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Sendero Istán - Camino de la Cuesta - Ermita - Istán

Longitud: 4,2 kilómetros
Recorrido: Circular
Duración Aproximada: 1 hora y 45 minutos
Dificultad: Baja
Desnivel máximo: 300 metros
Punto de salida: La Hoya
Época recomendada: Cualquier época
Cartografía: Mapa Topográfico Nacional de España, Hoja 1065-IV (Marbella) Escala 1:25.000
Recomendaciones: Cámara de fotos, buen calzado.

puede observar una bonita vista del valle de la cola del Río Verde, donde disfrutaremos del valle del Río Verde y de la Ermita de S. Miguel pudiendo descansar en el área recreativa adyacente.

Salimos desde la Hoya, camino de la Cuesta, que es el final de una calle de cemento que en pocos metros se convierte en camino rural. No haremos caso de los cruces de pequeños caminos que nos encontramos, siguiendo por el que nos parece el principal, que seguirá descendiendo. A unos 800 metros del inicio de la ruta, encontraremos en una curva a la derecha una plataforma muy pequeña a la izquierda llamada “El Descansadero”, utilizado antiguamente para darse un respiro en la subida y en la que se

Length: 4,2 kilómetros
Route: Circular
Approximate time: 1 hour and 45 minutes
Difficulty: Low
Maximum difference in altitude: 300 metres
Starting point: La Hoya
Recommended season: Any season
Maps: Spanish Survey Map, Page 1065-IV (Marbella) Scale 1:25.000
Recommendations: Camera, high-quality footwear

This route will take us to the point where the Verde River flows into the reservoir, a place from where we may enjoy the view of the Verde River Valley and the Chapel of Saint Michael. There is also a recreational area nearby where we may stop for a rest.

We shall leave from La Hoya, Camino de la Cuesta, which is the end of a cement street that soon becomes a country lane. Ignore any small paths we may come across and continue downhill along the main track. After about 800 metres from our starting point, there is a little platform on a bend to the right known as “El Descansadero”, and formerly used as a resting place on the way up. This point provides us with a wonderful view of the Verde River valley. A little further down, we shall reach the reservoir which, depending on the water level we will be able to border on the left bank or a little higher up on a path on the left that crosses a small gully. On the right, we will be able to connect with the Istán-Cañada de los Laureles Route. We shall continue along the left hand side and after climbing over a rock we will see that the path follows what used to be an irrigation channel. This will lead us to an old track that makes its way up the side of the reservoir. Just over one kilometre uphill later, we shall reach a main track that leads up to the Istán - Marbella road. When we reach the said road, we shall see the Chapel of San Miguel (Saint Michael). If we cross the recreational area, we shall find a track, where we must turn right; but first turn left to a flat area where the track ends and where there is a viewpoint that provides excellent views of the reservoir. If we continue along the previously-mentioned track, we shall soon reach another track where we must turn left. About one kilometre further on, we shall reach the Hotel Altos de Istán and, consequently, Istán.

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Sendero Istán - Cañada de los Laureles

Longitud: 1,4 kilómetros
Recorrido: Lineal
Duración Aproximada: 1 hora
Dificultad: Poca
Desnivel máximo: 200 metros
Punto de salida: Tajo Banderas
Época recomendada: Primavera, otoño, verano e invierno según el caudal del agua del río.
Cartografía: Mapa Topográfico Nacional de España, Hoja 1065-IV (Marbella) Escala 1:25.000
Recomendaciones: Cámara de fotos, cualquier tipo de calzado, pequeña toalla.

El camino parte de una zona de esparcimiento relacionada con la naturaleza donde se encuentra el Museo del Agua, los Miradores del Tajo Banderas, y de las Errizas desde donde observaremos una de las mejores vistas del embalse y del Río Verde. Cruzaremos el río con las debidas precauciones si el caudal lo permite y visitaremos un antiguo “Horno de Miera”, antigua actividad extractiva del tronco del enebro, muy común en anteriores siglos.

En esta ruta habrá que tener en cuenta el caudal de agua del río Verde, puesto que para terminarla tendremos que cruzarlo y guardaremos la debida precaución, debiendo optar por otras rutas en caso de que la corriente sea muy fuerte.

Length: 1,4 kilómetros
Route: Linear
Approximate time: 1 hour
Difficulty: Low
Maximum difference in altitude: 200 metres
Starting point: Tajo Banderas
Recommended season: Spring, Autumn, Summer and Winter, depending on the water level.
Maps: Spanish Survey Map, Page 1065-IV (Marbella) Scale 1:25.000
Recommendations: Camera, high-quality footwear, small towel.

The route begins at a nature recreational area which features a Water Museum, the Tajo Banderas Viewpoints and the Errizas, from where we may enjoy some of the best views of the reservoir and of Río Verde. We shall cross the river, if the water level permits, taking all due precautions, and visit an ancient “Horno de Miera” (furnace), an ancient activity dedicated to extracting products from the trunk of juniper that was rather common in past centuries.

The water level of the Río Verde must be taken into account on this route, because, in order to reach the end we will have to cross the river, taking all due precautions. If the current is too strong, we will have to use other routes.

We shall set off from Tajo Banderas, where there is a children's playground on the left. A cement track will take us to dirt path leading to “Las Errizas”, where we may contemplate one of the most complete views of the Río Verde Reservoir. We must now look for a track on the right which makes its way down next to a large power line pylon on our left. From here, we will be able to see the “Cañada de los Laureles” (Laureles Ravine) in front and a little further down. The remains of the “horno de miera”, the destination of this route, can be clearly seen about 30 metres further up with the use of a pair of binoculars.

A little further down, we shall see the last bends in Río Verde (Verde River) before it reaches the reservoir. Further down still, at the entrance to a small pine forest, we shall see a crossroads. Take the track on the left and after about 200 metres, we shall reach an old irrigation channel which we will follow on the right and that will take us to the ideal point to cross the river.

Once on the other bank, we must look for the exit of the ravine and make our way up for about 100 metres until we reach the ruins of the “horno de miera”. The return trip will be along the same route or along the Istán-Camino de la Cuesta- Ermita route.

