

Canal de la Espartera

A varied walk taking in some interesting scenery on the north-western edge of the Sierra Nevada, including the distinctively shaped peaks of *Trevenque* and *Boca de la Pesca*. The route crosses the *arenales de Trevenque*, gravel 'rivers' formed by erosion, before descending through pine forest to the river Dilar. Take extra care when walking on the loose surface of the *arenales*, which can be slippery. This is an official walking route which is generally very well signposted.

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Key Facts	
Length	14 km
Time	4h 30 min
Min/Max Altitude	1284 m / 1732 m
Accumulated height difference	573 m
Season	All year*

* except with snow cover on the route
Note: times and distances refer to full route to/from Fuente del Hervidero. The main loop is 12 km / 4 hours.

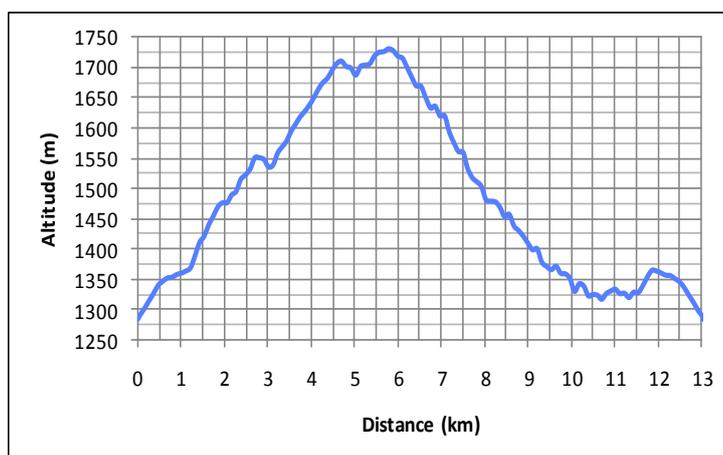
Top Far Left: Trevenque
Bottom Left: Boca de la Pesca (on the right of the photo)
Below: Atalayones de Dilar
Left: River Dilar



Getting There

By Car: From Granada, take the *La Zubia* exit from the southern ring road (*Ronda Sur*). When you reach *La Zubia* go straight on at the traffic lights then take a left signposted to *Cumbres Verdes* (you cannot turn left directly, so continue up to the roundabout, do a u-turn and then turn right). Then follow signs to *Cumbres Verdes*. You soon enter the Sierra Nevada Natural Park, and, after a few kilometres, pass *Cumbres Verdes* on your right. The road then turns into a dirt track. Follow this for 1.5km until you reach *Fuente del Hervidero*. Either turn off left to park here, or carry on 1km to another car park at the trailhead, but bear in mind that this stretch of road is often in poor condition.

By bus: There is no bus service to *Fuente del Hervidero*. On weekends there are two buses a day to *Cumbres Verdes* (service 275), from where you need to walk 1.5km up a dirt road to *Fuente del Hervidero*.



1. From *Fuente del Hervidero*, take track at the top right of the car park.



Take either fork in the track, then turn left onto the dirt road.

2. After 600m, where the road bears left (signed *Jardín Botánico*) carry straight on into the car park (the alternative starting point). There is an information panel in Spanish describing the route (PR-A21). Take the path to the right of the sign.



3. After a few metres, there is a sign marking route PR-A21 towards *Mirador* and *Toma del Canal*. Shortly after this, take left fork, then turn left onto a smaller path. This is marked with one of the posts that you should follow throughout the route.



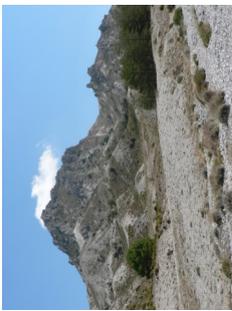
4. After about 1km, the path very briefly joins the dirt road before carrying on up some steps. Note the posts with crosses indicating the routes not to take.



5. Cross the dirt road again, following the path through the fencing beside an information panel.



The path then descends into an *arenal*, effectively a wide gravel track, which you follow for about 2km, heading towards *Trevenque*. Where the valley widens out, keep right.



6. Take path to the right (marked with a post).
7. After just over 1km you reach a signpost facing the other way. Take sharp right down to the dirt road (signed *Toma del Canal* and *Collado Sevilla*).

8. Keep on the road, zig-zagging down towards the river for about 3.5km, passing the *Casa Forestal de Rosales* and crossing the *Canal de la Espartera*.



9. At the *Toma del Canal* there is a hydropower substation. Take the path to the right (marked). The path briefly follows the river before bearing up to the right, while the river drops away below.



10. When you meet a dirt track, go straight on (marked *Collado Sevilla*). Keep following the path until you arrive back at the car park (2).

