

Gaucin Walks VII: Camino del Molino

Difficulty: Medium

Time: 2 hours

Terrain: rough paths and tracks

A circular walk around the base of the cliffs and returning to the village via an old mule track. This is not a flat walk - some climbing up and down on tracks and paths is involved.

Please leave all gates as you find them: keep dogs on a lead whenever livestock is loose and when passing near or through private property. Wear suitable footwear and carry sufficient water, especially in the summer months.

We welcome any feedback/comments to: gaucindaywalks@gmail.com

THE WALK: The walk starts at Unicaja bank in the centre of Gaucín. Go past the bank leaving it on your left following the main street, Calle San Juan de Dios round to the left where it becomes Calle Los Bancos. After approx. 200m you will come to a roundabout. Turn right into Calle Nueva, past Bar Portesuelo. After approx. 50 metres of climbing uphill take the track off to the left, marked with a “VII Molino del Capitan” sign.

Follow the track as it winds its way down the hillside. After approx. 500m you will see a house called Finca de las Cuevas on your right. In another 150m or so the road splits opposite an ochre-coloured house. Take the right fork, heading downhill, below the crags and cliffs to which the castle and the *ermita* (chapel) cling precariously.

The track continues its descent past a few scattered buildings and barking dogs amidst olive and almond trees. After approx. 1.5km you pass an open, scrubby area on your right. Look out for a small path on your right marked with a rock with two blue stripes and a carob tree with a blue arrow.

Leave the main track and take this path, an old cobbled mule track, which winds its way uphill back to the village. Enjoy lovely views to the Rio Genal, Sierra Crestellina, Sierra Bermeja and Gibraltar. Just after the path levels out you will see an old threshing circle on your left.

After a total of approx. 2.4km you will emerge onto the concrete street of Calle Arrabaleta at the bottom of Gaucin village. Walk straight up Calle Arrabaleta and you will come out by the church.