

105 - Reservoir of El Atazar

This hike from El Berrueco runs along part of the Reservoir of El Atazar, the largest reservoir of the Autonomous Community of Madrid. During this hike we not only have a nice view on the reservoir itself, but we also look at the [Sierra de Ayllón](#) that lies on the background.

- From where we parked the car (1) we follow the dirt road towards the reservoir.
- At the junction of paths (2) we first go right towards Patones and then immediately left to walk further down towards the reservoir.
- When we arrive at a building of Canal de Isabel II (3) we follow the bend to the left and walk past the building. Further down the path turns back to the right and we walk parallel to the reservoir.
- A large part of the route you can either walk slightly higher on the wide path, with the marking of the Senda del Genaro / GR-300, or walk slightly lower on the somewhat narrower path. Both paths run parallel to the reservoir.
- Continue to follow this path along the reservoir a long time until you want to return. We did this after a distance of about eight kilometres (4).
- The major part of the route we return via the same path. When we get in the vicinity of El Berrueco we follow the white-red marking past the gate of the road (5). This road now leads us up, away from the reservoir.
- A little further on we turn left onto a trail, at a signpost that points to El Berrueco (6). A little further at the junction of trails (7) we go straight ahead, which again is marked with a signpost towards El Berrueco.
- When we arrive in El Berrueco we turn left (8). This way we walk out to the end where we turn left again (9).
- This way we follow a short while until we see again the dirt road through which we came by car. Here we turn left (10) and walk back to the car (1).

Fact Sheet

Duration: 3:30 hrs.

Distance: 16.0 km.

Route type: Circular route

Path type: Forest trails and asphalt roads

Marking: Signposts, white-red

Total difference in altitude: 290 m.

Highest point: 939 m.

Difficulty: Easy (1/15)



How to get there?

From Madrid take the A1 in the direction Burgos and leave on exit 60 to La Cabrera. Then turn right onto the M-127 to El Berrueco. In El Berrueco turn right onto the M-131 (in the direction Torrelaguna). Once you drive out of the village again, on the left you see a dirt road just behind a bridge, signposted as "Camino la Casilla". Enter this road and park a little further to the left of the road.



GPS Coordinates:

Latitude: N 40 53.254

Longitude: W 3 33.452

