

# TRAILS BY BIKE

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## Route20: Pinoso - Monóvar - Elda

### Route Card

Access by train: Pinoso.

Return by train: Elda Station.

Difficulty: Medium.

Drop: 160 m.

Distance: 31.18 km.

Type of terrain: 26.28 km asphalt and y 4.90 km earth.

Train schedules: [www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or at Tel. No.: 902 24 02 02.

Bus schedules: [www.alsa.es](http://www.alsa.es) or at Tel. No.: 902 240 202.

Cartography: Spain's Military Map, scale 1:50,000, sheets 27-34 & 28-34

### Among mountains and vineyards

The first part of the route will include some municipal districts of the Pinoso municipal territory, peppered among vineyards and almond tree fields. As we enter Monóvar municipality, we will pass by Santa Catalina del Manyá wineries, a stop we can take advantage of to taste the good wines of the area or visit its facilities and know, on location, how wine is elaborated. After going up to Collado de Victoriano, splendid views of the surrounding valleys await us. Giving the difficult access by public transport to Pinoso and in order to enjoy the environmental and landscape richness of Mount Coto and El Cabezo with more tranquillity, both to be found in the surrounding area, it is advisable to take two or three days and do this route in combination with the one of Sax-Salinas-Pinoso. From Pinoso stem several paths and cycling routes that will enable us to discover the natural treasures of this secluded area in the province of Alicante.

### Itinerary

So as to start from the beginning of the route we take calle Yecla, where we find supermarket "Dia", near the industrial estate. We veer to the left, following the directions of the Local Police. At the end of this way, at the stop signpost, we set the distance meter to zero and we keep straight along the asphalted road we have opposite. We will soon find vineyards and almond tree fields. We can see in the background the Sierra de Salinas with Peak la Capilla, 1238 m high. Let's ignore the road on the left (3.40) which leads to a small hill with a pine tree grove, and let's keep straight ahead.



We turn into a dirt path on the left (4.09), between vineyards, disregarding the tracks that stem both to the left and the right. We reach a road (5.68) and we can see on the right, in the background, the municipal district of Culebrón. We



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keep some metres on the left and we turn into the path on the right (5.70). We keep going straight as far as another road (6.38) and we keep on the left. After a gentle way up we reach a hill (6.76) where we can sight the entire valley. The way down is gentle and we always keep straight towards a group of houses we can see opposite.

We arrive at a road (8.69) and we follow the directions shown in the signpost, Casas de Juan Blasco. We will pedal now among slight undulations and we will see large estates among the vineyards, some of them almost in a state of semi-abandonment. On the right stands the hill of El

Cabezo with Peak San Juan, 729 m. We reach a stop signpost (11.25) and we are already in Casas de Juan Blasco, now in the municipality of Monóvar. We keep to the right. We ride through the municipal district of El Derramador (12.75) and we keep on straight as far as the road from Pinoso to Monóvar (14.24). We find Santa Catalina del Manyà wineries opposite. We cross the road and we keep our right as far as a yellow signpost showing Manyà.

We keep on the left along the small access road and once we leave the houses behind, we will see a farm with a pine tree (14.62). We keep on the left (15.45), where we are to white shed. We arrive at a on the left the red and which we will follow from reach a stop signpost we keep straight ahead. pebbled, as we are on our After going past it, we go between many pine tree right (20.86) a small devoted to Mexico's Virgin



garden and two dirt roads as far as a crossroads keep on the right as far as a road (16.32) and we follow white markings of the GR-7 now for a good lap. We (17.08) of a wider road and This stage is upwards and way to Collado Victoriano. down along a valley groves. We can see on our private-owned hermit, of Guadalupe.

We arrive at a road (22.53) and we leave the markings of GR-7 to go on to the right on a gentle slope down that leads us straight to the entrance to Mon'val. We stop the distance meter at the yellow building, the Azorín School, so as to visit the town (24.43). In order to go on, we look for the bullring and we exit by Calle Mayor in the direction to Elda. Just at the yellow indicator of the town, we start the distance meter again. We go down along this road for over 1 km, which endures quite a lot of traffic and where there is barely any hard shoulder: we will therefore be extremely careful. At the roundabout (24.83) we keep riding in the direction to Elda, and at the height of Monóvar train station (25.70) which unfortunately is closed today, we turn into an asphalted track on the left. This turns into the right immediately, but we keep straight. We always follow the main road without taking any diversion as far as Elda's industrial estate (28.15).

