

Route 03 - Quesada Around Laguna Salada de la Mata

Leave Quesada by the Arches, go round the large roundabout and exit at the cycle track which runs along the side of the dual carriageway towards Torrevieja. Keep on this track for 3 roundabouts then cross the dual carriageway using the crossing and cycle to the large fence/gate area. Cycle through the small gate, park your bikes, climb the lookout tower and enjoy the view. Continue your cycle around the La Mata Laguna - the track can be a bit rough in places especially after the rain but is generally quite good. On your way round you will discover bird watching observation points, picnic areas, grape vine plantations and to your right just off the track is a cemetery and a tourist information point which is well worth a look. Follow the track again until you come to a tarred road where the Lemon tree market is situated. Cycle along this road for about 3kms and you will come to a road that goes off to the right. Turn up this road; you will find fields of palm trees on both sides of you, cycle for another 1km heading towards the N332 road. At the top you will see a small copse of trees with some ruins of houses and attached to them is a great little Spanish bar, "El Alto La Dolores." It has a duck pond, peacocks, a fantastic view over La Mata and serves great beer and tapas . After a well deserved break cycle back the way you came until you hit the Lemon Tree Market road again and turn right, head up past the market until you get to the end of the road (crossroads). Here you have 2 options to get back to Quesada. Option 1. Turn left and cycle along the road past El Raso, and Lo Pepin turning in at the Laguna hotel or Option 2. straight across at the crossroads and up past the mast. Turn right at the junction then immediately left and cycle along the camino road which brings you out at the top end of Lo Pepin then make your way back through Quesada and home for rest.

Total Distance: Approx. 18 Kms

Time: Allow 3 hours

Summary: Good route over undulating ground with a little bit of a challenge

