

Diéchar Loop

Above the village of Monachil, and below the Sierra Nevada ski station, there is a peaceful area of idyllic farms and pasture land. This circuit takes in a disused hydropower station and a small farm in an incredibly pretty setting, and you're likely to see lots of grazing cows and goats on your way around. There are lovely views, and apart from the first section it is all on dirt roads, so the going is fairly easy.



Key Facts	
Length	12 km
Time	3h 15 min
Min/Max Altitude	1320 m /1673
Accumulated height difference	440 m
Season	All year



Above: View across the Monachil Valley to Trevenque

Left: Livestock at one of the farms along the route

Right: Beware of free-roaming cattle!

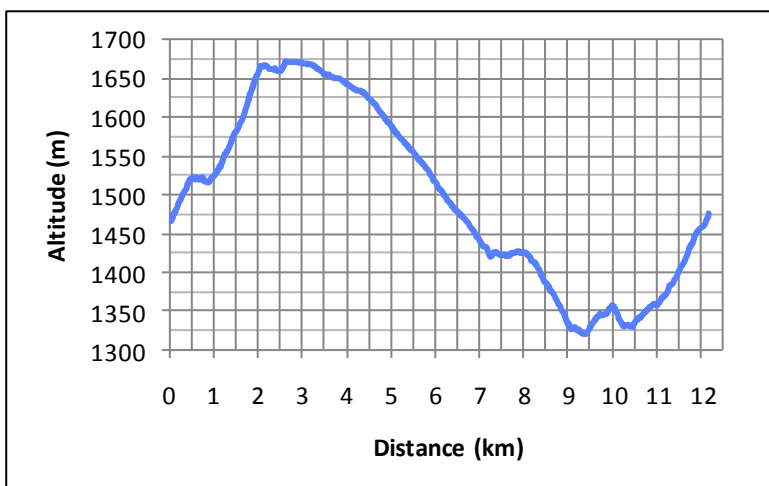


Getting there

By car: From Granada take the A-395 marked to Sierra Nevada. After about 15 km, take right turn marked towards *Monachil*. After 800m, you will see an open area with stone picnic benches to the right of the road, where you can park. On the other side of the road, you will see various signposts. This is where the walk starts.

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

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1. At the start of the walk you'll see various signs. Take the path up to the left, marked by green posts.

2. After approx. 2km the path joins a wider dirt track.



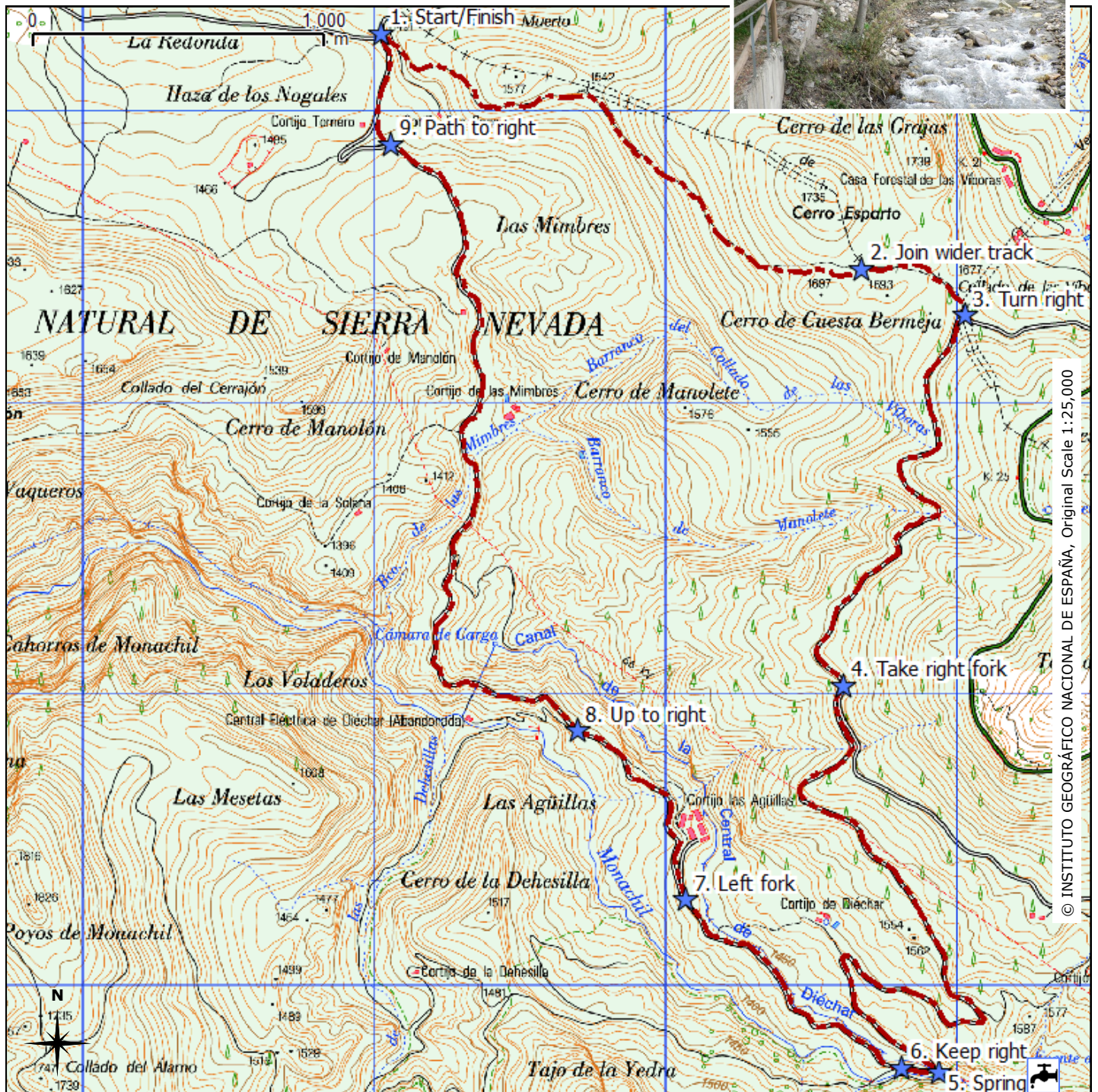
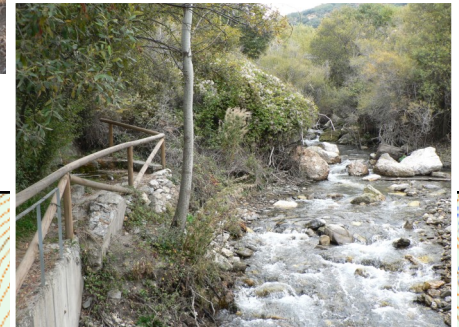
3. When you get to a junction, shortly afterwards, turn right. You are now joining the Sulayr long-distance walking path, signed with wooden posts with red and white markings.



4. After about 1.5 km, take the right fork (marked).

5. After a further 2km, you will pass the

entrance to the *Cortijo de Diéchar* on your right, and after another 0.5 km you'll reach the *Monachil* river, where there is a spring to the left of the path for refilling drinking water.



6. Just after the spring, our route leaves the Sulayr path; keep right, staying on the dirt road on the same side of the river.

Over the next section, there are several tracks turning off to farms. After 1km, take the left fork (**7**), then about 800m

further on, carry on up to the right (**8**) (the road to the left here goes to the *Diéchar* hydropower station).

9. Very near the end of the walk, there is a shortcut you can take to cut out a

huge loop in the road near *Cortijo Tornero*. Take the path to the right just after a sharp left-hand turn in the road.