




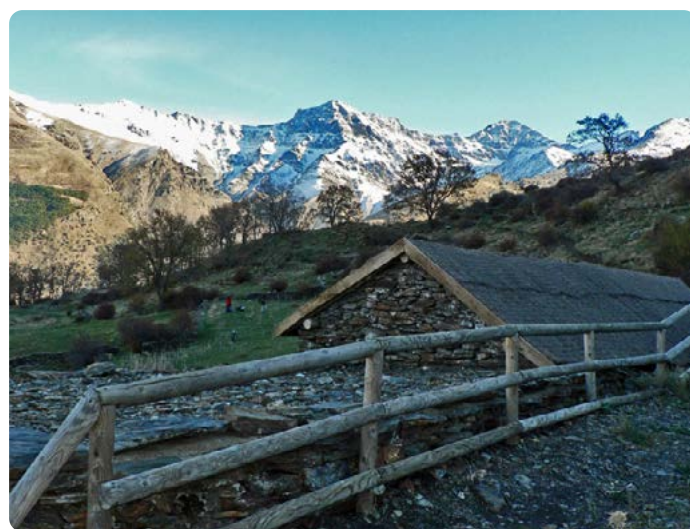


Cortijo Hornillo – Version B

Wind your way up through a pleasant forest of oaks and pines, before continuing up the ridge of the *Loma de San Juan*, from which you have great views to both sides. The climb is fairly relentless, and steep in parts, but if you're reasonably fit and the weather's good the amazing scenery more than makes up for it! Return via the attractive *Cortijo del Hornillo* and the lower part of the Vereda de la Estrella. One section of the route is difficult to follow, so a map and compass or GPS is recommended. For an easier to follow and less strenuous alternative, see version A of this walk.

Key facts	
Length	16.5 km
Time	5h 15 min
Min/Max Altitude	1153 m / 2137 m
Accumulated height difference	1054 m
Season	Spring Autumn

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	Medium	
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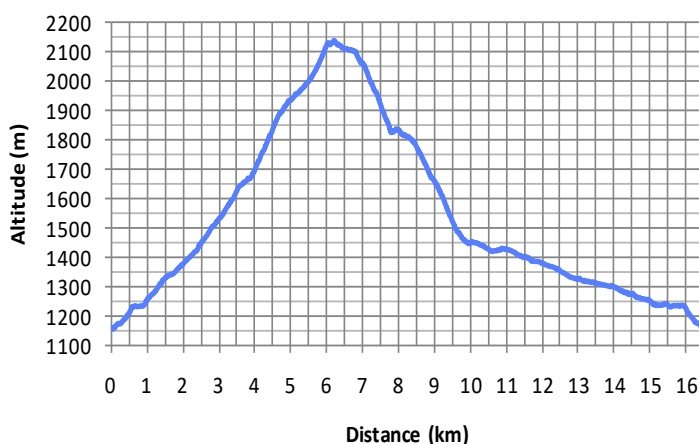


Getting there

By car: From Granada, take the A-395 towards Sierra Nevada. Take the exit marked Pinos Genil, Güéjar Sierra, Dúdar, Quéntar and follow the road under the A-395 and across the river Genil. Turn right, and after 2.5km turn left for Güéjar Sierra.