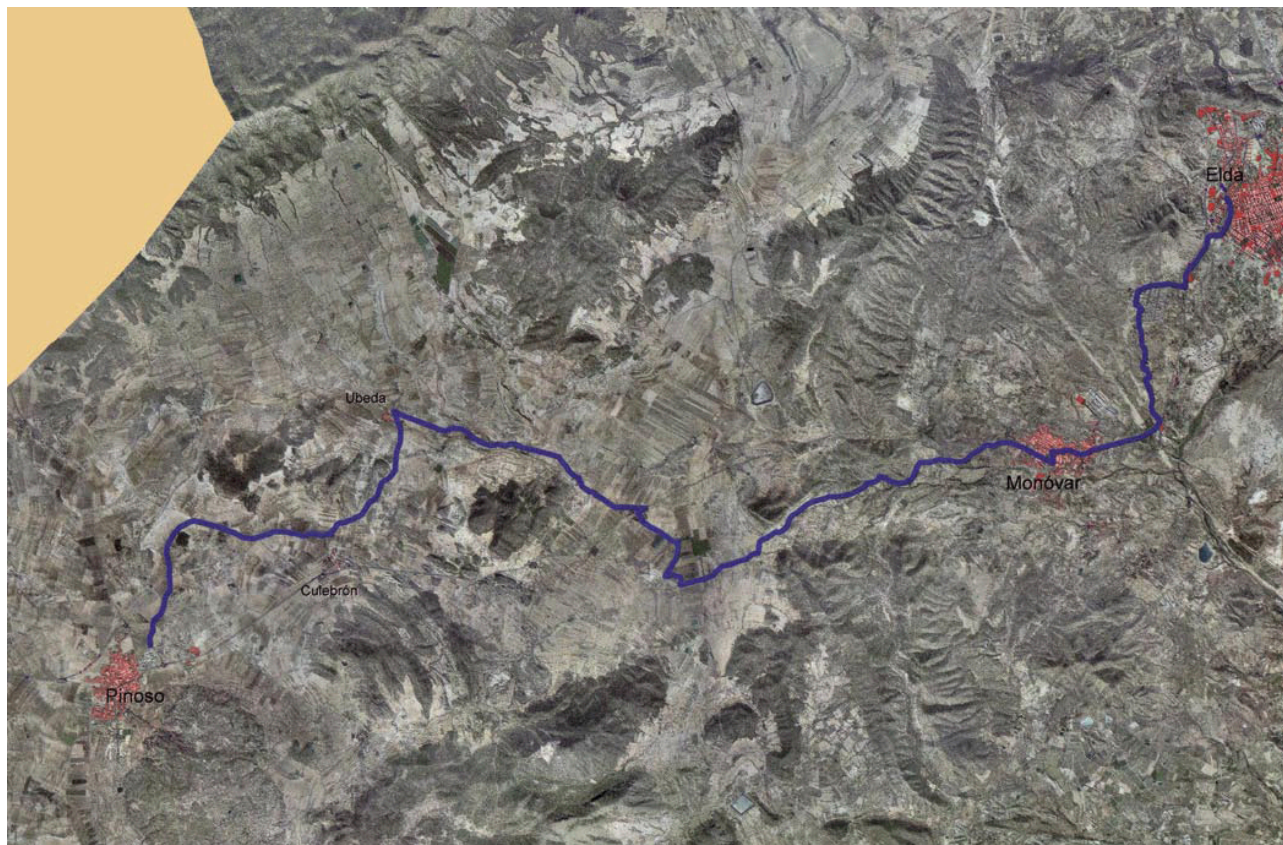


We will go on on the right, going past the firm "Novotak". We arrive at a street (28.18) and we keep on the left. At the end of it, calle Alemania, we will reach an avenue, where we turn to the right to go down, always straight, as far as a roundabout (29.54), where we can see a cycle lane to be followed on our left. The cycle lane ends up on a bridge (31.18) and just opposite, we will find the markings of GR-7 again, which lead us on a nice promenade along the riverbed of the Vinalopó, as far as Elda's town centre.



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