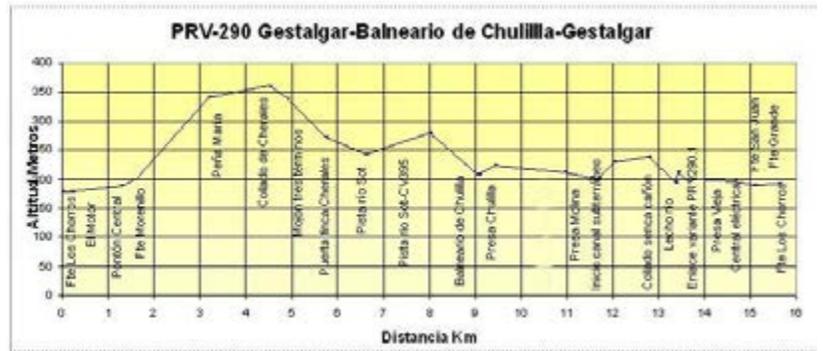




Gestalgar

PRV-290




PRV-290 SMALL TRAIL

Gestalggar-Balneario de Chulilla-Gestalggar

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Longitude:** 15,6 km
- **Total time:** 5 h. and 5 min.
- **Difficulty:** Stocking
- **Net Slope:** 170 m
- **Minimum dimension:** 190 masl
- **Maximum height:** 360 masl

LINKS

- PRV-291 Gestalggar-El Salto-Pera-Gestalggar
- PRV-321 Chulilla: Pelma-Alto de la Bandera
- PRV-76 Chulilla-Gestalggar

CARTOGRAPHY

- IGN 1:50.000 Chulilla 694; Liria 695
- IGN 1:25.000 Chulilla 694-2; Pedralba 695-1

PLACES OF INTEREST

On the tour we pass through several fountains: Fuente de los Chorros, El Morenillo, Peña María, San Juan and Fuente Grande. We can access three picnic areas near the Peña María and another closer to the Motor area as well as the Peña María climbing area and the Motor Continental Beach near the town.

We will visit places of high landscape and environmental level such as the Turia Canyon, the peak of the Peña María with views of the entire riverbed. We will be able to access archaeological remains such as the Calicantos aqueduct and the Old Dam.

DESCRIPTION

It is a circular route with the Turia River as the main axis. We go along the right bank to the Spa from Chulilla and we return along the left bank to the starting point with spectacular views over the Turia Canyon. We cross the municipalities of Gestalggar, Sot de Chera and Chulilla so it is another link between nearby populations but far away by communication routes.

VARIANT 1.

GESTALGAR-CIMA PEÑA MARÍA-GESTALGAR

When passing the peak of Peña María, there is the possibility of descending to the riverbed, in the place of the Dam Old, reducing the length of the trail to 6,500 m with an estimated time of 2h, as if it were of a local trail. Splendid views over the river.

GESTALGAR, FUENTE LOS CHORROS

We start the trail in the town, in the Fuente de los Chorros next to an informative sign of the path, next to the municipal laundry and some swings, at the back of the Gestalggar Health Center and on the banks of the Turia on its left bank. We start the march upstream to the bathing area of the Engine, arriving in 200 m. to the Motor Walkway.

ENGINE WALKWAY

Where we cross the river on the right bank by a small walkway. We will walk a km along a rural dirt road having on our right the river and on the left a channel used to supply a power plant, reaching a first junction with the PRV-291 trail, next to a pontoon on the Turia, in front of the large stone mass of the Peña María.

TURN BRIDGE POWER PLANT

We turn left away from the river and ascend to the Morenillo area, 1.6 km.

MORENILLO FOUNTAIN

Here we can stock up on water and enjoy the place that especially in non-dry seasons apart from the source a large flow is poured through the Boat ravine. On a bridge we turn right and continue along the road (track initially and path later) that will take us near the top of the Peña María km 3.2. (we will have overcome a slope of 141 m in just 1.6 Km. Here, in the hill, we can leave a few meters of our route, on the right and reach the peak of the Peña María without danger and from which we have views of the Turia Canyon, the Old Dam and Gestalggar.

Back on the trail, we reach the junction marked with the PRV-291 that returns to Gestalggar. We take the right, descending to another detour indicated with a direction post and turn left.

DETOUR VARIANT PRV-290.1

If we continued straight we would go down the PRV-290.1 variant that leads to the river and the Old Dam after 1.5 km of zig-zag descent and cross the river. This point will be treated later when reaching it with the main route. The complete route of this variant including the return to Gestalggar can

be estimated at 2 h. If we intend to continue, we continue the path for a km, flat and winding road, reaching a hill from where you can see the transformations of the Hoya de Cherales, Km 4.5.

PUERTA FINCA DE CHERALES

At this point we take the dirt track, to the right, on a short descent to the Sot River, which we cross.

RIO SOT TRACK -CV395

Now by road we descend progressively for 600 m. until the junction with the road of the Balneario de Chulilla, on the right, continuing the descent next to the river to the same spa where we can rest a little to recover strength, km 9.07.

SPA OF CHULILLA

Continuing the march we will cross the Turia River by the wooden bridge that is offered to us in sight; there the PRV 76 and the PRV 290 join, we take to the right and continue like this until Gestalggar.

You can also go back to the CV -395 road and cross to the left bank on the same road.

MOLINA DAM

We cross the link with the PRV-321 that comes from Pelma. Then, we reach the end of the track, km 11.52, at the point known as the Molina Dam for the small dam that takes the water for a canal that supplies the Peña María Hydroelectric Power Plant and that almost all its route circulates underground. From this begins the path, which in the first section circulates along the edge of a channel. From this point begins the Turia Canyon, a path with constant changes of level without importance and walking close to the river, but at a higher level. We walked among deep cuts and breathtaking views.

RIVER BED

When we take 13.36 km, the trail descends to the riverbed to ascend again to the few metre. Here you have to be aware of this since by the bed of the river and between reeds only travel one meters and

immediately you have to look for the climb up the canyon wall on our left.

Soon it passes by a breathing mouth of the underground channel.

LINK TO VARIANT 290.1 IN THE LEFT BANK

And already descending definitively to the level of the river we reach the Old Dam and a few meters before it is it incorporates the PRV 290.1 variant that comes from the right bank crossing the river.

OLD DAM

The Old Dam are ruins of an old dam built at the beginning of the last century and that was put into operation around 1919 collapsing within a few hours of filling due to a failure in its construction.

At this point we take a dirt track next to the ruins of the old house. We can then deviate of the route going to the right where we will find a step on the Turia that allows us to cross on the right bank and reach the base of the Peña María where we will find some bench tables and the Peña María spring.

OF PEÑA MARÍA HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT TO THE SOURCE OF THE JETS

Returning to the route, a few meters later we reach the Hydroelectric Power Plant and next to it we take the path that is born at this point through which we will consecutively pass by the source of San Juan (km 14.63). After this we can access a section of the Roman Aqueduct of Calicantos by an access conditioned for it and that is indicated. Next, we will pass through the Fuente Grande and shortly after we will see the urban area of Gestalggar. When we reach the point where some streets begin, we will descend some stairs on the right that take us to the bathroom area of the Motor and from this to the source of the Jets, starting point of the route (km15.6).

