



Monachil - Cahorros


With its wild flowers, fruit trees heavy with apricots, almonds, cherries, apples and pomegranates, a cascading river and lavender, thyme and rosemary, the lush Monachil valley is a beautiful area for walking. Kids will love the hanging bridges and the dramatic gorge, and this walk is particularly recommended when the flowers are out in spring and when the leaves turn gold in autumn.




Medium




Easy

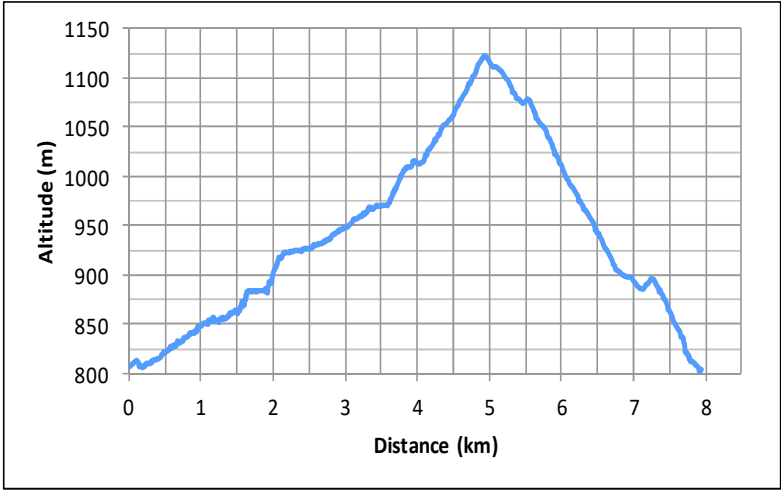


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Key Facts	
Length	7.8 km
Time	2 h 30 mins
Min/Max Altitude	805 m /1123 m
Accumulated height difference	400 m
Season	All year



Getting There

By Car: From Granada, take the *Vergeles/La Zubia/Cájar/Monachil* exit from the A-395 southern ring road (*Ronda Sur*). At the roundabout, take the exit for Monachil and Cájar. Follow this road for roughly 6 km, past a roundabout and two sets of traffic lights, until you reach the village of Monachil. After you enter the village, follow the signs for public parking for Los Cahorros. The signs lead you to a car park on the south side of the river at the far end of the village, near the sign marking the start of the walk.

By bus: Service 183 goes to Monachil approx. once an hour Monday - Friday. On Saturdays, the service is mornings only, and there is no service on Sundays. Services 181 and 182 go more frequently to *Barrio Monachil*, but this is some way short (approx. 2km) of Monachil village. See www.treksierranevada.com/getting-around for more info and links to current timetables.

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. Walk through the village along the river until you get to a bridge with lots of wooden signs, where the walk starts. Cross over to the south side of the bridge. Take the road uphill to the left (following the marked route *Cahorros por sendero del río*).



