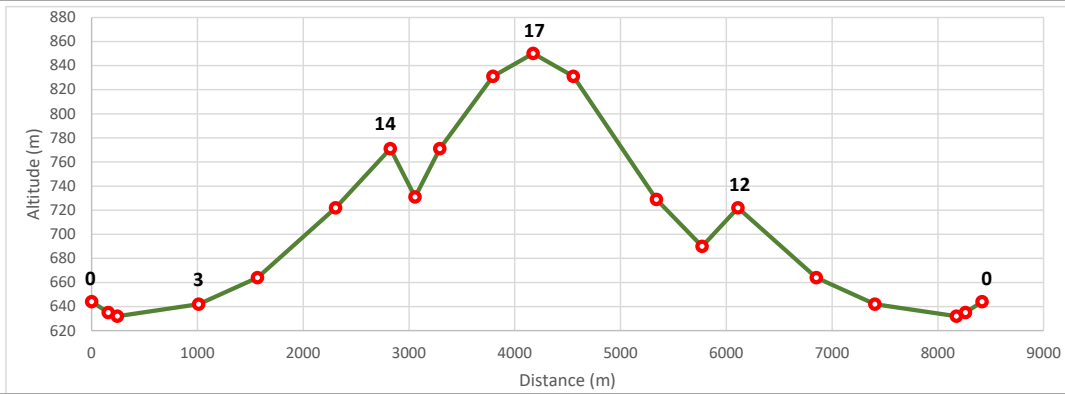
Route map with numbered way points



Follow Way Points in the sequence described and shown on the map. These are **not** necessarily in numerical order.

Key to map	
N	Way Point N : Latitude & Longitude in decimal degrees, altitude in metres
←	Turn left at Way Point
→	Turn right at Way Point
↑	Straight on at Way Point
m/km	Approximate distance to next Way Point in metres or kilometres
↗ m	Overall increase in altitude + meters to next Way Point
↘ m	Overall decrease in altitude - meters to next Way Point

Overall altitude changes between way points



0	Las Dunas, Cuevas del Negro 37.608663°N, -2.776097°W, 644m alt.
← 150 m ↘ 9 m	At the turning to Las Dunas, facing in the direction of Jabalcón mountain, turn left down the unsurfaced track to the STOP sign at the junction with the surfaced road
1	Stop Sign, junction of Cuevas del Negro (turning to Cortés de Baza) 37.607395°N, -2.775306°W, 635m alt.
← 50 m ↘ 3 m	At the STOP sign, turn left on the surfaced road and walk about 50m.
2	T-Junction, Cuevas del Negro, road to Baza 37.607335°N, -2.774333°W, 632m alt.
→ 800 m ↗ 10 m	At the first T-Junction turn right onto the unsurfaced track, sign-posted BAZA (hand-painted sign) and "E4/GR-7 P. Negratin 1h45m" (carved wooden signpost). Follow the track, crossing the River Guradal at the ford or narrow metal bridge. Continue on the surfaced road up to the ruined farmhouse (Cortijo Grande) on the crest. Mount Jabalcón, which the Baza fault cuts through, can be seen ahead to the right
3	Cortijo Grande 37.600564°N, -2.776146°W, 642m alt.
→ 600 m ↗ 22 m	At Cortijo Grande, turn right off the surfaced road at the corner of a chain-link fence with sign "Coto Privado de Caza" onto the white unsurfaced track. Jabalcón is directly ahead. Follow the track for about 0.6 km to a fork
13	Fork in track, Cortijo Grande 37.599850°N, -2.777636°W, 643m alt.
→ 750 m ↗ 58 m	At the fork in the track, bear right. The track splits almost immediately again, take the left fork heading up an incline towards a white pumping hut (Way Point 12)
12	Junction with Canal Rd by White Pumping Hut 37.593600°N, -2.787919°W, 722m alt.
← 700 m ↗ 49 m	At the junction with the surfaced road, turn left, then immediately right, crossing a bridge with blue railings over the irrigation canal. Follow the track to the right up to the fault viewpoint.
14	Geo Parque Signpost, Falla de Baza 220m 37.589589°N, -2.790859°W, 771m alt.
← 220 m ↘ 40 m	At the junction between paths there are 2 wooden Geo Parque signposts. Follow the gravel path marked by the "Falla de Baza 220m" sign to the viewpoint
15	Falla de Baza Lower Mirador 37.588509°N, -2.788574°W, 731m alt
↓ 220 m ↗ 40 m	The fenced Geo Parque viewpoint with information board overlooks a section of the geological fault. Return back along the gravel path to the main path.
14	Geo Parque Signpost, Falla de Baza 220m 37.589589°N, -2.790859°W, 771m alt.
← 200 m ↗ 60 m	At the main track by the sign posts, turn left heading uphill.
16	Geo Parque Signpost, Mirador 400m 37.588118°N, -2.796245°W, 831m alt.
← 400m ↗ 19m	At the turning, marked with wooden GeoParque sign posts "Falla de Baza 800m" and "Mirador 400m", turn left to the mirador.
17	Falla de Baza Upper Mirador 37.585644°N, -2.793273°W, 850m alt.
↓ 400 m ↘ 19 m	The upper mirador gives a panoramic view over the fault, the valley, ancient drained lake bed now forming the "badlands" and the surrounding mountains in the distance. Return back along the track the way you came.

