

Transport Guide: Barajas Airport → Cerro del Telégrafo Sports Center (Rivas)

The **Cerro del Telégrafo Sports Center** is located in the **Rivas Urbanizaciones** area (the main entrance to Rivas from Madrid). Depending on your budget and schedule, here are the best ways to get there:

1. Metro Option (Most Connected)

This is the most common route, though it involves several transfers.

- **Route:** Line 8 (Pink) from the Airport to **Nuevos Ministerios** → Transfer to Line 6 (Grey) to **Avenida de América** → Transfer to Line 9 (Purple) towards **Vicálvaro** to connect with the TFM (Line 9 extension) towards **Rivas Urbanizaciones**.
- **Estimated Time:** 70 - 90 minutes.
- **Price (2026 Rates):**
 - Combined Ticket (Metro Madrid + TFM): **~€3.00**.
 - Airport Supplement: **€3.00** (Mandatory).
 - Multi Card (if you don't have one): **€2.50**.
 - **Total approx: €8.50** (for your first trip).
- **Pros:** Immune to road traffic. High frequency.
- **Cons:** Multiple transfers with luggage. The TFM section of Line 9 (towards Rivas) usually has lower frequency than the central Metro lines.

2. Renfe Cercanías (Commuter Train) + Metro (The "Train" Alternative)

While Cercanías is often faster for long distances, it is only convenient if you arrive at **Terminal T4**.

- **Route:** Line C-1 or C-10 from Airport T4 to **Atocha**. Change platforms to take Line C-2 or C-7 (direction Alcalá de Henares or Guadalajara) to **Vicálvaro**. There, exit Renfe and enter the Metro (TFM Line 9) to **Rivas Urbanizaciones**.
- **Estimated Time:** 60 - 75 minutes.
- **Price:**
 - Single Cercanías Ticket (4 zones): **~€2.60**.
 - Single Metro TFM Ticket (Vicálvaro-Rivas): **~€2.00**.
- **Pros:** Trains are more spacious for luggage. Fewer stops than the Metro.
- **Cons:** Requires a platform change at Atocha. If you are not in T4, you must take the free airport shuttle bus to reach the train station, which adds extra time.

3. Taxi or VTC (Most Comfortable)

- **Route:** Direct via M-50 or M-40 and the A-3 highway.
- **Estimated Time:** 20 - 30 minutes (highly dependent on A-3 traffic).
- **Price:**
 - **Taxi:** No fixed rate (the €30 flat rate only applies to central Madrid/inside M-30). A taxi to Rivas usually costs between **€45 and €55** from T1/T2/T3, and about **€5 more** from T4.
 - **VTC (Uber/Cabify):** Dynamic pricing, usually ranging from **€35 to €50**.
- **Pros:** Door-to-door service. No carrying luggage through stations.
- **Cons:** Most expensive option. Risk of heavy traffic during rush hours (08:00-09:30 and 18:00-20:00).

The Cerro del Telégrafo Sports Center is about a 10-15 minute walk from the Rivas Urbanizaciones Metro station.

