

Hoya de la Mora Summit of Veleta

On a clear day, the peak of Veleta offers 360-degree views of the surrounding mountains, the city of Granada, the Mediterranean and even Africa. Best attempted in summer and early autumn, the ascent is remarkably easy for being such a high mountain if you make use of the bus or cable car to get a head-start.

Start Point	Microbus drop-off point	Top of chairlift	Hoya de la Mora
Length	7 km	9 km	23 km*
Time	1h 45 min	2h 15 min	5-6 hours
Min/Max altitude	3100m / 3397m	3025m / 3397m	2515m / 3397m
Accumulated height gain	298 m	373 m	857 m
Season:	Summer, Early Autumn		

* This assumes you stick to the road - you could easily shave off a few km by taking the more direct but steeper path.

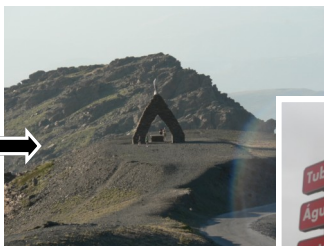
There are three possible start points for this walk. By taking a bus or ski lift (see *Getting There*), you can save yourself a lot of climbing, and start walking at an altitude of over 3,000 m, within striking distance of the summit. We include the full route from Hoya de la Mora, just above the ski station, for completeness. While there is some satisfaction to be gained from tackling the full walk, it is very long, and the lower section isn't where the best views are to be found. Turn to page two if you will be starting higher up.

1. Start walking uphill from the car park. The map shows the road route, but there are numerous short-cut paths allowing you to cut out some of the switchbacks.

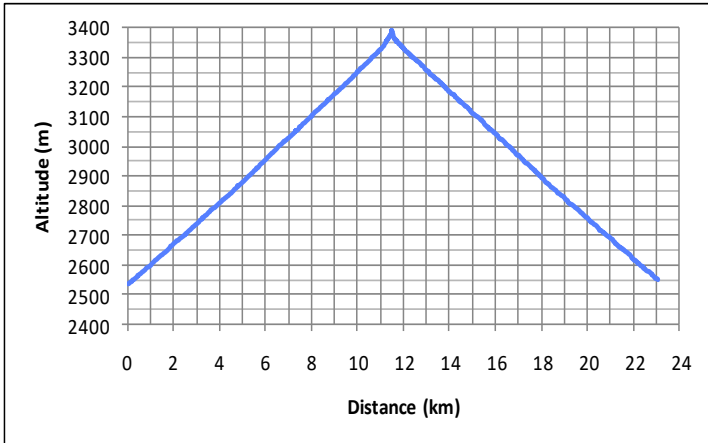
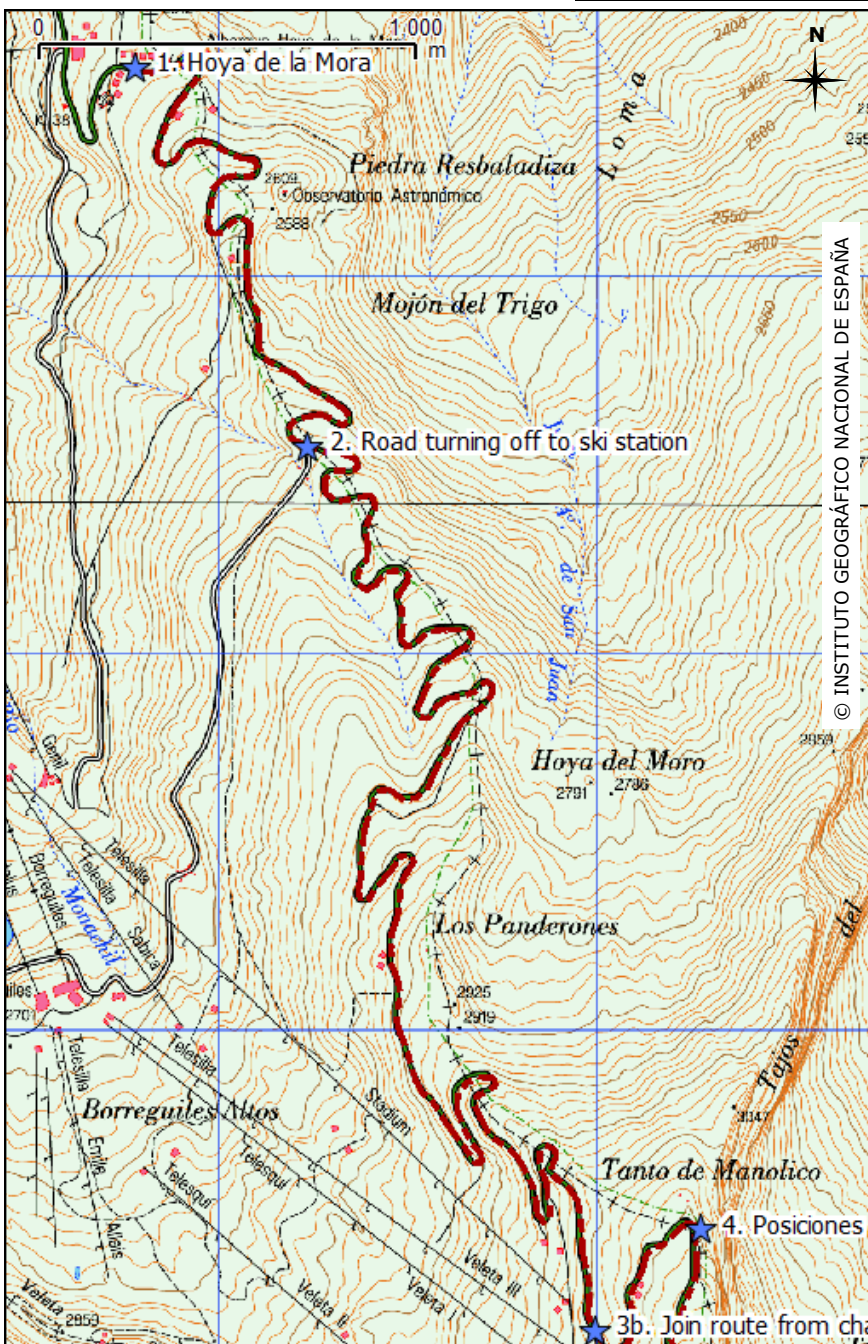
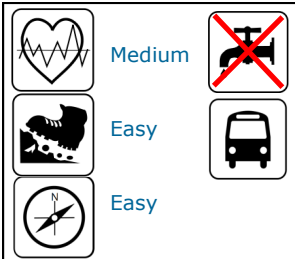
Early on you'll pass the Virgen de las Nieves.

