

# Albuñuelas - Cruz Chiquita

The village of Albuñuelas lies tucked away in the furthest corner of the Lecrín valley, so not many people find their way here. This walk takes in sections of the GR-7 long-distance walking trail to create a loop that starts and ends in the village. As you head up into the hills you soon get great views of the Lecrín valley and the Sierra Nevada, which you continue to enjoy for much of the walk.

**1.** From the centre of Albuñuelas, take *Calle de la Estación*, which bears left past the town hall. When you get to a side street which is also called *Calle de la Estación*, keep straight ahead. When you get to a T-junction, turn left.

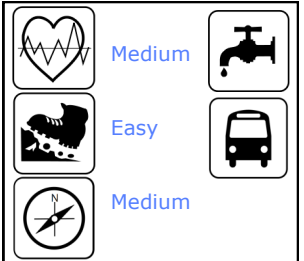
**2.** At the edge of the village, you will see a GR-7 sign. Continue going along the path.



**3.** When you get down to the river, bear left and then cross the bridge. Continue on the footpath, following the GR-7 signs (NB paths you should **not** take are marked with a cross). At the top of the hill, the path turns round to the right. At the time of writing, it was a little overgrown in places, but it soon turns into a wider track, then a dirt road.

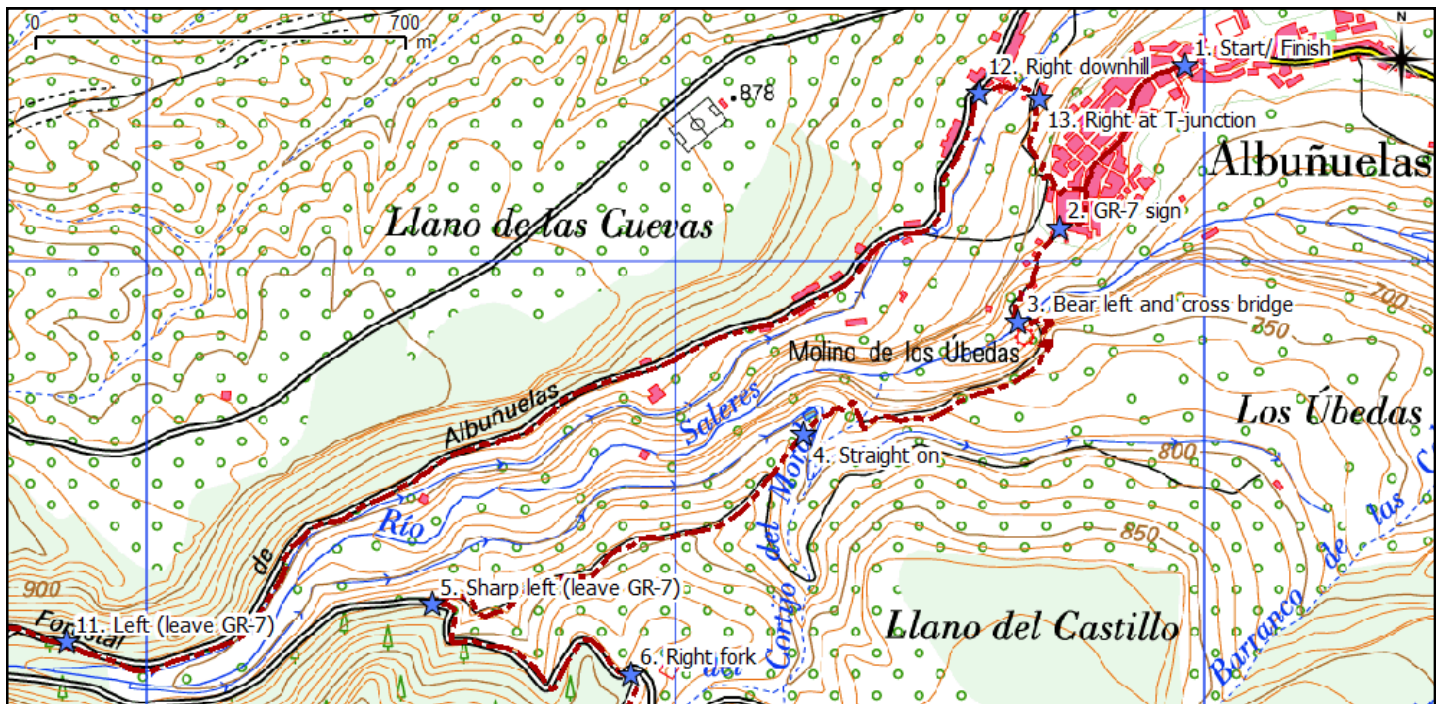


**4.** Just under 1km from the edge of the village, you get to a junction where several tracks meet. Keep straight on, following the GR-7 signs.



## Key Facts

<b>Length</b>	17 km
<b>Time</b>	4h 45 mins
<b>Min/Max Altitude</b>	711 m /1207 m
<b>Accumulated height difference</b>	645 m
<b>Season</b>	Autumn, Winter, Spring

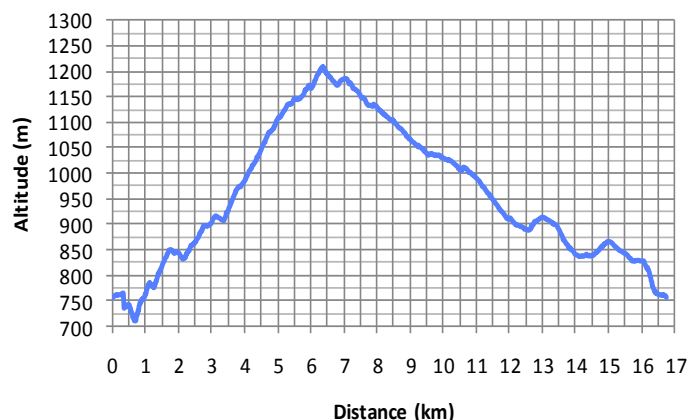


## Getting there

**By car:** From Granada take the E-902/A-44 towards Motril. Come off at junction 160, marked *Lecrín El Valle*. Pass the turning for *Mondújar*, keeping right on the main road. Turn left at the roundabout. After a few hundred metres, you will see a small BP garage on the left - turn right about 100m past this, following signs to *Restábal*, *Melegís* and *Albuñuelas*. At *Restábal* (about 4.5km) Turn right, following the sign to *Saleres* and *Albuñuelas*. In *Saleres* turn right up the hill (signed *Albuñuelas*).

