Dílar - Ermita Vieja -Cerro de Montellano

Version A: Starting from the Aula de la Naturaleza

A pleasant walk through pine forests suitable for all seasons. From Cerro de Montellano there are fantastic views of the Sierra, including Cerro del Caballo (3011m).

Key Facts	
Length	10.5 km
Time	3h 15 min
Min/Max Altitude	936 m /1455 m
Accumulated height difference	533 m
Season	All year

1. From the car park, take the road uphill towards the Aula de la Naturaleza.



2. After 100m take the path to the left.

3. The path climbs up and then follows a fence. About 20m after it



starts veering away from the fence, turn up to the left. Very shortly you

meet a dirt road. Turn left and continue uphill on the road.

4. After less than 2km you'll reach a dilapidated signpost.
500m later, a path crosses the road. Take the path up to the left.

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5. After about 500m you reach a fire break (a wide cleared thoroughfare). Turn left up the fire break.



6. When you meet another fire break, carry on. After a very short downhill section take a track up and to the right. NB it is possible to take a shortcut to the Ermita carrying on up the fire break, but this is very steep.

7. When you meet the road, turn left.

8. Follow the road for about 300m to Ermita Vieja.



9. About 100m past the Ermita there is a water ➡ fountain. Take the footpath on the opposite side of the road to the fountain, and follow the signpost towards *Picacho A.*

10. When you come out of the trees onto a ridge, turn right up the ridge by a wooden post. It's a further 200m to the top, where you can enjoy panoramic views.







Getting There

By Car: From Granada, take the E-902/A-44 towards Motril. Take exit 139 and go alongside the motorway, past a service station, then turn left at the roundabout (signed *Otura, Alhendín*). Follow signs for Otura and then Dílar. After entering Dílar, turn right following the one-way system. Follow signs for *Río Dílar/ Aula de la Naturaleza/ Area Recreativa*. One turn is not marked: when you get to a junction with a stop sign, turn right up the hill. About 2km after you leave Dílar, cross the river and immediately turn right (signposted). After a further 2km you'll see a sign for the *Aula de la Naturaleza*. Turn right into the car park.

By bus: There is no bus service to the Aula de la Naturaleza where this walk starts. We recommend that you do the alternative version of this walk that starts from the centre of Dílar: *Dílar - Ermita Vieja - Cerro de Montellano, Version B Starting from Dílar town centre.*