2. Keep left when you get to a road turning off towards the ski station.

After about 4-5 km, you'll go across into the upper area of the ski station, where you'll see various signs marking the pistes, like this one.



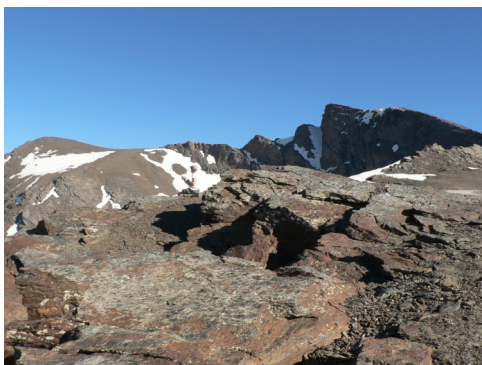
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3. The road goes past the top of a chairlift. This is the second point at which you can join the route. If you have taken the chairlift, turn left on exiting and walk up quite a steep path towards another chairlift. Turn right onto the asphalt road.

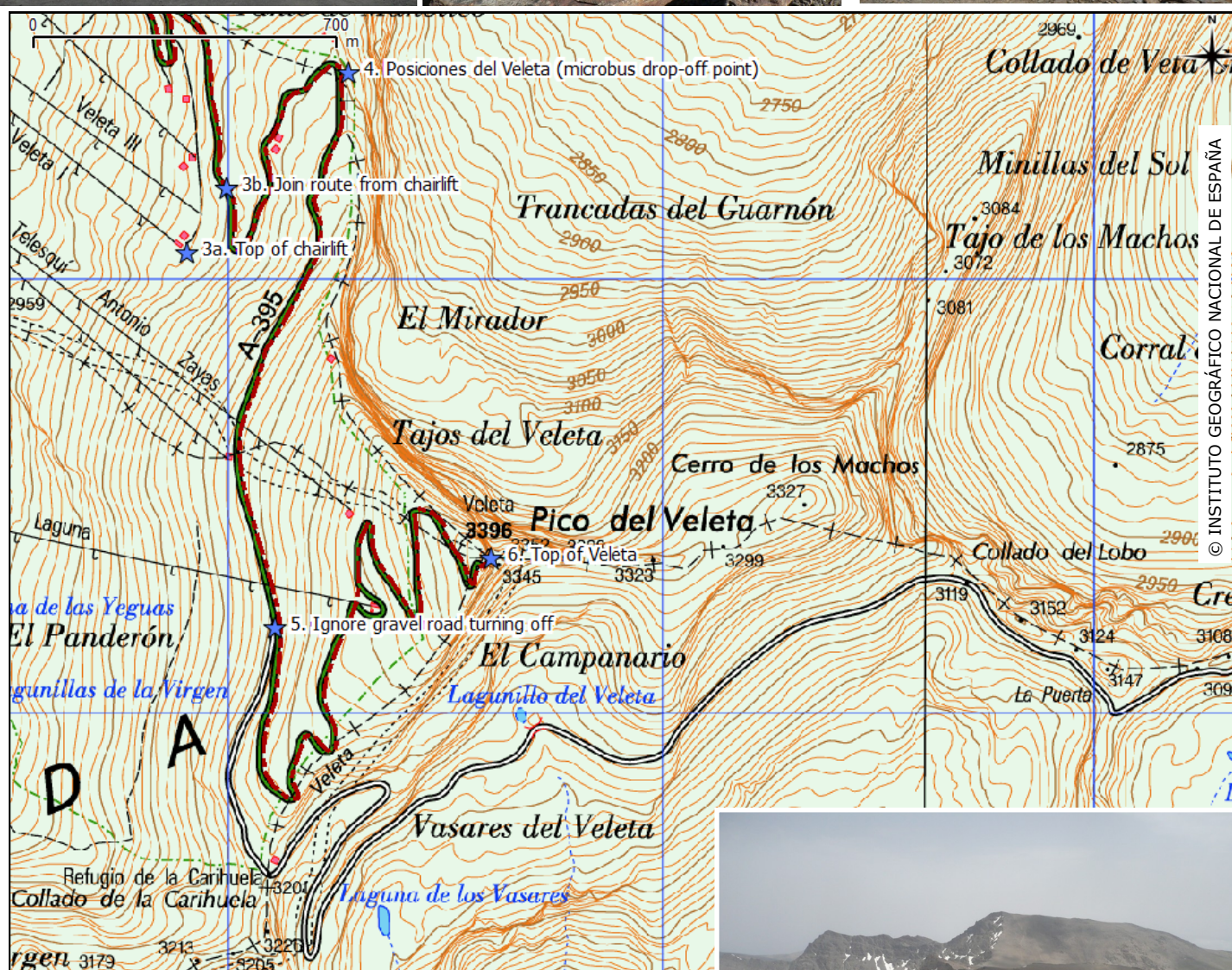


4. The third access point is at Posiciones del Veleta, the drop-off point for the microbus service. It is also well worth taking a break here to enjoy the views of the high peaks.



5. You will pass a gravel track to the right, which you should ignore, continuing upwards by the main road.

6. The road takes you almost to the top, and after a final short scramble you're at the peak.



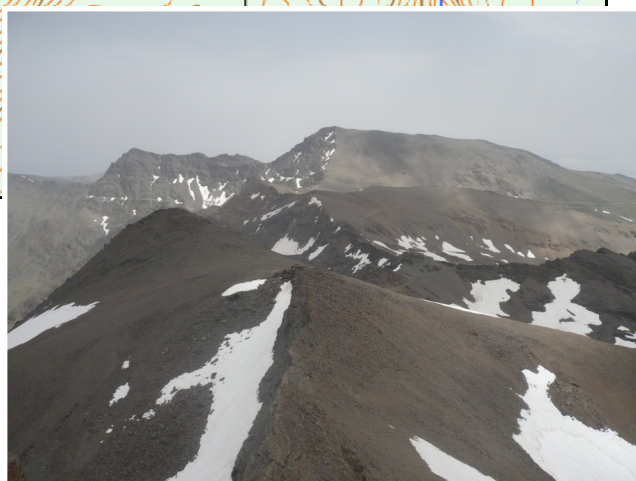
Getting there

By car: From Granada take the A-395 marked to Sierra Nevada. Either park at the ski station and take the cable car and chairlift, or turn off left just before the ski station (signposted *Parking de los Peñones*) and follow the road up until you get to *Hoya de la Mora* at the end of the main road at an altitude of about 2500 m. Beyond this point, only authorised vehicles are allowed.

By bus: From Granada bus station there is one bus a day to Sierra Nevada during the summer season. Leaves from Granada at 9am and returns from Sierra Nevada at 5pm. Will drop off at the ski station or *Hoya de la Mora*.

Microbus: The microbus to *Posiciones del Veleta* goes from *Hoya de la Mora* and needs to be booked in advance (+34 671564407). Timetables and frequencies vary according to season.

Ski lifts: During July and August, the ski station runs a summer lift service using a cable car and one of the chairlifts. Runs continuously 10:00–18:00. Advance booking not required.



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