Gollizno Route, Moclín

Overlooked by the ruins of a medieval castle perched on the top of a hill, Moclin is a very picturesque village. This popular circuit takes you down into the gorge below the village. In the narrowest part, there are wooden walkways attached the cliff face and a hanging bridge across the fast-flowing river. There is some steep climbing and descending, but you're rewarded with fabulous views in all directions, including across to the Sierra Nevada mountain range.

Key facts			
Length	7.5 km	Medium	
Time	2h 30 min		
Min/Max Altitude	658 m / 1026 m	Medium	
Accumulated height difference	473 m		! ••
Season	All year	Easy	



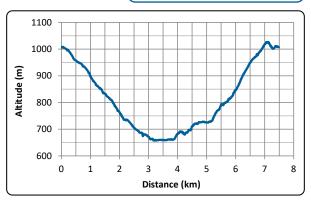




Getting there

By car: From Granada, take the GR-43 to *Pinos Puente* and then keep right on the GR-3408 when the motorway ends. After another 9 km, turn left towards *Tiena* (staying on the GR-3408) and continue through *Tiena* to *Moclin*. You can park in a field on the far side of the village.

By bus: Service 323 goes from Granada to Moclín four times a day from Monday to Friday and there is one service a day on Saturdays. Most services take about an hour.



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1. To start the walk, go to the main village square. From the main road, head downhill, following signs for Ruta del Gollizno. The route is generally very well marked with signposts and yellow and white stripes. At the end of the square, turn right, following the sign in the direction Ruta del Gollizno por Camino Mozárabe*.



At the edge of the village, follow the 2. sign downhill, taking the wide track. You will pass several viewpoints with spectacular views of the gorge and the Sierra Nevada mountains.

- 3. After about 1.5 km there is a turning to the right, but carry on straight ahead downhill. Just after this there is a picnic area where you can get water.
- 4. When you reach the edge of the village of Olivares, carry on past the first houses, then take a left down a steep hill and then go left again at the bottom. The track soon takes you down to the river.
- 5. After about 800 m, cross the bridge and follow the path to the left.
- After about 150 m, turn left onto a path that continues along the gorge. Just after this there's a fountain where you can get water.
- After about 400 m, keep left at the 7. junction and then cross the hanging bridge. Take the walkway through the gorge. At the end of the walkway, continue along the path, which goes along the river for a few hundred metres before winding steeply up the hill. There's another viewpoint with views back down into the gorge and to the north.

- 8. After another short climb, you will pass a spiral water feature, which is a good place for a breather in the shade. Just after this, turn left at the junction.
- 9. After about 200 m, there is a detour to the right you can take to see some rock paintings. However, they are very faint and hard to see. Carry on uphill on the path.
- 10. After about 600 m, bear right, still going uphill. On this section you start to get a good view of Moclín's castle.
- 11. When you reach the edge of the village there is a small *ermita* (chapel) on your left. From here go straight ahead downhill and then bear round to the left. Turn right into Calle Real, which will take you back to the village square.

* Note: The Camino Mozárabe is a branch of the Camino de Santiago, a network of pilgrimage routes leading to Santiago de Compostela. Our walk coincides with it for the first section. You'll see signage for the Camino featuring the distinctive scallop shell symbol.





