

LAS DUNAS TO MOUNT JABALCÓN SUMMIT		
Circular route up to the summit and around the mountain.		
A full day's walk up to the top of Mount Jabalcón giving incredible views over the surrounding altiplano & Negratín reservoir. The route described to the summit is not suitable for mountain bike (between Way Points 40 to 42), but it is possible to reduce overall time taken by cycling part of the way there & back & leaving the bike between Way Point 37 & 38 (e.g. lock it to a tree!) to pick up on the return circuit of the mountain. Check the weather forecast before setting off to ensure the summit will not be obscured by low cloud. Take appropriate clothing and plenty of food and drink.	Total Distance	25 km
	Uphill Height Gain	+ 916 m
	Downhill Height Loss	- 916 m
	Time, walking	8 hr

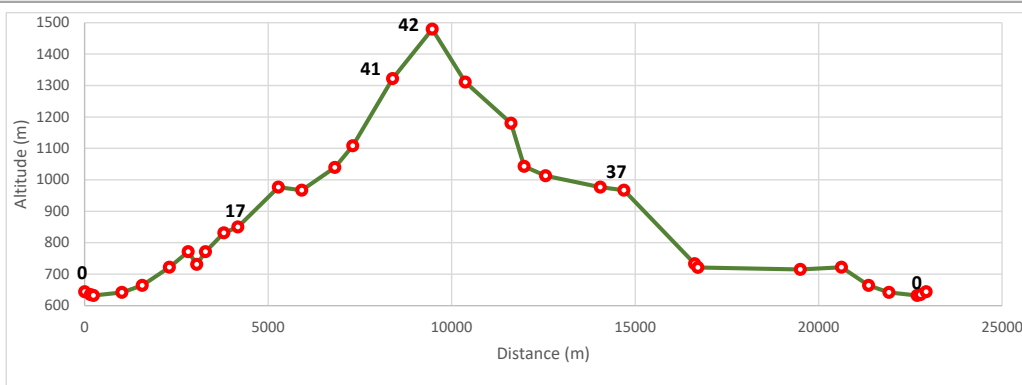
Route map with numbered way points



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 your objective Mount Jabalcón, 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.
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 : 37.597557°N, -2.781168°W, 664m alt.
→ 750 m ↗ 58 m	At the fork in the track, with Jabalcón directly ahead, 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. To make a short detour (440m there and back) to the mirador overlooking the geological fault, follow the gravel path marked by the "Falla de Baza 220m" sign to the viewpoint. Otherwise continue directly to Way Point 16.
15	Falla de Baza Lower Mirador : 37.588509°N, -2.788574°W, 731m alt.
↓ 220 m ↗ 4 0m	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.
← 400 m ↗ 19 m	At the turning, marked with wooden GeoParque sign posts "Falla de Baza 800m" and "Mirador 400m", turn left.
17	Falla de Baza Upper Mirador : 37.585644°N, -2.793273°W, 850m alt.
↑ 1.5 km ↗ 127 m	The upper mirador gives a panoramic view over the geological fault. Return to the hairpin bend in the track and continue following it uphill. After about 1.5 km the track passes through an open gateway through a fence into an area of pine trees and then comes out on a gravel road that circles the mountain (Calle de Cerro Garrigol).
37	Track Junction, Calle de Cerro Garrigol : 37.589930°N, -2.804603°W, 977m alt.
→ 800 m ↘ 10 m	At the junction with the gravel road (Calle de Cerro Garrigol), turn right. Follow the road through the pine trees for about 800m until you meet another unsurfaced road coming up on the right from Baños de Zujár (Way Point 38). The return route is down this road to Baños de Zujár at Way Point 38. If you are on a bike, leave it securely somewhere between Way Points 37 and 38 to continue on foot up to the top of the mountain and collect it on the return circuit.

