

164 - Cruz de Juanar

La Cruz de Juanar is one of the highest peaks of the Sierra Blanca in Malaga, a mountain range directly next to Marbella and very close to the Mediterranean Sea. It is a relatively easy hike, even though the last ascent is a little harder. Thanks to its prominence we have wonderful views from the peak over the Mediterranean, Gibraltar and of course Marbella.

- From the cemetery Virgen del Carmen (1) we turn left into the paved street Calle Chorreadero, signposted towards La Cascada.
- After about five minutes at the fork (2) we do not take the path but stay on the asphalt road, turning right. After about five minutes, the asphalt road turns into a dirt road, which is closed to traffic (3).
- We ignore a path to the right (4) and then where on the left there is a path to a private estate, we continue straight ahead (5). The road narrows. We go in the direction of Puerto Rico Alto.
- About 20 minutes later at the crossroads (6) we continue straight ahead, following the signpost towards Juanar. Something later we pass through the Puerto Rico Alto where we continue straight ahead towards Juanar.
- About 5-10 minutes further on the fork (7) we turn right, towards Juanar.
- We follow the path and after about 40 minutes at post 7 we reach a fork (8) where we turn right, towards Juanar.
- We keep ascending and from time to time see a white-yellow mark or a milestone, to arrive in about 15 minutes at the Puerto de Marbella (9) where we turn left, to start an ascent of about 300 meters to the Cruz de Juanar.
- In about 40 minutes we reach the peak of Cruz de Juanar (10).
- The way back is via the same route.

Fact Sheet

Duration: 4:45 hrs.

Distance: 14.2 km.

Route type: Round trip

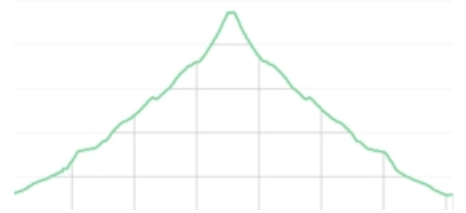
Path type: Trails, asphalt roads, dirt roads

Marking: Signposts, milestones, white-yellow

Total difference in altitude: 1,064 m.

Highest point: 1,185 m.

Difficulty: Medium (5/15)



How to get there?

The hike begins at the cemetery Virgen del Carmen, which can be reached from exit 186 of the AP-7. Follow the direction A-355 to Ojén/Marbella (Este) for about 900 meters until you see the cemetery on your left hand, where we park the car.



GPS Coordinates:

Latitude: N 36 31.717

Longitude: W 4 52.913

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