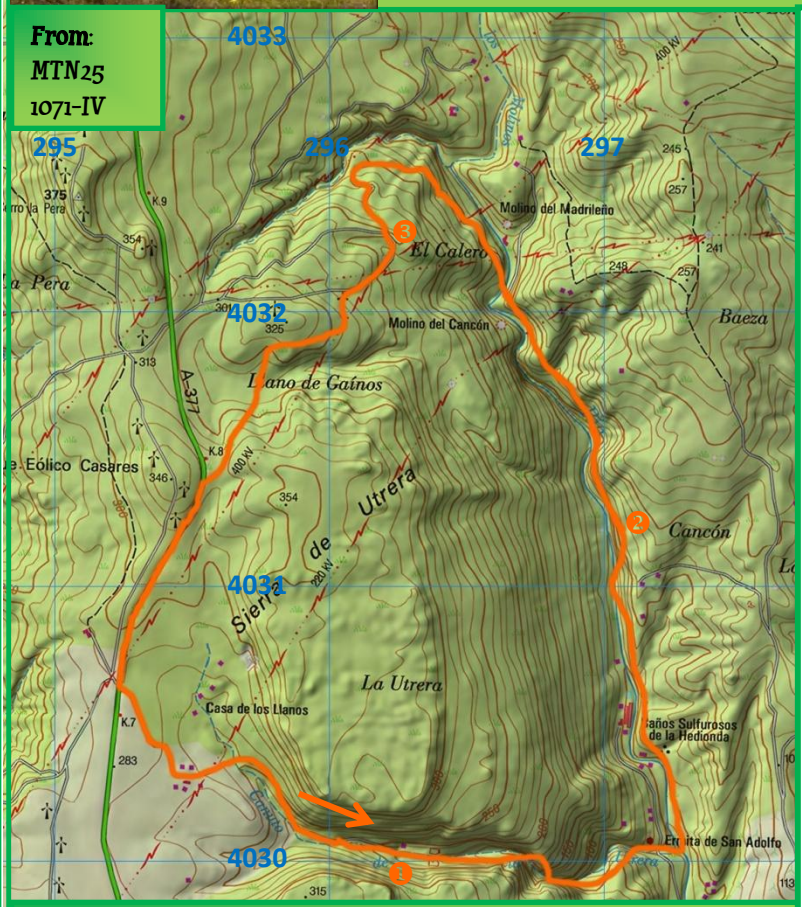
# La Utrera Circular

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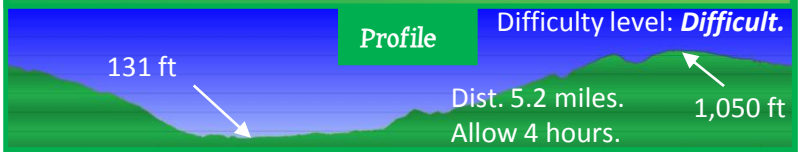
1. *This part coincides with the waymarked Canuto path.*
2. *This part coincides with the waymarked Los Baños path.*
3. *Turn left along the track at 30 S 296207 4032287.*




***Conditions:*** *medium distance, some very uneven surfaces, some steep slopes, some large rocks to negotiate in the Canuto. Watch for thorn bushes by the Canuto Chico. Special care needed walking the half mile along the A-377.*

**LINKS**

GPS trail

Video

Getting there

Larger map

General

This circular trail starts about 6 miles from Casares (see "Getting there" below). The first section takes a waymarked path through the gorge known as the **Canuto de la Utrera**, which divides the Sierra de la Utrera in two. After passing through an area where oil prospecting operations took place in the 1970s, the pathway becomes narrower and considerably more difficult to negotiate as it follows the course of a stream, and special care should be taken during rainy periods.

Beyond the gorge the trail turns left towards the north and continues past the ancient **Baños de la Hedionda** whose sulphurous waters are still in use today. The route then continues north along another waymarked route ("Los Baños"). Further on the path descends towards the bed of the river and following the waymarks we cross it to begin climbing along a rough path. From this we can see a deep gorge and the karst walls of the Sierra with some striking limestone formations and intriguing caves. The path passes the ruins of an ancient mill on the left and diverges from the Los Baños route, turning left on the road and crossing the river. If the river is running high we can cross using an iron bridge by the side of the mill. The route continues along this track which skirts the extreme north of La Utrera, from where there are some great views of Casares. At a sharp right turn we take a track to the left towards the side of a minor gorge called the Canuto Chico. Soon we join a path known as the Camino de los Molinos, which we follow southwest across the Llano de Gaínos to join the A-377 road. From there the road takes us half a mile south to our starting point. This is a busy road and special care should be taken along this stretch.

The route offers the perfect opportunity to appreciate the natural beauty of the **Sierra de la Utrera**, an area of karst formations with a rich biological, geological, paleontological and archaeological heritage which impart a unique character to this landscape.

Sections of the route are covered in the Birding Map of the area, by BioGea.

During the months of July, August and part of September between the hours of 12.00 and 19.00 access to the baths within the cupola section will be restricted to ticket holders only. This is the period of peak demand and the restriction will help protect this building and its users. Tickets can be obtained by calling +34952895521 or via https://www.ticketea.com/entradas-actividades-banos-la-hedionda/ .