

Path Valle de Leyva – Collado Mangueta

PR-MU 57

Lineal Itinerary (one way)

Approximate Distance: 7,950 m.

Approximate Time: 3h without stopping

Starting Point: Recreational Area La perdiz 30S/X630270/Y4192526

Arrival Point: Parking Collado Mangueta 30S/X626078/Y4192518

Ascent Drop: 635 m.

Descent Drop: 0 m.

Cartography: Esc. 1/25.000 of the IGN: 933-III Alhama de Murcia

El Valle de Leyva is one of the most classical and popular of Sierra Espuña and it is visited by a lot of sportsmen and nature lovers that wish to enjoy its charms.

We start following the white and yellow marks of PR, through the *Senda del Dinosaurio*. We pass alongside an ancient pool that accumulated water coming from an old mine. It supplied the ancient sanatorium and some cultivated fields. Before reaching the forest track of *Valle de Leyva*, we cross its ravine by a suspension wooden bridge, next to it you can see a famous rock with an animal track of a dinosaur.

We keep going on the path *Valle de Leyva* until *Collado Blanco*. Along the route, we can admire on the east side, *Las Paredes de Leyva* and *El Morron Chico* or *De Alhama*; in front of us, *Sierra de Carrascoy*; and on the west *El Prado Mayor* and *El Barranco de Malvariche*.

When we reach *El Collado Blanco*, we have to go in a southerly direction, by a rocky ravine. After waling through a little pine forest, we reach *Los Pozos de la Nieve* de Murcia. These were built between the 16th and the 18th centuries and used to store the snow for domestic and health consumption. From there we have to continue by a wide forest track until *Collado Mangueta*.

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