



Cruz de Víznar


The *Cruz de Viznar* ("Viznar Cross") is planted on a small but prominent hill, just far enough away from the Sierra Nevada to give you amazing views of the whole mountain range. The climb up is steady rather than steep, and the effort it takes to get to the top is richly rewarded. Makes a lovely evening walk, when the soft light brings out the subtle colours of the surrounding mountains. This walk can be extended by combining it with the *Cerro del Maúllo* or *Cueva del Agua* route.




Medium




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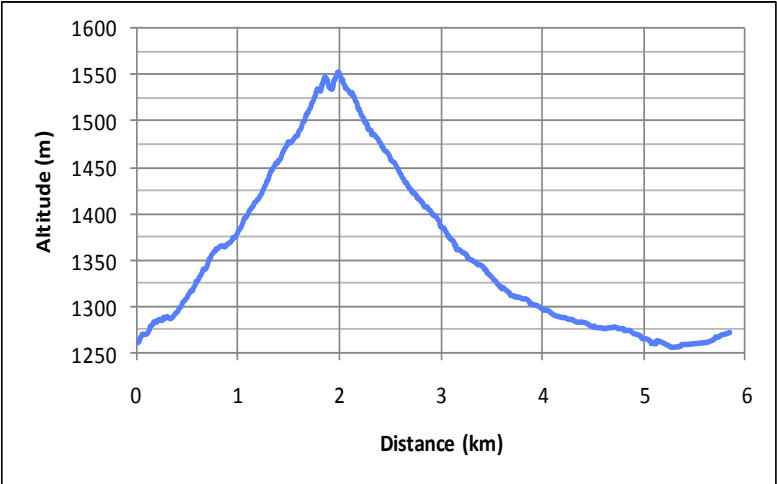




Key Facts	
Length	5.8 km
Time	2 hours
Min/Max Altitude	1256 m /1552 m
Accumulated height difference	345 m
Season	All year



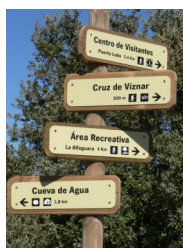
Top left: *Cruz de Víznar*
Above: View from the hill behind the cross, with the Sierra Nevada in the background. The tower on the left is a forest fire observation point.
Left: View to the west - *Sierra de Elvira* and the *Cubillas* reservoir.



1. The start of the route is clearly marked from the road just below the Puerto Lobo Visitor Centre. The trail edges round the left of the hillside, climbing steadily. There are already great views of Granada and the Cubillas reservoir.



2. Follow the wooden posts with white arrows for just over a kilometre, until you reach a junction. Turn right towards Cruz de Vizar.



3. After about 200m the path divides,

take the right fork.

4. You reach a flat area just below the cross, where you will see a sign advising against climbing up to the cross.



In dry conditions, it isn't too difficult or dangerous to go up to the cross, although you should exercise some caution. If you *do* decide to climb up, the best route is round the left of the hill to approach it from the other side.



5. The best views, however, are from the hill just *behind* the cross, from where you can see the whole Sierra Nevada range. Take the route round to the left described in 4 and then climb the hill ahead of you. Retrace your steps, back to the junction (2). This time take the path marked towards Centro de Visitantes Puerto Lobo.

6. After just over a kilometre winding down through the forest you will reach the road. Turn right along it.

7. After a further 1.5km you'll reach a junction where you can either continue along the road to the start point (800 m) or extend your walk by turning left onto the Cerro del Maúllo route (approx 3 km). This is shown in orange on the map, and described in detail on our Cerro del Maúllo information sheet.



Getting There

By Car: From Granada, take the A-92 towards Almeria and Guadix. Take exit 253 (for *El Fargue, Huétor Santillán and Granada Este*). Turn left, following the brown sign for *Parque Natural de Sierra de Huétor*. Then turn right back across the motorway (also signposted *Parque Natural de Sierra de Huétor*) and turn right following the sign to *Centro de Visitantes*. Park in the area below the visitor centre, where there are a number of information panels describing different walks.

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