

Cortijo Grande and The Aerodromo

Walk 6

Distance - 4 miles / 6¼ km **Ascent** - 120m (394ft) Mapa Topografico Nacional de Espana, 1031-II,Turre,1:25,000.

Cortijo Grande is a modest village with a small golf course, a restaurant and bar. It is the focal point of a considerable valley among the hills, readily accessed by road from Alfaix. The aerodromo is a rather forlorn, apparently deserted, little airfield surprisingly close to Alfaix. This mainly circular route is generally easy, on firm surfaces, with some distance along the side of a quiet road.

There are splendid mountain views, a tarn-like little reservoir and profuse wild flowers.

Start/car parking: Informal roadside parking areas close to the bar Almazara in Cortijo Grande, map reference [5947 1091](#).

Refreshments: Bar Almazara, restaurant Casa Pinos, Cortijo Grande.

Via bike: Yes

El Route

Beginning at Restaurant Casa Pinos. Head away from the restaurant, heading on a gentle incline, leaving the restaurant on your left, and rising above the golf course on your right. Continue along the road for about half a mile.

1. At the near end of an artificial (but attractive) pond turn very sharp left along a good track. In 40 yards turn right to cross the top of a dam, likewise on a good track. There are great mountain views ahead and to the left.
2. Shortly after crossing the dam turn left at a 'T' junction. The aerodromo buildings and runway are well seen as the track descends steadily. More distant, the village of Los Gallardos is also in view.
3. Ignore a right turn which cuts across the end of the runway. The route stays high on the side of the cliff valley edge (Chozas rambla). Keep left at a fork just before the aerodromo building. Ignore a track on the right, leading to sheds on the airfield.
4. In a further 30 yards turn right at a junction; the fine bridge which carries the Turre road over the Rio de Aguas is now in view. Continue along this roadway, dipping to cross a dry streambed before a long and steady rise to join the main Cortijo Grande access road.
5. Turn right onto the road walking by the roadside back to Cortijo Grande. Continuing straight ahead at a junction and passing the pond on your right, before the outward route is rejoined at point 1.



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