In *Albuñuelas* drive through into the centre of the village and park in *Plaza de Gracia* or continue on *Calle de la Estación* and park near the town hall.

**By bus:** Take the Alsa bus service from Granada bus station. There are 3 buses a day to Albuñuelas on Monday-Friday and 1 a day on Saturdays (1 h 15 min). See [www.treksierranevada.com/getting-around](http://www.treksierranevada.com/getting-around) for more info and links to current timetables.



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**5.** Just under 1km further on, take the road turning sharply up to the left. Here you **leave** the GR-7 (although note that at the time of writing the signposting was confusing due to a damaged sign).

**6.** After 500m take the right fork and continue for 3.5km.

**7.** When you get to a T-junction, turn right, then keep right on the main road about 400m afterwards.

**8.** 1km further on, turn right at the

crossroads.

**9.** 600m further on, keep on the main road, which turns sharply down to the right. After 700m there is a drinking fountain to the right of the road.

**10.** After 1.3km, just after you pass a house to the left of the road, turn right. Here you are rejoining the GR-7.

**11.** After a further 3km, where the main road bears down towards the river, take the road to the left, back towards

Albuñuelas. At this point, you are **leaving** the GR-7.

**12.** When you get back to the edge of the village, after passing the first few houses (about 2.2km from **10**), take a road going steeply down to the right.

**13.** When you get to a T-junction, turn right and follow the path down into the village. At the bottom of the hill, go left and left again, to get back onto *Calle de la Estación*.

