

Walk #1 - The Top of La Huma:

Total time: 4 hours 30 minutes

Driving Time: 1 hour 10 minutes

Walk: 3 hours 20 minutes

Level of difficulty: Demanding

(times and distances are approximate)

Description of the walk:

You will need your car to get to the start of this walk. The beginning is a relatively steady upwards climb with occasional flat parts, the last part towards the top may be demanding for some people. There are fantastic views of the valley, and the surrounding areas, along the entire walk; and stunning views in every direction at the top.



Directions to the start of the walk:

1. Go through the town and at the roundabout with the Moorish arch take the second exit ('El Chorro'), follow this road for about 11.4 kms.
2. Go right over the dam, then sharp right towards the train station.
3. Continue past the train station and a hotel on your right hand side. The road will come to a split at the first steep hill, turn left sign posted 'Valle de Abdalajis'. Continue until you reach an intersection marked 'Sendero Sierra de Huma'.
4. Continue on a gravel road for 1.5 km; the road will split again, turn right and continue for

another 300 meters. You can park the car when you come to a small sign that says 'Abdalajis' to the right and 'El Chorro' to the left.

Directions for the walk:

1. 20 min: follow the gravel road to the right towards 'Abdalajis' until you come to the foundations of an old cabin/house.
2. 15 min: walk 20 meters past the foundations and turn left on to a small path, and follow until the path splits.
3. 10 min: Take the left fork and follow this path/gravel road until you come almost to the base of the mountain. Where the path/gravel road swings to the left and slightly downwards, go right onto the small path.
4. 1 hour 20 min: Walk up the hill with La Huma on your left hand side. You probably won't be able to keep to the path all the time, but try to keep to the left, closest to the mountain side until you come to the top of the hill. Walk until you come to a fence with a tree plantation on the other side. Turn left on the path which goes along the fence and follow the natural incline taking care as it is very steep here. Turn right at the top to get to the highest point where you will see a small cement marker block.
5. 1 hour 15 min: Go the same way back!

Walk #2 - The top of Monte Pizarra:

Total time: 2 hours 40 minutes

Driving time: Return Trip 23.8 km/50 minutes

Walk: 1 hour 50 minutes

Level of difficulty: Medium/Demanding

Description of the walk:

You will have to drive to Pizarra and park the car for the start of the walk. The walk has a relatively steady climb upwards on a good path, with occasional steeper parts. The entire route has fantastic views of Alora and the surrounding areas, such as Malaga City and the Mediterranean Sea. At the top you can see for miles in every direction; there is also a monument called 'The monument of the heart of Jesus' ('El Santo') at the top.



Directions to the start of the walk:

1. Drive through the town and at the roundabout with the Moorish arch take the first exit (Malaga).
2. Continue to the next roundabout and take the first exit (Pizarra/Malaga). Go past the 'Tropicana Bar' and hostel on your right.
3. At the next roundabout just past Los Caballos restaurant on the right, take the second exit the A343 to Pizarra, approx. 5.5kms.

4. At the first roundabout in Pizarra take the exit to Malaga until you see the Tourist Information Centre, and a petrol station. Park the car in this area.

Directions for the walk:

1. 5 min: Walk up the street between the Tourist Information Centre and the petrol station until the street curves to the right, and you see a sign 'Area Recreativa 40m'.

2. 30 min: Walk into this recreational area and begin to go upwards with the creek to your left. When the fence on your left comes to an end you can cross over and continue to the right with the creek on the other side. You will see a big rock right in front of you, bear left. Continue on the main path until you come to a view point marked with an X on a pole.

3. 10 min: Continue on until you come to a sign 'El Santo 1,1 km'. This is a shortcut to the top; or take a hard right and continue.

4. 25 min: You will now pass a cave with a small rest stop, carry on until you reach the intersection, turn right onto the road and carry on to the next junction, go straight ahead.

5. 15 min: You should now be at the top with amazing views, stood next to the statue of Jesus.



6. 25 min: The descent starts at the end of the picnic area. There is also a sign saying "Pizarra 2 km". Continue all the way down until you come to the same place as described in (3) above; continue the same way you came up.

Walk #3 - Sendero Gaitanejo:

Total time: 2 hours 30 minutes.

Driving time: Return Trip 39 km/1hour 15 minutes.

Walk: 1 hour 15 minutes

Level of difficulty: Easy

Description of the walk:

This is a comfortable and easy walk on a mostly flat path, except for a couple of areas where it is a little steep. The whole route is sign posted "Sendero Gaitanejo". On this walk you will see the dam and the river coming from the dam running through the El Chorro gorge.



Directions to the start of the walk:

1. 11.4 km: Drive through the town until you reach the roundabout with the Moorish Arch, take the second exit to El Chorro until you come to the dam.
2. 6.0 km: When you reach the dam drive straight ahead past it until you reach a junction.
3. 1.9 km: Turn right at the junction and continue until you come to a road on the right just before the tunnel.
4. 0.2 km: Turn right and drive until you come to a parking area just after 'Restaurante Mirador', park here.

Directions for the walk:

1. 3 min: Follow the road straight ahead until you come to a gated track, go over the gate and turn right. At the gate you will see a description of the walk 'Sendero Gaitanejo'.
2. 22 min: Follow the track until you reach a small power station; turn around and follow the smaller track back along beside the river.
3. 30 min: You will now come to a smaller path on your left sign posted 'Sendero Gaitanejo'. Take this smaller track up the hill.
4. 10 min: Walk up this steep hill until you reach the road, turn right.
5. 10 min: This should bring you back to your car.



Walk #4 - Pico del convento:

Total time: 2 hours 25 minutes.

Driving time: Return Trip 39 km/1hour 10 minutes.

Walk: 1 hour 15 minutes

Level of difficulty: Easy

Description of the walk:

The first part of the walk is relatively flat, the track becomes a smaller rocky path for the last part of the walk. The top has a gorgeous view of the Ardales lakes and the interior of the El Chorro gorge.



Directions to the start of the walk:

1. 11.4 km: Drive through town to the roundabout with the Moorish Arch, take the second exit on the El Chorro road until you come to the dam.
2. 6.0 km: Once you reach the dam drive past it (not over the dam) until you reach a junction.
3. 1.9 km: Turn right at the junction and continue until you come to a road to the right just before the tunnel.
4. 0.2 km: Turn right and drive until you come to a parking area just after the 'Restaurante Mirador', park here.

Directions for the walk:

1. 3 min: Follow the road straight ahead until you come to a gated track, go over the gate and turn right.
2. 7 min: Follow the track until you come to a smaller track on the right.
3. 25 min: Continue on this smaller track until the track turns into a smaller rocky path.
4. 5 min: Follow this rocky path until you reach the view point over the interior of the gorge and the lakes.
5. 35 min: Return the same way back down.

