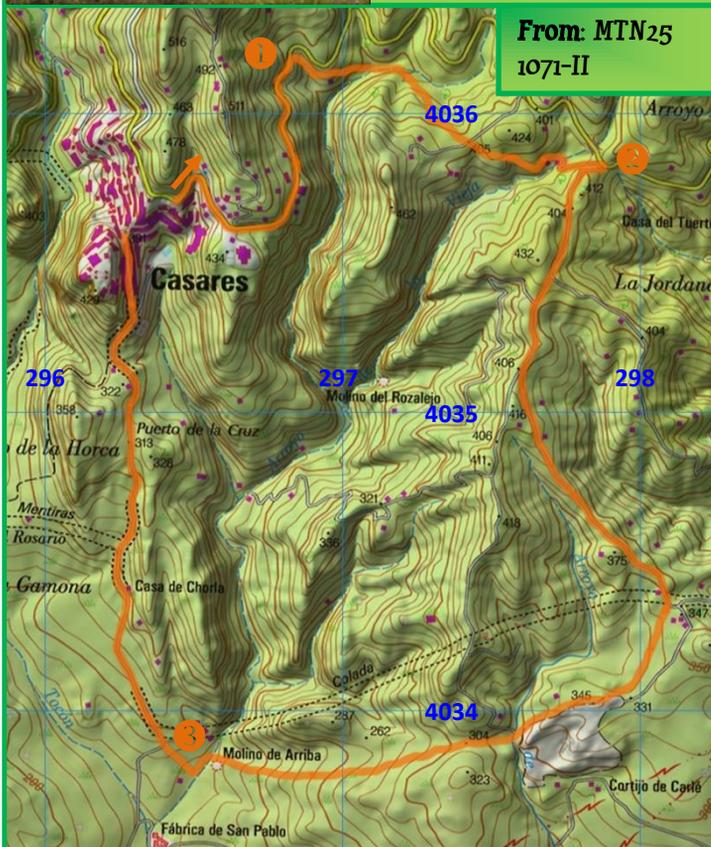


# Arroyo Hondo – Los Molinos



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- 1 The route takes a track to the right and leaves the main road at 30 S 296788 4036120.
- 2 The route rejoins the main road here. Go along the road past the rubbish collection point and take a track to the right.
- 3 Cross the stream by the old water mill, the Molino de Arriba, and go southwest along it for about 80 yards until meeting a track to the right.



**Conditions:** medium distance, uneven surfaces, long ascent to Casares, 800 ft ascent/descent.



This circular route is number 2 of those waymarked with the Council's distinctive green and white colours. The route starts at **Los Ponys** on the road above Casares and ends in the **Plaza de España**. The route takes the Estepona road, and after 2/3 miles turns right onto a path which crosses the **Hondo** and **La Vieja** streams to rejoin the Estepona road at the rubbish collection point. Once past this we turn immediately right along the **Camino Loma Matute**. From here back to Casares we share the route with the Gran Senda de Málaga with its red and white waymarks. Half a mile further we take a left turn which takes us to the nature area of **Caules**. On reaching a crossroads marked by signposts we turn to the right. After 300 yards we begin a descent to cross the **Arroyo de Pocas Libras**. After 2/3 miles along a small path we arrive at the **Molina de Arriba** and the source of the Arroyo Los Molinos. After crossing the stream we pick up the waymarked route from which it's northwards and uphill once again to Casares.

The route is rich in variety. The notice board located at 1 gives details. To begin with we cross a typical shaded hillside landscape with a wide range of vegetation. We also pass through a forested area mainly comprising cork oaks, as well as pastureland and old cereal farmland.

The route is of considerable historical interest, as we pass by the **Molino de Arriba**, one of the mills whose stones were used to grind the corn which supplied the area with flour. Uphill, the route takes us past the ancient **Convent of Santa Catalina**, later used as a barracks for riflemen, which takes its name from a fountain nearby.



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