



## GR 167 SIERRA NORTE DE GUADALAJARA (NORTH MOUNTAIN RANGE OF GUADALAJARA): BETWEEN THE SORBE AND THE BORNOVA RIVERS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> PANEL OF GR 167 IN PRADENA DE ATIENZA

## PRÁDENA DE ATIENZA

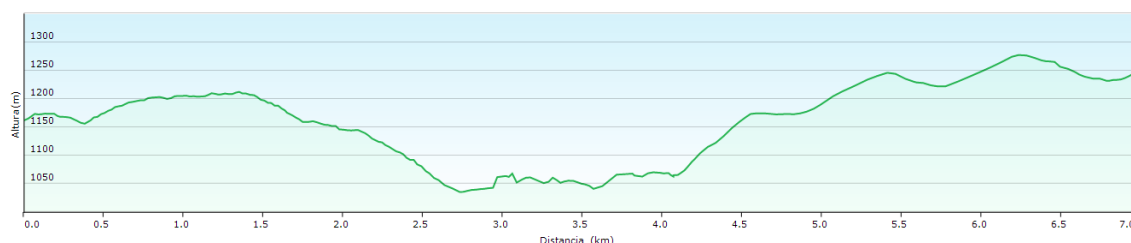
### CONNECTION GR 167-GR 160, PRADENA DE ATIENZA-CAMINO DEL CID

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We leave *Prádena de Atienza* along the *Moral Alto* street, along the *Cuento del Mojón* path, we cross the road to continue along the path that takes us halfway along the *Pelagallinas* valley towards its mouth in the *Bornova*. The path goes through a wild landscape, the river embedded in winding twists and turns up to *Junta de los Ríos* (the confluence of the rivers), and without going down completely, on the last crest we descend to the *Bornova* going up north. Through the meadows on the right bank we reach the *Manadero* footbridge. Crossing it we leave the bottom of the valley and the GR 167, to climb the *Parancana* hill towards *Sierra Visenda* to the east.



Arriving at the pass we join the *Cañada Real* (Royal Cattle Route) and following it to the south we reach *Collado del Cerezo* (Pass of the Cherry Tree) after 7 km, at which point we reach the *Recuencho de Atienza* and join *El Camino del Cid* (the route of El Cid) which comes from *Atienza* -after 14.2 km- to join the *Cañada* towards *Robledo de Corpes* and *Hiendelaencina* -after 14.3 km-.





### BORNOVA CIRCULAR ROUTE: GR 167.1 Variant (Prádena-Majadas Bornova) - Start of Stage 1 (Majadas Bornova-Pelagallinas-Prádena)

We leave *Prádena de Atienza* next to the hermitage of *Calvario* to the north, we take the path between fences into the oak grove which will take us to *Collado de las Eras* (hill of the threshing floors) next to the road to *Cañamares*. We start the descent in front of the communal cattle shed and along the bridle path that led to *Atienza* through *Valdecanal*. We go up a small hill before the river mouth and look out over the *Majadas del Bornova* (Folds of the *Bornova*), cross the river over the road bridge and continue along its left bank, go up another hill over the mill to negotiate the first gorge. We then descend along the river bed, which looks like a fairytale, and walk close to the *Bornova*, enjoying the wild valley until we reach the *Manadero* footbridge, where we can link up with *El Camino del Cid*<sup>1</sup> (the route of El Cid) -GR 160- or cross to the right bank, where we reach the rivers meeting point -the lowest point of the route at 1040 m-. We ascend the *Pelagallinas* river valley to a certain height and return to *Prádena*. On our way we will see the winding gorges of the river at our feet, the ridges of *Alto Rey* in front of us and finally, in a widening of the valley, the village of *Prádena de Atienza*.

MIDE data:

- Severity of the natural environment: 1
- Route orientation: 2
- Ascent: 461 m.
- Descent: 467 m.
- Difficulty of the journey: 2
- Amount of effort required: 3
- Route length: 9.7 km.
- Time: 3 h 25' / **brisk walking 2 h.**



<sup>1</sup> *El Cid* is the nickname of a popular 11<sup>th</sup> century folk hero of the Spanish *Reconquista*, His real name was **Rodrigo Díaz de Vivar** and he was popularised after his death by the epic poem, *Cantar de mio Cid*, which presents him as the ideal medieval knight: strong, valiant, loyal, just, and pious.



## STAGE 1 GR 167 PRADENA DE ATIENZA-CONDEMIOS DE ARRIBA

We start from *Prádena de Atienza*, heading the west behind the church, going up the valley of the *Pelagallinas* river, dominated to the south by the *Alto Rey*. The path takes us to a certain height through a clear but rocky landscape, until we reach *La Cueva del Oso* (the Bear's Cave), where we change direction towards *Albendiego*, taking the path that leads north through *Prado de las Anchuras* (Anchuras meadow), bordered by pine trees.

Changing valleys, the way through the pine forest becomes a path and we descend along *La Ren del Carretero* to the river *Condemios*, which we ford just before it joins the *Bornova*. We go up the latter, pass the mill of *El Callejón*, and then near the church of *Santa Coloma*. In *Albendiego* we head west towards the *Condemios* villages. Along *La Ren de los Perez* path, backed by red sandstone, we reach of *Condemios de Abajo* among wasteland and groves. Through *Arrenes de las Puentes*, we cross the streams that form the *Condemios* river and -through meadows next to a pine grove- we reach *Condemios de Arriba*.



MIDE data:

- Severity of the natural environment: 2 (winter 3)
- Route orientation: 2
- Ascent: 531 m.
- Descent: 395 m.
- Difficulty of the journey: 2
- Amount of effort required: 3
- Route length: 18.4 km.
- Time: 5 h 35' / **brisk walking 4 h 55'**.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> PANEL OF GR 167 IN ALBENDIEGO

## ALBENDIEGO

### SECTION 1.a GR 167 ALBENDIEGO - MAJADAS DEL BORNOVA

We leave *Albendiego* to the south, pass near the Romanesque church of *Santa Coloma*, cross the road and enter the *Sierra Norte* Natural Park. Next to the river *Bornova*, we enter the narrow slate pass of the mill of *El Callejón*. The valley changes direction at the confluence with the river *Condemios*, which we ford to continue our route to the south, climbing the rocky slope on the right bank towards *La Ren del Carretero*. We go along the pass through pine trees. Through *Prado de las Anchuras* (*Anchuras meadow*) we enter the valley of the *Pelagallinas* river, at the foothill of *Alto Rey*. It is possible that this is the route followed by *El Cid*<sup>2</sup> in his exile and that this is the place where he rested after crossing the border. Turning eastwards opposite *La Cueva del Oso* (the Bear's Cave), the path on the left bank of the river takes us to *Prádena de Atienza*. We pass this pretty village to look for the *Bornova* again, either by the direct variant to the *Majadas del Bornova* or by the *Pelagallinas*, enjoy the panoramic view of the *Junta de los Ríos* and now go up the beautiful course of the river to the *Majadas del Bornova*. There is also the possibility of linking up with the GR 160, *El Camino del Cid* (route of El Cid).



MIDE data:

- Severity of the natural environment: 2 (winter 3)
- Route orientation: 2
- Ascent: 462 m.
- Descent: 567 m.
- Difficulty of the journey: 2
- Amount of effort required: 3
- Route length: 16.5 km.
- Time: 5 h 10' / **brisk walking 4 h 35'**.



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