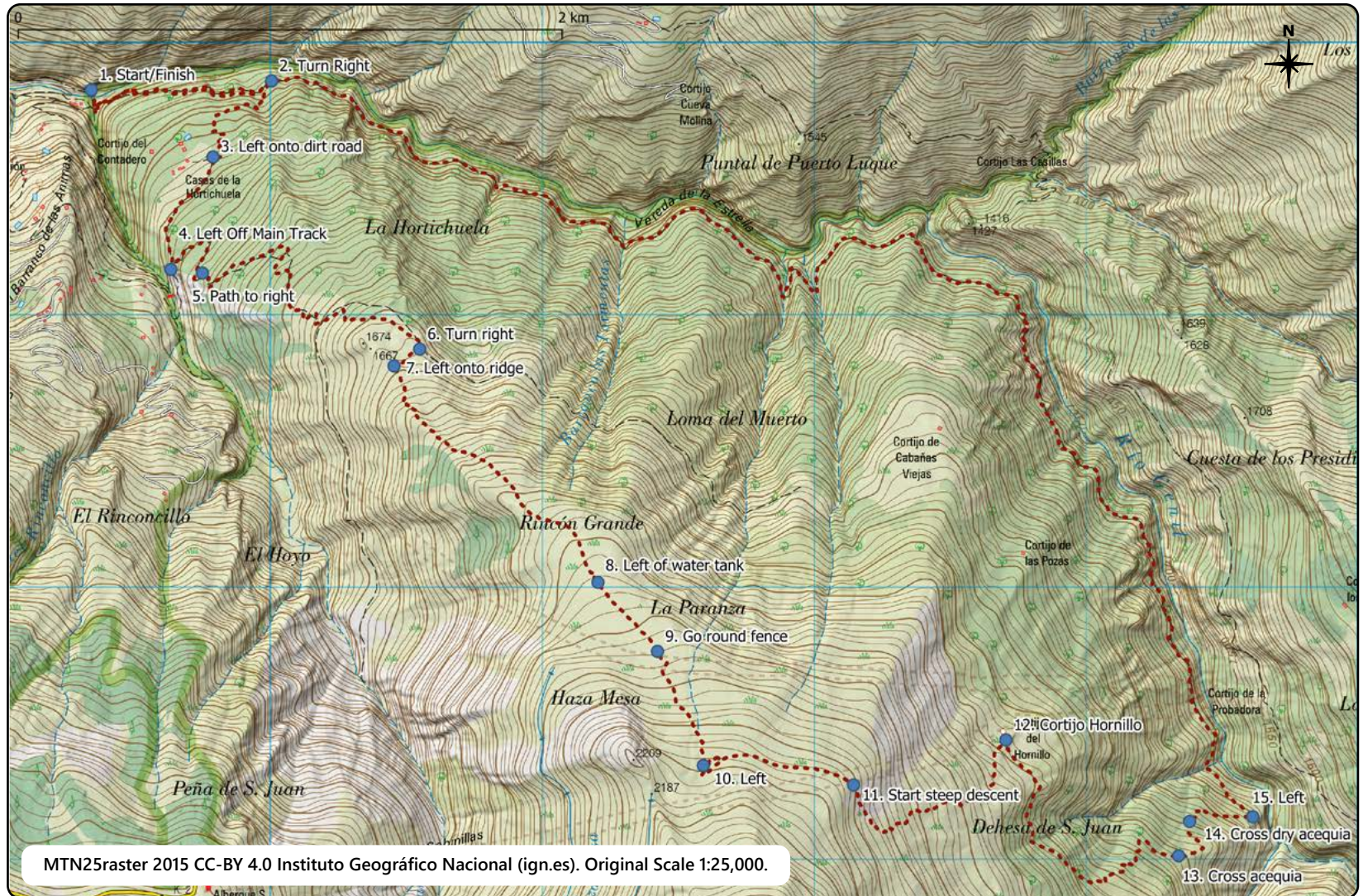
When you enter the village (after 8km), take the right turn signposted Río Genil, Río Maitena. Follow the road round until you get to a set of wooden signs for accommodation and places of interest. Bear left, marked towards Sierra Nevada, Río Genil. At the next junction, turn right (signed towards Maitena, Charcón, Sierra Nevada) then go straight on (signed Maitena, Barranco San Juan, Sierra Nevada). After reaching the bottom of the valley, turn left through a tunnel (signed Vereda de la Estrella, Barranco San Juan). You will go through two more tunnels and cross the river twice before you reach the end of the road and a car park.

By bus: This walk is not easily accessible by bus.



DISCLAIMER: While we have made every effort to ensure that this information is accurate, conditions can change, and you are responsible for your own safety.

1. From the car park, cross the wooden bridge and take the path up to the left, signposted *Sendero Sulayr* and *Vereda Estrella*.
2. After just under 1 km, you meet the Sulayr long-distance walking route. Turn right, up the side of the valley, following the red and white Sulayr posts.
3. After a few hundred metres, the path goes up alongside a fence. Follow the path through a gap in the fence and when you reach a dirt road, turn left.
4. After 500 m, turn left onto a side track, and carry on up the hill.
5. After a further 400 m, you'll get to an animal pen (see right) - shortly after this, take the footpath up to the right.
6. Follow the path, zigzagging quite steeply uphill (NB, in some places the path splits, but the branches rejoin further up) for about 1.5 km until you get to some ruined buildings (*Cortijo del Hoyo*). When you reach a junction, turn right towards *Haza Mesa*.
7. After 100 m turn left and follow the path up the ridge. This section is very steep.
8. When you reach a plateau, keep going straight ahead, keeping to the left of a water storage tank. Continue straight ahead, following the path.
9. Go around a fenced-off area.
10. Carry on up, following the faint path, then at the top turn left across a meadow. Edge round the contour of the hill for about 600 m.
11. You may be able to pick out *Cortijo del Hornillo*, a complex of summer farm buildings, below you. That is where you are heading. The path descends steeply but



soon dissipates into lots of indistinct paths. You will have head across country as best you can, always heading in the direction of the Cortijo.

12. Turn right at the Cortijo; the path soon begins to descend.
13. Just over 1 km past the Cortijo you need to cross an *acequia* (irrigation channel); go a few metres along the *acequia* to the right to find the continuation of the path.
14. 200m further on there is another (dry) *acequia* to cross.

15. When you meet the main *Vereda de la Estrella* path after a further 250 m, turn left. The return path is easy to follow along the side of the valley. When you rejoin the Sulayr path (after just under 3 km), keep going straight on rather than taking the path down to the right. From here the route is marked with red and white posts until you get back to 2.