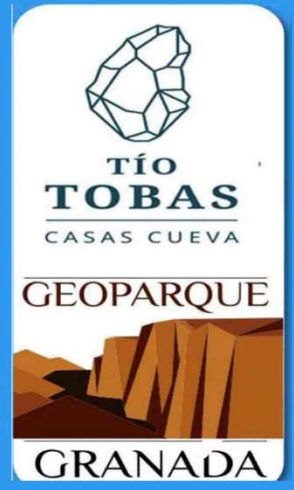


# HIKING SIERRA NEVADA "LA ROSADRA" CHESTNUT TREES' PATH ALDEIRE



We head to one of the highest villages of the Iberian Peninsula, 1,277m. whose name is due to the Arabic word "Dayr" which means refuge or resting place. Upon arrival in Aldeire we will continue to the signposted car park of the Rosandra. We start walking on the right bank of the river and we cross it several times, in some of them through large blocks of travertines. We will enjoy a natural environment offered by the Benerjar River, with its chestnut trees (the older ones with a perimeter of 7.5 meters and 9 meters high), waterfalls, suspension bridge and gallery forest (poplars, wickers, alders, walnuts and chestnut trees, pine forest, almond trees, etc.

Difficulty: Easy (Level 1)  
Suitable for children (under supervision)



OPTIONAL WITH GUIDE:  
(Very interesting)  
Tour through the village with its Arab Baths, the Triana neighborhood, the Mudejar church, the Caba Castle, declared BIC [Cultural Interest Asset], from the XI Century's caliph era and wine tasting in an author's winery.



Exclusive refuge for the clients of the Tio Tobas Caves next to the suspension bridge (\*)

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## Treasures of Sierra Nevada

### **Route of the chestnut trees through the Rosandra and Tio Tobas Refuge**

***An easy route of 5 km, perfect to do as a couple, with children and pets.***

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Put your mobile navigator on Google maps "La Rosandra" in Aldeire. Leave the vehicle in the official parking lot of the Rosandra recreational area.

Take from the vehicle the things you will need for trekking.

50 m from the car park exit the asphalt and on the right side follow the path for 160 m and you will find the farm of Tio Tobas Cave-houses with a refuge and a picnic area. You are already indicated on the door "TIOTOBAS private property." You will be viewing the suspension bridge from the door. Leave your belongings, drinks, picnic, etc. as you wish at the refuge. On the way back you can enjoy the refuge or picnic area if you wish for the aperitif or picnic.

Continue the trek over the suspension bridge. From here is where the chestnut trees really become a gallery forest, coexisting with rowans, poplars, alders, walnuts, pines, almond trees, mulberry trees, etc.

The grove of the route has been cataloged as Singular Grove of Andalusia and has the protection of its inclusion in the Natural Park of Sierra Nevada.

You will continue the trek crossing the river twice through travertine blocks until you reach the Horcajo, an area where several rivers come together, where you have an information panel of the Sierra Nevada National Park. So far comes our basic route of a total of 5 km.

If we want, we can continue climbing in search of the forest track following the path indications shown in the information panel of the park. It is worth climbing, except if you are going with small children or people with reduced mobility; and crossing the track to continue the channel for about 100 or 200 meters. There are more hidden corners that look like fairytales and incredibly beautiful waterfalls.

Depending on the time of year you can find chanterelles, thistle mushrooms, poplar mushrooms, chestnuts, blackberries, almonds, rowanberries, walnuts, etc., as well as daytime butterflies of Sierra Nevada and a wide variety of birds.

If you want to do more kilometers consult in WIKILOOC the routes of 14 km of the Rosandra.

A remarkably interesting OPTION is to complete your day with a guided tour of the town of Aldeire, with its Arab baths, Triana neighborhood, Mudejar Church, Caba Castle (Declared Asset of cultural interest, from the XI Century's caliphal era and finish with a wine tasting, you can consult the tourist office of the town or the telephone 664064284 (Marta)

## REGULATIONS OF USE of the Tio Tobas REFUGE in The Rosandra



This more than one hundred years-old refuge was originally a MAJADA (shed for the cattle shelter). Located on a farm next to the river and the suspension bridge



Users:

- Hiking groups in Sierra Nevada (Maximum 15 people)
- Clients of Tio Tobas cave houses



### Uses:

- Refuge to protect yourself from inclement weather on hiking trails.
- Picnic lunch place.
- Place of coexistence for small groups of family or friends.
- Place to do activities related to the five senses: appreciate the sounds of the environment, observe the different elements of the ecosystem, taste all those fruits from the edible forest of the farm, distinguish the smells that emanate from nature and appreciate through touch different textures.

### Equipment:

Inside the refuge you will find:

- Seats and tables for 15 people, pantry furniture with basic species, salt and oil, Portable refrigerator of 25 liters and table-fridge of 50 liters, fireplace, board games (Decks of cards and dominoes), cleaning utensils, portable battery for lighting, books and publications.

Outside the refuge you will find:

- Pool with non-potable water, WC in the forest that is accessed by a path to the right of the refuge, East zone with wooden seat and a threshing table.
- Located on a farm of 3000 m2 with private picnic area next to the river and suspension bridge.



## Instructions:

**ACCESS TO THE FARM WHERE THE REFUGE IS LOCATED:** You will find a metal access door to the farm with a combination lock. (Shown with a sign of Tio Tobas Private Property). Ask for the key at the Reception Desk.

**GARBAGE:** As in any refuge, you must remove the garbage that is generated.

**CLEANING:** With the cleaning utensils the refuge must be clean, since as in any refuge the users are the ones who do the cleaning maintenance.

**REFUGE DOOR OPENING:** Pull the door handle out to open or close the door with the key. It is an old wooden door.

**LIGHTING:** You will only have to turn on the portable battery that you will find on the shelf above a small window on the right, by clicking on the signal [símbolo enchufe] and [símbolo apagado] for the off.

**PANTRY FURNITURE:** You will find toilet paper, napkins, salt, spices and kitchen rags that you can use as you need.

**FIREPLACE:** Next to the fireplace there is a box with firewood. We are in a protected area and can only be used in winter.

**POOL WITH THE TAP FOR WATER:** Be cautious with the consumption of water, since it is a small tank that is recharged periodically.

**BOARD GAMES:** You will find them under the platform of the table.

**PRODUCTS OF THE FARM:** You are authorized to consume them. (You will possibly find almonds, walnuts, etc., depending on the time of year you visit us)

**PUBLICATIONS ABOUT SIERRA NEVADA AND OUR ENVIRONMENT:** You can use them for reading.

**BREAKDOWNS OR INCIDENCES:** You must contact Dori at the phone: 607622226