16	Geo Parque Signpost, Mirador 400m 37.588118°N, -2.796245°W, 831m alt.
← 1.5 km ↗ 7 m	At the two Geo Parque signposts, stay on the track, bearing left (rather than the way you came up). The track gradually winds down the hillside then joins the main surfaced Canal de Jabalcón road.
11	Geo Parque Parking Area & Information Board 37.594713°N, -2.793036°W, 729m alt.
← 500 m ↘ 39 m	Join the main surfaced road by crossing the bridge over the concrete irrigation canal and turning left. Then immediately turn right into the Geo Parque parking area amongst a small copse of pine trees, immediately on the right. Follow the path sign-posted "Castillo y Humedal 1.2km". There is another mirador on the way, looking out over another section of the fault. The Castillo ruins are visible on a limestone outcrop.
10	Geo Parque Signpost, Castillo Benzalema y Humedal del Pantano 37.596588°N, -2.788756°W, 690m alt.
→ 500 m ↗ 32 m	At the Geo Parque wooden signpost "Castillo Benzalema y Humedal del Pantano 780m", follow the track round to the right towards the white pumping hut you passed on the outbound route, rather than to the Castillo. The track disappears at a stream bed, but head up the other side past a pile of disused black irrigation piping, then re-join a track, turning right towards the white pumping hut.
12	Junction with Canal Rd by White Pumping Hut 37.593600°N, -2.787919°W, 722m alt.
← 750 m ↘ 58 m	At the junction with the main track beside the white pumping hut, turn left and return back down the way you came.
13	Fork in track, Cortijo Grande 37.599850°N, -2.777636°W, 643m alt.
↑ 600 m ↘ 22 m	Continue on the track past the fork, retracing the outward route towards the ruined farmhouse Cortijo Grande).
3	Cortijo Grande 37.600564°N, -2.776146°W, 642m alt.
← 800 m ↘ 10 m	At Cortijo Grande, turn left back onto the surfaced road. Follow the road back across the River Guardal.
2	T-Junction, Cuevas del Negro, road to Baza 37.607335°N, -2.774333°W, 632m alt.
← 50 m ↗ 3 m	At the T-Junction with wooden "Las Dunas" sign turn left onto the surfaced road.
1	Stop Sign, junction of Cuevas del Negro (turning to Cortés de Baza) 37.607395°N, -2.775306°W, 635m alt.
→ 150 m ↗ 9 m	Turn right up the steep unsurfaced track following the wooden "Las Dunas" and "Cortes" signposts. Follow signs for "Las Dunas", "Cueva del Granado" or "Cueva del Olivo".
0	Las Dunas, Cuevas del Negro 37.608663°N, -2.776097°W, 644m alt.