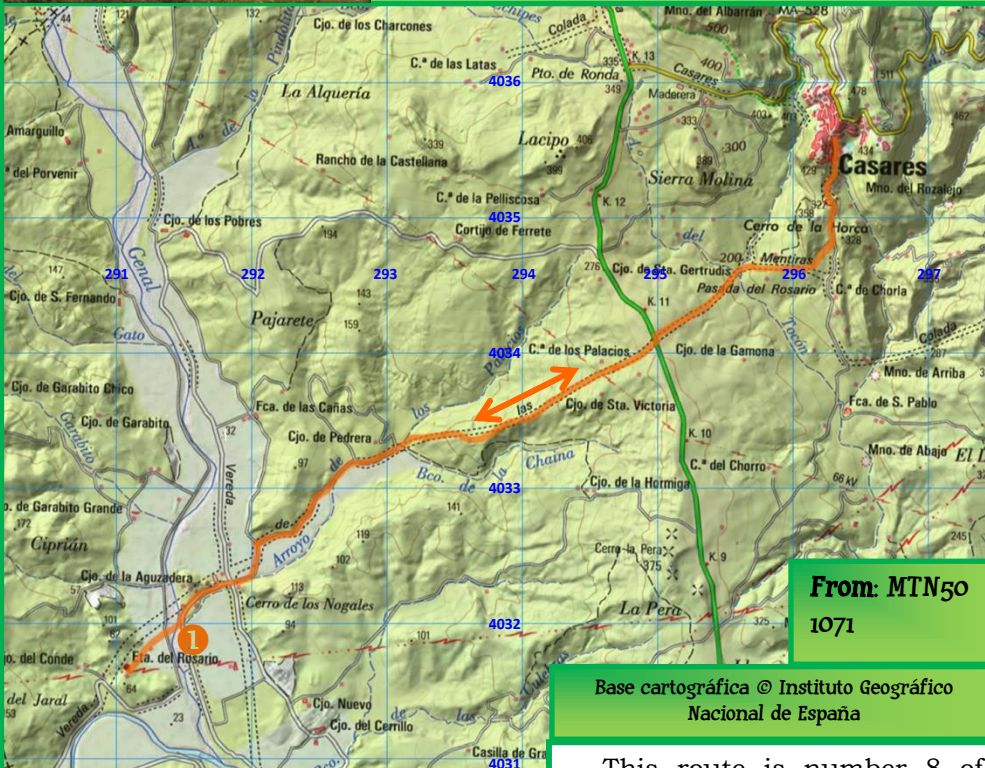




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● The route crosses the River Genal at this point. In the winter months the river can be difficult to cross.

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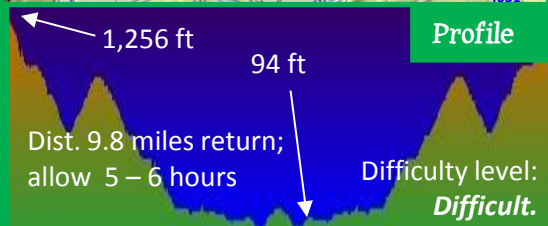


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General



Conditions: long distance, uneven surfaces, river crossing, 1,200 ft ascent/descent, hard work uphill on return journey.



This route is number 8 of those waymarked by the Council. It starts from the Plaza de España, going down **Calle Molinos** and passing to the left of the new cemetery. Descending to a junction we turn right onto a concrete track leading to the **Pasada del Rosario** and the crossing of the **Arroyo Tocón**. The track then climbs through pastureland to cross the A-377. Continuing the other side, and passing over a hillock next to the **Cortijo de Santa Victoria**, the track descends towards the fields of citrus groves on the Finca Coatesa estate. Soon after passing them the track meets the road and the route turns left.

The route passes the foot of the **Cerro de los Nogales**, a hill densely populated with cork and gall oaks, passes citrus orchards, and arrives at the **River Genal**. There is an easy crossing for much of the year where the river is shallow, but during parts of the winter the rains cause the river to rise and it becomes impassable. Once over the river the route goes up through an avenue of palm trees to the **Shrine of La Virgen del Rosario del Campo**, the patroness of Casares. This is as far as we go, but this road carries on as far as Jimena de la Frontera.

This route can be one way (in which case a pick-up will need to be organised), or return. The return follows the same route back. Be prepared for a long slog back uphill.

The path forms part of an old drovers' road known as **El Camino de Jimena** or **Vereda de las Mentiras**, which was followed during the Romería (pilgrimage) every May. These days the Romería takes a different route and meets up with the original only in the last stretch at Los Nogales.