38	Junction, Calle de Cerro Garrigol : 37.587694°N, -2.811282°W, 967m alt.
← 1 km ↗ 72 m	At the junction, sign-posted "Vuelta al Cerro 360°" and "Baños de Zujár", follow the unsurfaced road bearing left to "Vuelta al Cerro 360°". (On the return circuit, you will descend on the road to Baños de Zujár.) After about ½ hour walking, look out for a path on the left marked by a green-painted band on a white rock.
39	Shortcut Path Turning : 37.580780°N, -2.816596°W, 1039m alt.
← 600 m ↗ 69 m	Turn left up the path past a white rock with a green painted band. This is a steeper shortcut through the pine trees which avoids the longer route via the hairpin bends of the vehicle track. Stay on the path, following the green stripe markers, each time it crosses the main track. Turn left on the vehicle track uphill towards the Fire Observation Post (Way Point 40).
40	Fire Observation Post, Jabalcón : 37.578075°N, -2.820996°W, 1108m alt.
← 1.5 km ↗ 214 m	Just before the turning up to the Fire Observation Post, turn left up the path off the main track marked by a wooden post with green band ("Sendero Trance del Lobo"). The route is indicated by green stripes painted on rocks and marker stones either side. Follow the path which zig zags up the mountainside through mature pine woods. Some sections are steep and it may be necessary to cross fallen trees.
41	Cairn at Saddle, Jabalcón : 37.578184°N, -2.808690°W, 1322m alt.
→ 1.5 km ↗ 157 m	The path emerges at a "saddle" on the mountain where there is a cairn of stones, with the lower peak to the left and the cliff face of a large rock outcrop to the right. Follow the path to the right through a group of stunted trees towards the rock outcrop. Down below on your left on the SE side you can see the track which you will return on (several hours' walk away!) The path skirts to the right around the base of the outcrop cliff and then ascends behind it. Crossing over to the NW side of the mountain, the Fire Observation Post is visible below and the Negratín reservoir below that. Follow the path through scrub to the summit beside a fenced observation deck.
42	Summit of Jabalcón : 37.570785°N, -2.816586°W, 1479m alt.
↓ 1.5 km ↘ 168 m	The summit is marked by an Instituto Geográfico concrete pillar between one of the telecom masts and the observation deck. To descend, head down the path with wooden marker posts with the telecom mast and hut to your right. Pass through an area of stunted holm oak and pine trees until you join the surfaced access road. Then follow the road as it winds down the mountainside.
43	Road Junction, Zona de Vuelo : 37.564897°N, -2.809574°W, 1311m alt.
↑ 2 km ↘ 131 m	At the right turn to the Zona de Vuelo paraglider launch platform marked by a sign board, stay on the main access road descending the mountain.
44	Parking Area on hairpin bend, Jabalcón summit access road 37.575604°N, -2.805434°W, 1180m alt.
← 400 m ↘ 137 m	At the bottom of a long straight incline with cliffs on the left (about 20 minutes' walk from the previous Way Point), there is a sharp hairpin bend to the right with a small parking area. Follow the road around the hairpin bend with the steep slope through pine trees now on your left. At the first break in the trees (about 50m after the hairpin bend), a large boulder is visible in the orchard below, and beyond that the lower track round the mountain. Bear left off the road and scramble down the slope between the pine trees to the orchard, aiming for the large boulder. This is a shortcut which avoids several km if you follow the gradual descent via the road (shown by dashed yellow line on the map above), but take care, particularly at the beginning where the slope is steep and there is loose scree.
45	Boulder above Track, Jabalcón : 37.574882°N, -2.801447°W, 1043m alt.
← 600 m ↘ 30 m	At the large boulder, join a track in the orchard and then follow this down to the main road, passing left to right directly ahead of you. Then turn left onto the unsurfaced road.
46	Picnic Table, Jabalcón : 37.578182°N, -2.796336°W, 1013m alt.
↑ 1.8 km ↘ 36 m	At the picnic table beside the large rock outcrop on your right, continue straight on following the road which gradually descends through pine trees. This is the Calle de Cerro Garrigol which loops around the mountain. After about 25 minutes you come back to Way Point 37 where you joined the road on the way up.
37	Track Junction, Calle de Cerro Garrigol : 37.589930°N, -2.804603°W, 977m alt.
↑ 800 m ↘ 10 m	At the junction with the track down to the Geo Parque mirador (which you came up), continue straight on the road. Alternatively, (and assuming you haven't left a bike at Way Point 38!) you can return by retracing the outbound route which is shorter and quicker if walking.

38	Junction, Calle de Cerro Garrigol : 37.587694°N, -2.811282°W, 967m alt.
→ 3 km ↘ 234 m	At the junction, turn sharp right down the unsurfaced road sign-posted to "Baños de Zujár". (Don't forget to recover your bike if you left it near here on the way up!) By bike, this is a fast descent.
47	Road Junction : 37.584565°N, -2.825430°W, 733m alt.
→ 100 m ↘ 12 m	Near the bottom there is a sharp bend and junction with another gravel road. Follow the track round to the right until it joins the surfaced Canal de Jabalcón service road above the Negratín reservoir.
48	Junction, Canal de Jabalcón : 37.585380°N, -2.825539°W, 721m alt.
→ 4 km ↘ 6 m	At the junction with the surfaced Canal de Jabalcón service road, turn right. Follow the road, initially with the concrete irrigation channel on your left. After about 4km, there is a junction with the Baños de Zujár road coming up from the left.
26	Canal de Jabalcón / Carr de los Baños Road Junction : 37.598818°N, -2.798808°W, 715m alt.
→ 1.3 km ↗ 7 m	At the STOP sign at the junction with the Baños de Zujár road, bear right on the canal service road. Follow the road past the Geo Parque information point / parking area on the left. Continue on the main road for another 500m. Look out for the next bridge across the canal with blue railings. There is a "Cota Privado de Caza" sign on a pine tree on the left opposite the bridge. Immediately before the bridge (10m) there is a track on the left down into the olive grove past a white-painted pumping hut. Cortijo Grande is visible straight ahead in the distance.
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0	Las Dunas, Cuevas del Negro : 7.608663°N, -2.776097°W, 644m alt.