



MOLINO
DEL SANTO

From Molino del Santo to the Pileta Caves

Distance: 3.4km each way

Walking time: 1h35 mins

Difficulty: Medium – quite steeply uphill in places, quite slippery on return downhill.

Starting point: Molino wooden gates

Summary:

We are very lucky to have the Pileta Caves so closeby. They are a wonderfully preserved, and the guided tour is well worth it. The car drive is about 15 minutes, but the walk is a lovely alternative. Please ask Reception to book you in in advance.

Walk:

From the main gate, turn right uphill and after 5 metres turn left on an earth vehicle track. After 100 metres arrive at gate. The main gate is usually locked but there is a small gate on the right hand side for pedestrians. There is public access to this path beyond the gate.

Follow the main track, ignoring a left fork after a further 100metres.

After approximately 1.5km, you'll see the gates of the property ahead of you; 40m **before** you reach it, fork right up the bank to pass through a gap (or rudimentary gate) in the fence and follow the dirt path heading diagonally upwards.

Immediately cross a gully, then continue along the path making an ascending traverse of the hillside, with the property down below on your left.

Once the property is out of sight, cairns become more frequent; follow this path up looking out for cairns, ignoring any small ways off (and make sure you're always ascending).

After nearly 1km, and with the road just above you on your right (you should be able to see the barrier), you reach the top of the climb where the gully ends. You'll see there's a telegraph line above on your left. You may find an old section of fence in front of you; if so, you should be able to pass round the left side of it. • Bear right up the short steep section of path to pass a small boulder and reach the road. • Turn left up the road; almost immediately passing the 4km marker

In 500m you'll find the turning to the Cueva de la Pileta on your right

After passing through the car park area, climb the steps to the cave entrance.

Return by the same route.