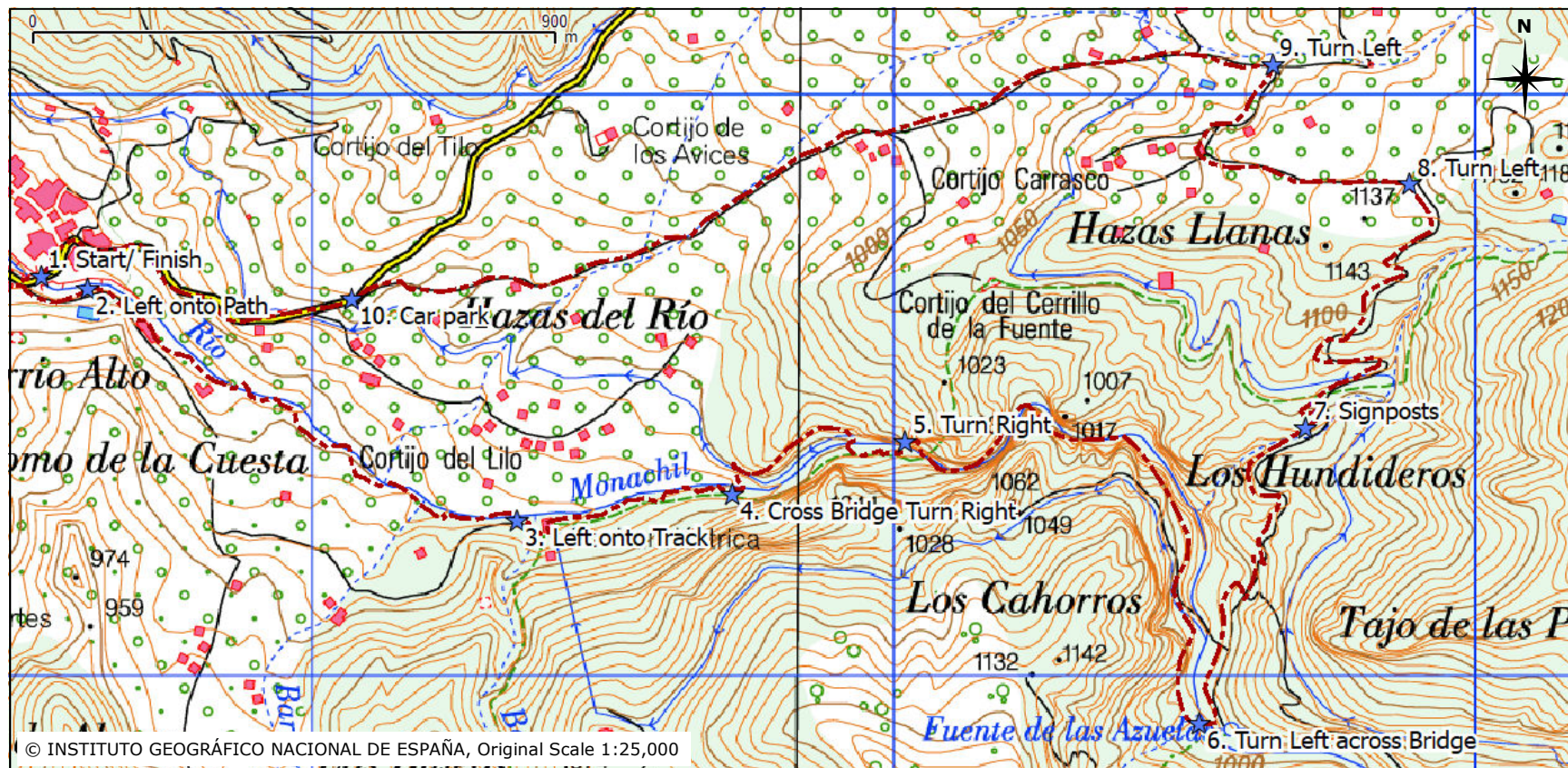
2. After about 100m take the path down to the left. Follow the path along the river.

3. After 900 m, turn left onto a track. Go around a hydropower station and take the steps back down onto the path.

4. After another 300 m, cross the hanging bridge and then turn right onto a path along the acequia (irrigation channel).



5. The path takes you across a second hanging bridge, then up some steps. Follow the steps round to the left, staying on the main path with the wooden railing.



Once you have crossed a third hanging bridge, turn right and then cross a much longer bridge. A sign here warns that only up to four people can cross at once.



6. This is the most spectacular part of the walk, but the path through the gorge is quite awkward in some sections due to lack of head clearance. Make use of the metal handles set into the rock.

Once you come out of the end of the gorge, turn left across the river.

7. The path winds uphill. After about 700m there are some wooden signposts. Keep on the main track towards *Monachil* and *Purche*.

8. After a further 800m you reach the top of the hill and there is another signpost marking *Azuclas* and *Cno*.

Revoltilla Purche. Ignore these signs and bear left on the main track.

9. Keep on the main track, ignoring farm tracks turning off to the left. When you get to wooden signs for *Purche Est. De Esqui* and *Azuclas Hazallana*, turn left (again taking the unmarked route).

10. Again, keep on the main track, ignoring farm accesses and signed footpaths to the left. After less than 2km, you will see a car park and the main road ahead of you. Join the main road briefly and then return to the village, taking a side road past a

restaurant. Go straight across the main road when you meet it again.

