

Alcazaba

At 3,371 metres above sea level, Alcazaba is not quite as high as the neighbouring peaks of Mulhacén and Veleta. However, it is more remote, and the ascent is steeper and more challenging. Even so, in high summer you don't need any technical equipment to get to the top, and the views and scenery are breathtaking. On your way you will pass the beautiful mountain tarns and meadows of *Siete Lagunas*. This route starts from the *Refugio de Poqueira*, but you can join it at *Alto del Chorrillo*, using the bus service from Capileira.

1. Starting from the *Refugio de Poqueira*, take the dirt road downhill.

2. After 1 kilometre, take the path that forks up to the left. It is marked by a tall pole.

3. Rejoin the road after about 800 m.

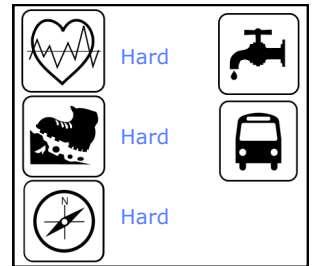
4. After another 900 m you will reach a junction with another road. This is *Alto del Chorrillo*. Cross the road and take the path that goes up to the left.

If you have arrived at *Paraje del Cascajar* by bus, walk up the road until you meet a dirt road coming from the left. This is *Alto del Chorrillo*. Take the path on the right.

The path is marked by cairns - make sure you keep following these.

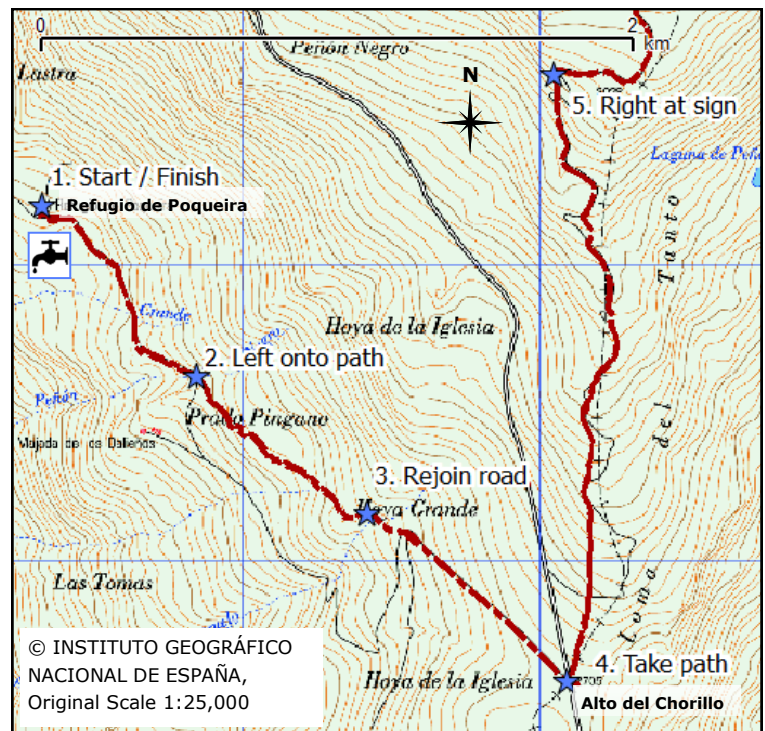
5. After about two kilometres take the right fork towards 7 Lagunas.

Some people may struggle with the altitude, so take your time and take breaks if you need them. **If you start to feel unwell, turn around and walk back down.**



Key Facts	
Length	21 km*
Time	8 hours*
Min/Max Altitude	2500 m / 3370 m
Accumulated height	1280 m*
Season	Summer, early Autumn

* Approx 20 km / 7 hours / 1180 m of height difference if you start from *Paraje del Cascajar*.



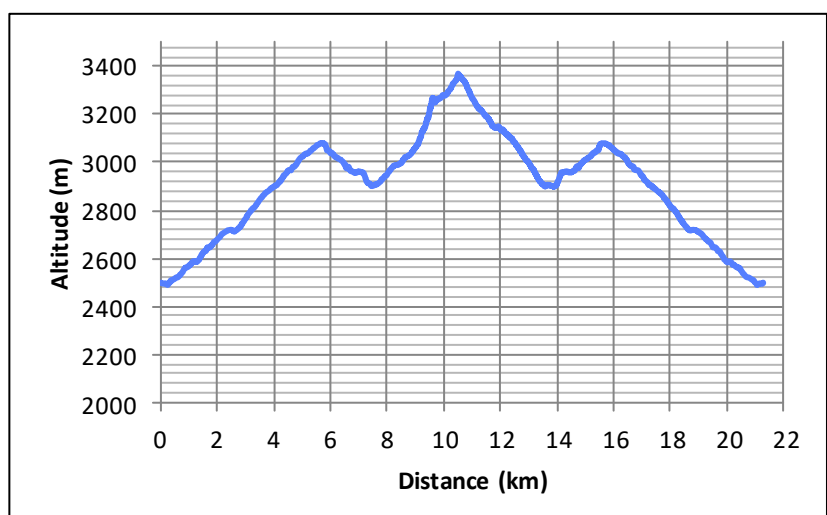
Getting There

The walk starts from the *Refugio de Poqueira*, where you can stay overnight. See our [Acequias del Poqueira walk](#) for details of how to walk to the Refugio from Capileira.

You can also take the special bus service from Capileira to *Paraje del Cascajar*, walk up the road for about 2 km to *Alto del Chorrillo*, and start the walk at **point 4**. We recommend booking the bus in advance - see our website for more info.

To get to Capileira:

By Car: From Granada, take the E-902/A-44 towards Motril. Take exit 164 and take the A-348 towards Lanjarón. Carry on past Lanjarón and after about a further 8km turn left onto the A-4132, marked towards Trevélez (the turning is just after you enter Órgiva). Follow this road until you get past Pampaneira, then turn up to the left following signs for Bubión and Capileira.



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.

6. 700 m later turn right onto a path marked with cairns.

7. After 1.5 km, the path starts to descend steeply towards a lake (*Laguna Hondera*). Keep on this path, ignoring another one up to the left. As you descend, bear left, keeping on the near side of the lake.

8. Head towards the stream that flows into the lake and cross it near another small lake.

9. Keep going past various lakes, before bearing right up to the top of the pass (see photo below). In some places there is a path, and other sections are marked by cairns. The last section is very steep. When you reach the top of the pass, take the path you see in front of you.



10. In the last section before the summit, the path disappears. Keep going up the ridge towards the summit, which is marked with two tall cairns.



To continue the loop, take a route down to the left of the way you walked up. Descend into the valley and then skirt around the *Peñon del Globo* (see photo below). There is no path on this section, which is very rocky.



11. About 1.75 km from the summit, you will meet a path. Follow this down the ridge to the left.

12. After 750 m, take the path that bears right towards *Laguna Hondera*, which you can see below you. After a short distance, you will join a better path.

Cross the stream at the end of the lake and rejoin the path you took on the way to Alcazaba. Retrace your steps to the beginning of the walk.

