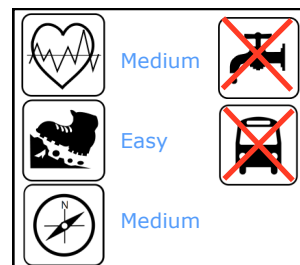


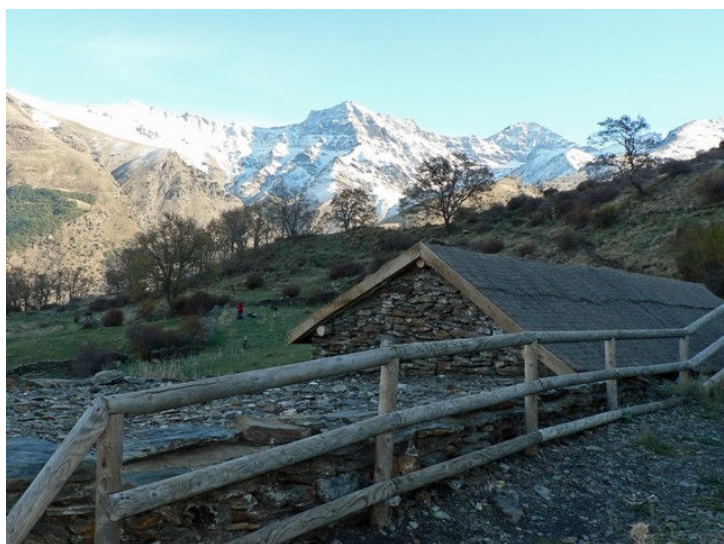
# Cortijo Hornillo - Version A



This route winds up through a forest of oak and pine trees, before taking you on to the *Cortijo del Hornillo*, one of the old summer farms in the mountains. The location is idyllic, and the views of the highest peaks of the Sierra Nevada are incredible. The walk returns along the lower part of the popular *Vereda de la Estrella* path, in the beautiful valley below. For a more challenging walk, with perhaps even more impressive views, see version B of this route.



Key Facts	
<b>Length</b>	16 km
<b>Time</b>	4h 30min
<b>Min/Max Altitude</b>	1153 m /1831 m
<b>Accumulated height difference</b>	813 m
<b>Season</b>	Spring, Summer, Autumn

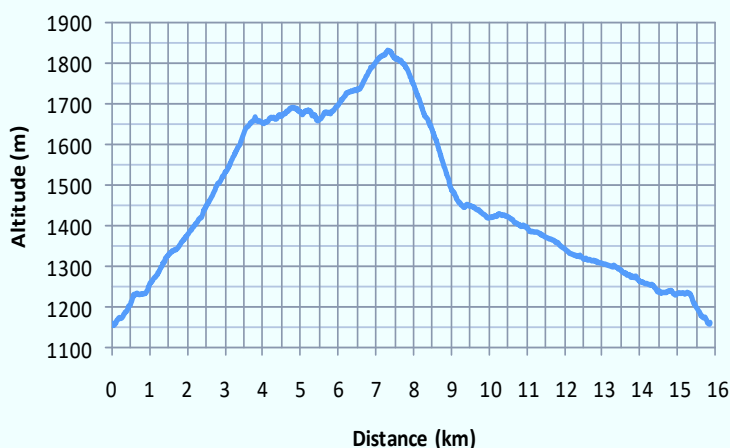


## Getting There

**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.



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**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 half a kilometre, turn left onto a side track, and carry on up the hill.

**5.** After a further 400m, you'll get to an animal pen - 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 1.5km until you get to some ruined buildings (*Cortijo del Hoyo*). When you reach a junction, turn left towards *Cortijo del Hornillo*.



**7.** Follow the path, skirting the valley for 2km, then bear right to keep on the main path. This section is relatively flat.



**8.** Just over 1km later, and after another uphill section, you'll reach *Cortijo del Hornillo*, a complex of summer farm buildings. From here you get fantastic views of the high peaks of *Alcazaba* and *Mulhacén*. Continuing past the Cortijo, the path begins to descend.

**9.** Just over 1km past the Cortijo you need to cross an irrigation channel or *acequia*; go a few metres along the *acequia* to the right to find the continuation of the path.

**10.** 200m further on there is another (dry) *acequia* to cross.

**11.** When you meet the main *Vereda de la Estrella* path after a further 250m, turn left. The return path is easy to follow along the side of the valley. When you rejoin the *Sulayr* path (after just under 3km), 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**.