

El Hacho Walk

This one is a relatively gentle walk with one fairly steep climb – and with almost no chance of getting lost.

Distance: 5km

Walking Time: 2 hours

Level: Easy

Starting Point: Montejaque Water Trough

Getting to the Starting Point: You will need to get yourself to Montejaque village. Drive up the hill from Molino, passing through Benaoján to arrive at Montejaque and a three way junction in the road. Take the road signed towards Algodonales and Sevilla. After 50metres Bar Campanillas is on your right hand side and after another 50metres there is a water trough on your left hand side. Park on the roadside here.



The Route

With the water trough on your right, follow a concrete road between houses that heads back towards the village centre. After about 300m there is a road to the right that you need to take climbing uphill and passing an information sign about Llanos de Libar.

Follow this path for about 750 metres, passing gates for El Pilar and a little shelter called Marina D'or where locals meet for a chat at any time of day. Right after the shelter there is a track to the right before a second set of gates named El Pilar. Take this track as it winds up with the mountain of El Hacho to your right. The track is very clear and easy to follow. Large birds overhead are mostly likely to be Griffon Vultures – although Bonelli's Eagles also nest in this area. The track climbs up to a saddle giving views into the next valley.



(If you want an adventure this is the point at which you can head up to the top of El Hacho – it will probably take you the best part of an hour each way. Take care and enjoy the views at the top. It is to be recommended as a challenge to be undertaken at dawn – sunrise at the top is amazing!)

If you are not into mountain- scrambling, head straight ahead through the saddle on a vehicle track and pass through a gate after a few metres. Just after the gate bear right on a track towards some olive groves and then after 50metres bear right opposite a shed on your left.

Pick your way through the olive groves following vehicle tracks if they are visible. Ahead of you is a knoll with trees on its flanks, head for this. The mountain is on your right at all times. You will cross a chain across the path and then you continue on a track that passes a white building on your right. Follow the main path as it winds its way down to the valley floor. Pass another chain across the track after another ten minutes or so and then join the main, wider track through the valley. Turn right – mountain on your right as always – and arrive at a tarmac road. Turn right here and your car should be ahead of you after about 200metres. We can recommend Bar Las Campanillas as a re-fuelling spot.