

# A walk around the lake close to Benahavis village

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Benahavis is a Spanish mountain village situated between Marbella, Estepona, and Ronda, seven kilometers from the coast. Renowned for its restaurants, it is often called the dining room of the Costa del Sol. Standing on the southern face of La Serrania de Ronda mountain range, Benahavis is one of the most mountainous villages on the western Costa del Sol. Situated near the resort beaches as well as the spectacular mountains of the Serrania de Ronda, its terrain is traversed by the river Guadalmina. Places of great natural and historic interest are to be found within its boundaries, such as Montemayor Castle and the remains of the castillo at restaurante El Castillo.



When you reach the Benahavis village you have two options. Go through the village or take to the right in the roundabout and go around the village. Park your car just downhill the restaurante El Castillo at Calle de Pilar.

Follow Calle de Pilar and pass Cortijo de la Agaida. You soon reach the water reservoir which gets its water from the Guadalmina river, it later passes the Guadalmina Golf Club south course and goes all the way down to the Mediterranean.

For those who want a shorter walk can park the car here instead and just walk around the reservoir. There is plenty of parking.

Follow the road and walk over the bridge. The house on the left side usually have a couple of donkeys grassing on their meadows. Follow the road to the right.

You will pass the cute house that is located on the shore and owned by the Water Board.

You now reach the southern part of the dam and have a choice of going back along the reservoir and return the same way as you came. The walk around the pond takes only twenty minutes, but there's a little detour well worth taking.

The other choice is a walkway down to the village along the edge of the river. Take it! Go about three hundred meters. There are two benches in the sun. Perfect for a few minutes contemplation. Follow the river and after awhile you will have the sports hall on your left. You will reach the village again and walk up through the small park.

You have now reached the end of the walk. Take to the right and you have restaurante El Castillo just uphill and your car parked just around the corner.

This is a popular area for local residents Spaniards to walk in or have a picnic around the reservoir.

