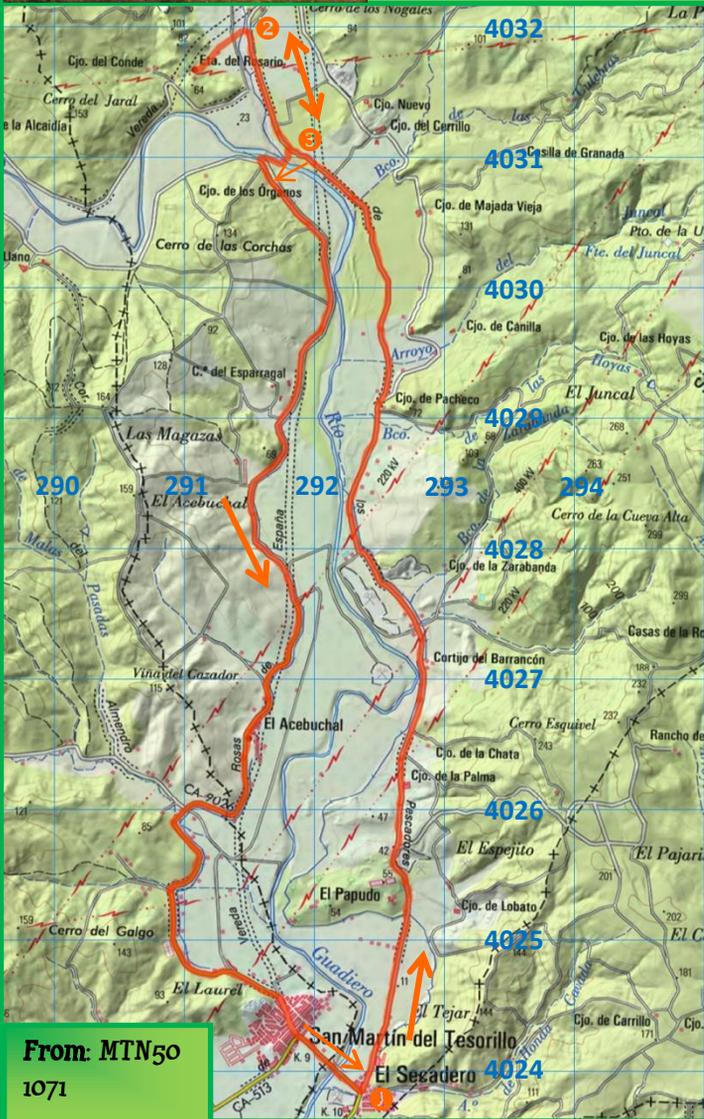




Genal-Guadiaro



From: MTN50
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- ① Start point in *El Secadero*.
- ② Crossing point over the river *Genal*.
- ③ Crossing point over River *Guadiaro*. Please note the comments in the narrative.

This route is number 9 of those waymarked by the Council. It is a route for experienced walkers: not only because of its length of 13.4 miles, but also because the choice of the exact route requires judgment. It depends on the state of the Genal and Guadiaro rivers at the time. In the rainy season the rivers run high and can be impossible to cross in safety. In this case the route can be walked from one end to the other without river crossings, though the walker will no doubt want to arrange transport at the end of the journey. In the spring and summer the Genal is generally passable by the stepping stones shown in the video. In the late spring and summer a crossing point across the Guadiaro becomes passable for SUV vehicles and – under the right conditions – for walkers who don't mind getting a bit wet. This walker was able to cross the river here in April 2012 when there had been little rain: the water reached above the knees and a change of footwear and lower garments was necessary. It is this route which is provided in the GPS track. However walkers must exercise caution: the River Guadiaro can run deep and fast and its channels can change course over time. In the height of summer, the Guadiaro is at its lowest and the walker may be able to go along the Genal and cross the Guadiaro from around 30 S 291649 4031060 to around 30 S 291615 4030990 by using rocks as stepping stones.

This is a pretty route which passes through the fertile flood plains of the two rivers, with countryside and views quite different from those of the walks at higher altitudes. The GPS track provided here is circular and uses the vehicle crossing point over the Guadiaro. It starts and ends in **El Secadero**. It heads north towards the union of the Genal and Guadiaro rivers. It crosses the Genal and visits the **Shrine of the Virgin del Rosario del Campo**, the Patron Saint of Casares. It then retraces its steps to cross the Guadiaro. After the crossing the route returns southward to **San Martin del Tesorillo**, finally crossing the bridge over the Guadiaro back to El Secadero.

Conditions: long distance (13.4 miles), mostly road surfaces, level with few inclines, two river crossings (see narrative). Allow 6 hours. Difficulty level: *Moderate*.

GPS trail



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General

