## **GR-7 Trevélez - Busquístar**

This is one of the most attractive legs of the GR-7 long-distance walking trail, and it is a great place to start exploring the beautiful countryside of the Alpujarras. The walk starts in Trevélez, then takes

you to a picturesque waterfall, through a forest of holm oaks and past various crumbling farmhouses, before descending to the pretty village of Busquístar. In spring the gorse and broom come into bloom, producing a sea of bright yellow flowers.

**1.** From the car park/ bus stop on the edge of the *Barrio Alto* (upper village), head towards the centre. In the square, follow signs for *Barrio Alto/ Ruta del Chorillo*.

Key Facts

Length 13 km

Time 4.5 hours

Min/Max Altitude 1164 m /1725 m

Accumulated height 512 m asc / 880 m desc

Season All year

Medium

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Note: Distances and timings are one-way.



Follow the road out of the main village.

2. When you get to another group of houses, bear

right, still following signs to *Ruta del Chorillo*. You will soon see the first GR-7 sign, which unfortunately gives something of an under-estimate of the distance to Busquístar (more like 12.5km). After the sign, bear right and follow this road, always going slightly uphill, until you get to the other side of the houses. Here you will see a map for the Sulayr walking route. Keep going on the path and bear right and then left to cross the river behind the dam.

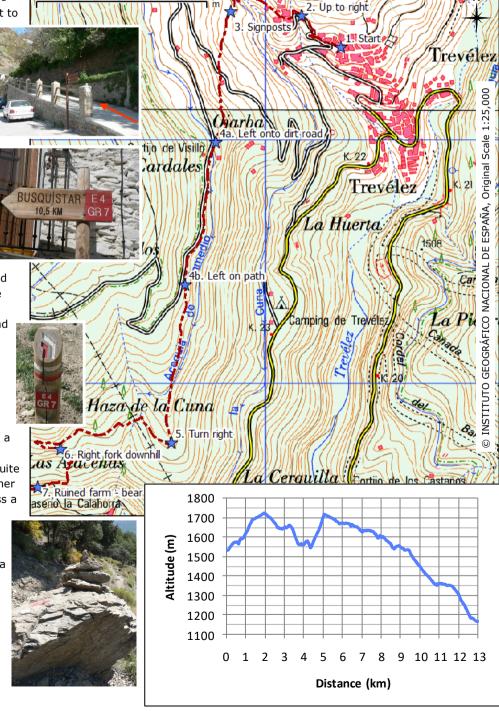
**3.** Very shortly, you'll get to a signposted junction, where you go straight on (note that the distance here isn't right either). Follow the path, which crosses a dirt road after 250m.

**4.** After a further 300m, turn left onto the dirt road, and follow it for 600m before turning off on a path to the left. This is all marked with GR-7 posts.

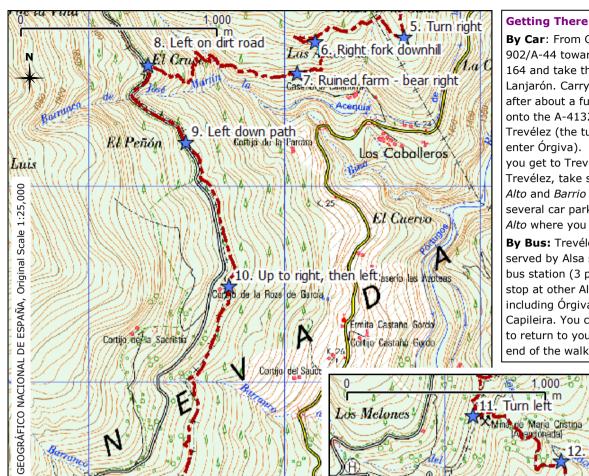
**5.** After 200m, you go through a fence. Bear left just afterwards and go through a second fence. Before you reach a third fence, turn right into the trees. This is quite poorly marked, but you'll soon see another red and white post. After 200m you cross a stream-bed then go through another gate. Take the fork up to the right (marked with posts but easy to miss!)

**6.** After a further 400m, the path takes a sharp turn to the left. 100m further on, take the right fork downhill. This is NOT clearly marked, and neither is the following section of the route. Look out for red marks on stones and cairns to help you.

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## **Getting There**

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By Car: From Granada, take the E-902/A-44 towards Motril. Take exit 164 and take the A-348 towards Lanjarón. Carry on past Lanjarón and after about a further 8km turn left onto the A-4132, marked towards Trevélez (the turning is just after you enter Órgiva). Follow this road until you get to Trevélez. On entering Trevélez, take signs towards Barrio Alto and Barrio Medio. There are several car parks on the edge of Barrio Alto where you can leave your car.

By Bus: Trevélez and Busquístar are served by Alsa services from Granada bus station (3 per day), which also stop at other Alpujarran towns, including Órgiva, Lanjarón and Capileira. You can use the same buses to return to your starting point at the end of the walk.

Right at T-junction

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- 8. Follow the path winding steeply uphill through the trees from the waterfall. When you get to the top, turn left onto the dirt road (signposted).
- 9. After following the road for about 600m, turn left onto a path (signposted).
- 10. After 850m or so, you'll pass a cortijo (farm) on your right. The path is indicated by a red mark on a stone, and a little further on you'll see a red and white post. The next section is easy to follow, and quite easy going.
- 11. After about 3km, turn left (marked). Here the path starts to go more steeply downhill,

towards Busquístar.

- 12. After about 600m, go right at a Tjunction (not marked) then after a further 400m, turn right onto a path (marked).
- 13. Follow this path for 1.3km, then cross an acequia (irrigation channel).
- 14. 450m further on you'll reach the edge of the village. Cross the road to go down into Busquistar.

[NB to continue on the GR-7 without going into the village, turn right just before reaching the main road.]

