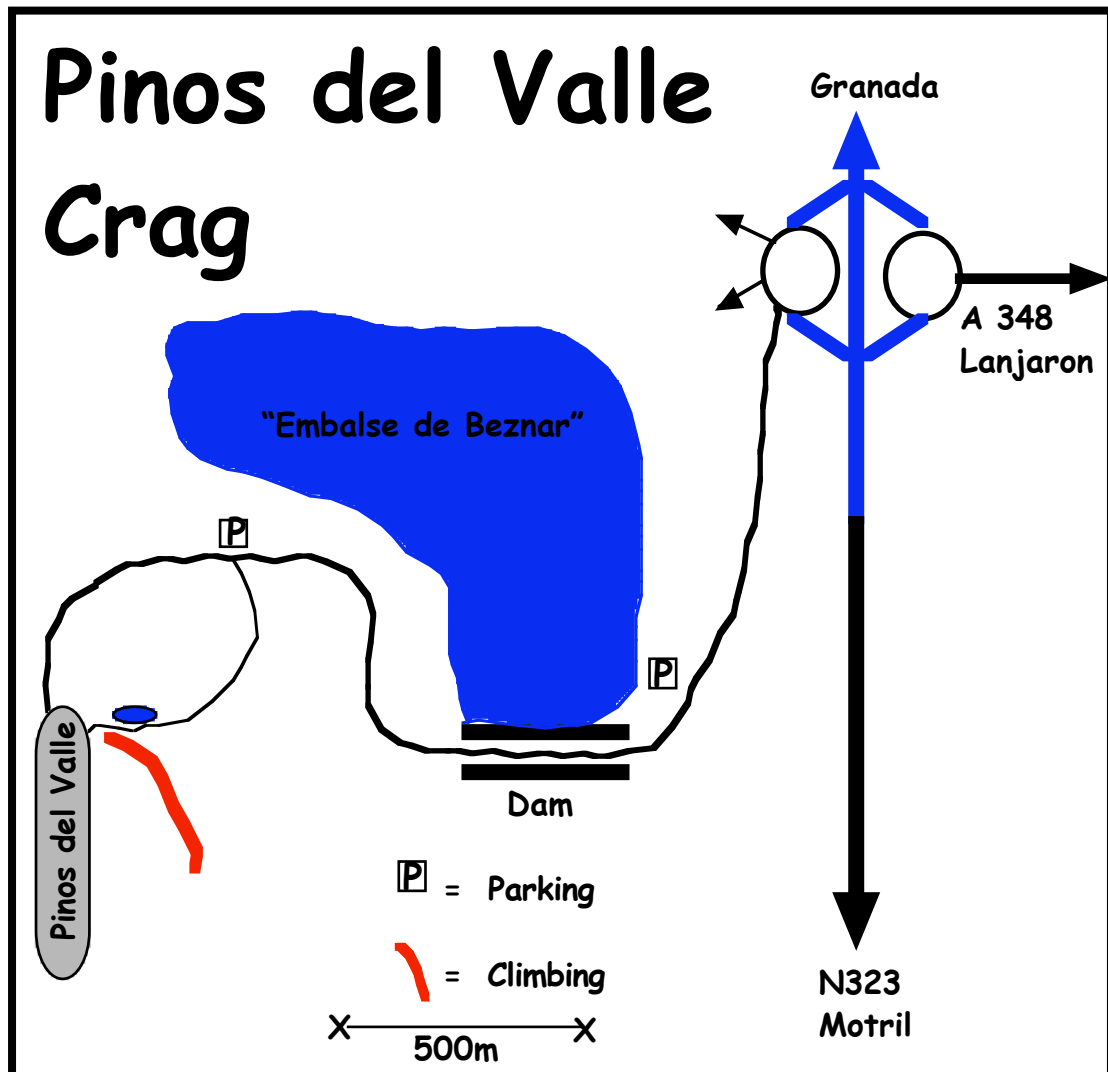


Pinos del Valle

From the motorway Junction there is a double roundabout. From the roundabout take the exit sign posted Pinos del Valle. The road crosses a dam and starts to ascend up hill. After the double bend (ignore 1st parking bay on the right), the road runs alongside a high stone wall on the left. Park on the right where the wall finishes, opposite a track.

From the parking place, cross the road and follow the track up leftwards through citrus trees. Just before a set of gates (usually locked), take a path up to the right. The path joins a track, follow this also ascending up to the right.

The outcrop comes into view above, but to locate a definite point on the crag, keep following the track uphill until a large obvious cave is reached by an open air water tank.



The climbing is east facing and is shady in the afternoon. At present we have not found any local information so have no exact details of the routes / names. All routes described are from right to left.

Area 1. The wall immediately right of the large cave has 3 routes:

1. 4 Mind the loose flake
2. 5+
3. 5

Area 2. Small Cave Area

10m left of the large cave is a smaller cave. 2 routes both start from the R.H. side of the small cave. They merge higher up to climb a pillar to the left of a high cave.

4. 6a
5. 6b

Area 3. The Shield

25m left of area 2 is another clean buttress with a downward pointing apex. 3 good routes:

6. 4 From the bottom of the apex climb up rightwards onto a block at 3m. Continue up the obvious line of bolts.
7. 4+ From the bottom of the apex, ascend up left to gain the line of bolts.
8. 5 2m left of the previous route is a small cave. Ascend out of the cave taking the line of bolts up to the left.

Area 4. The Slabs

3m down the track from area 3, a path heads diagonally up leftwards to some slabs. 2 excellent routes.

9. 3+ 2m left of where the path reaches the crag is a ledge at 3m with a rope thread. Ascend to the ledge and follow the line of bolts. Moving up and left from the scoop at 15m is tricky.
10. 4 5m left of the previous route is a pockety wall. Climb this. Truly excellent.

Section 5. The Overhangs

These start 5m left of the pocket wall under the orange overhanging headwall.

11. 7a+ Climb the left side of the crackline. Step right just before the slabs are reached, cross the crack and climb the R.H. side of the roof.
12. 6c 2m left of the crackline. Ascend the wall and move right onto the orange slab. Ascend the slab and the roof above at its weakest point.
13. 7a 2m left. Climb the wall to the large orange roof that juts out like an inverted triangle. Climb the left side of the roof.

Section 6. The Wall

To reach The Wall, it is best to descend back down to the main track beneath The Slabs. Continue down the main track for 50m to where the terraces start. Ascend up right to the top terrace and follow this leftwards. After 50m a large shallow cave is reached.

14. 5 Ascends the line from the R.H. side of the cave.
15. 6b 2m left. Climbs out of the centre of the cave and follows a line of bolts.
16. 6c 1.5m left. Climbs out of the cave on the R.H. side of a downward pointing block. Climb up then diagonally left to join the next route.
17. 4+ From the toe of the buttress 3m left of the previous route. Climb up then diagonally right to the lower off.