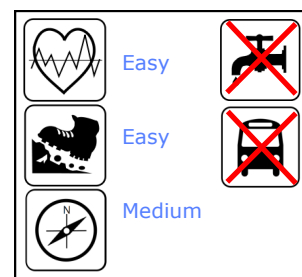


Cónchar: Atalaya del Marchal

A very pleasant walk starting and finishing in the village of Cónchar. From the *Atalaya del Marchal* you have fantastic 360 degree views of the Lecrin Valley and the Sierra Nevada mountains. The route takes you through a mix of almost untouched countryside and small farms growing grapes, almonds and olives. In spring there are beautiful flowers, including lots of poppies.

Key Facts	
Length	10 km
Time	3 hours
Min/Max Altitude	720 m / 1015 m
Accumulated height difference	580 m
Season	Autumn, Winter, Spring



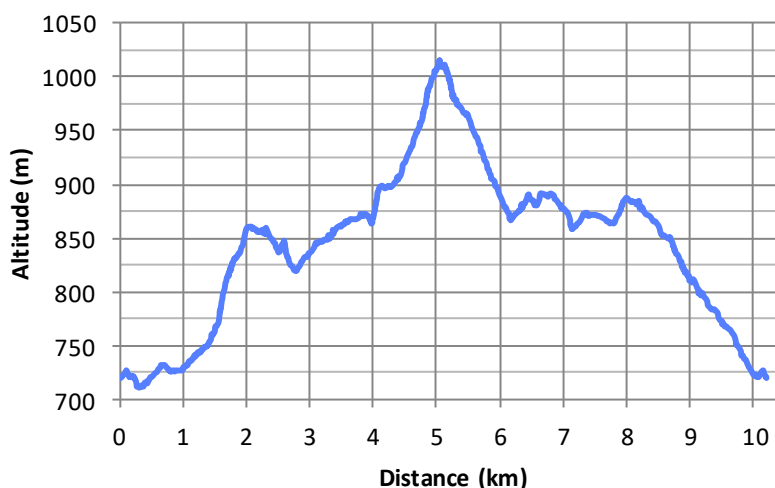
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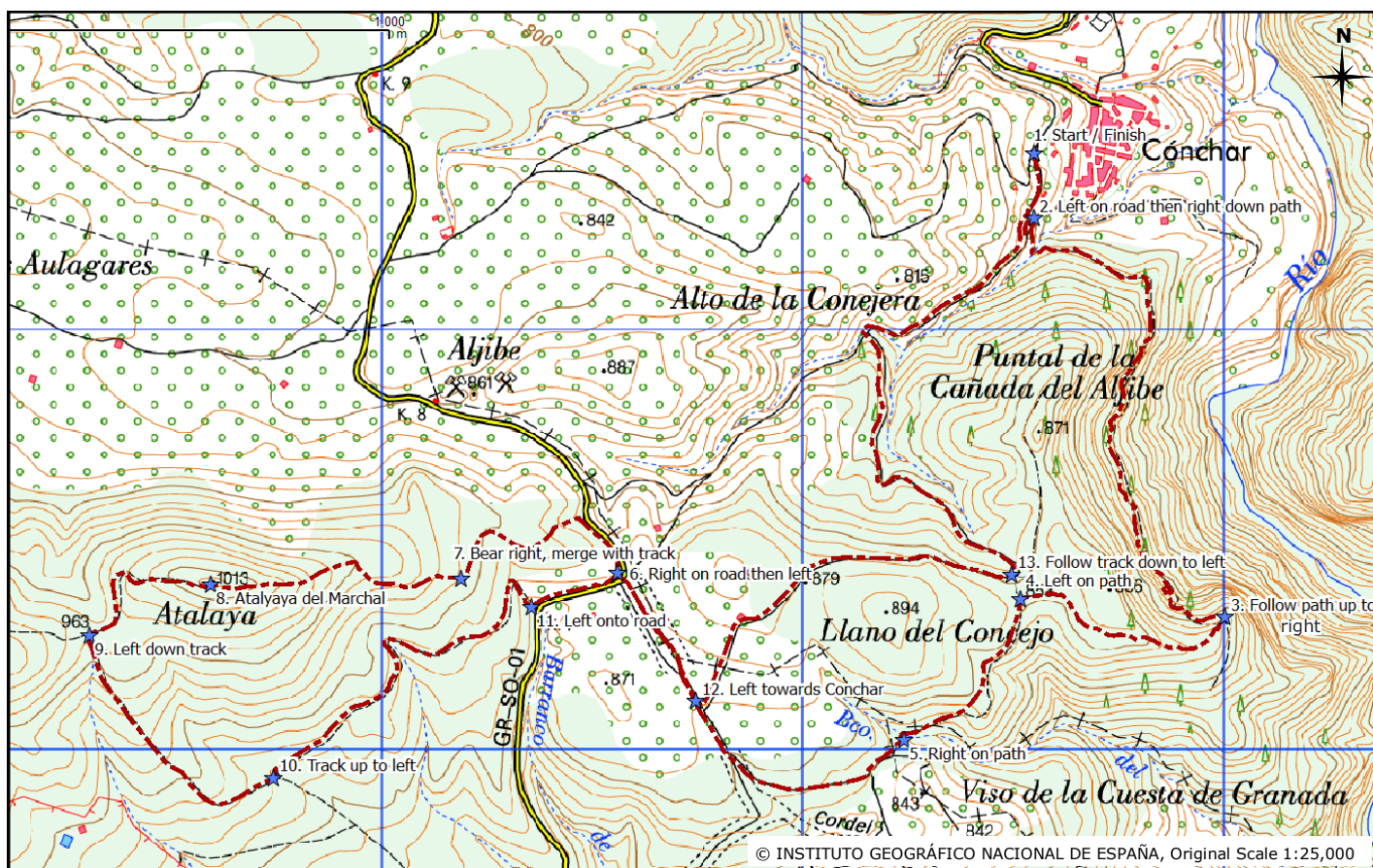
Getting there

By car: From Granada take the E-902/A-44 towards Motríl. Come off at junction 153, marked *Cónchar / Dúrcal / Albuñuelas*. At the roundabout turn right towards Cónchar. After 1.5 km, turn left towards Cónchar.

Just before you enter the village of Conchar, the road turns sharply to the left and crosses a small bridge. Immediately after the bridge, there is a small road up to the right, signposted to Camino de los Pinos. Take this road, and follow it for a few hundred metres until you reach the board marking the start of the walk.

By bus: Cónchar is not easy to reach by bus.





1. Start walking up the road from the information panel at the start of the walk (see above). The route is signposted in places (see right), and is also marked with cairns and painted arrows, but the marking is not very comprehensive, so you'll need to follow these instructions.

2. After about 200m, turn left on the road and then right down a path.

3. Follow the path round along the edge of the valley. After about 1.5 km, it turns steeply uphill to the right.

4. Follow the path for about 500m and then turn left onto a bigger path.

5. After another 500m take the path up to the right, which then turns into a track and merges into a small road (bearing right).

6. Follow this small road until you reach the main road. (You will pass a signpost towards Cónchar - this is the route you will eventually take back near the end of the walk.) Turn right onto the main road and after 100 m take the path up to the left.



7. After about 400m bear right up the hill and merge with a track. Carry on upwards.

8. After about 600m, you will reach the watchtower at the highest point. This is called the *Atalaya del Marchal*. From here you get 360° views. Continue on the same path down the other side of the hill. The path turns into a track.

9. After about 500m or so, turn left onto another track heading downhill.

10. After about 6-700m, take the track up to the left.

11. When you rejoin the main road, turn left. After 250m turn right onto the small road you used earlier (**6**).

12. Turn left at the signpost towards Cónchar (after about 350m).

13. After 1 km follow the main track down and round to the left. After another 800m, turn right onto the main road and continue back down into the village and the start of the walk.

