Mulhacén

Climb to the top of Spain! *Mulhacén* is the highest mountain in mainland Spain, towering 3,479 metres above sea level, so it's not surprising that it offers amazing views. If the weather is clear, you

can see right down to the Mediterranean Sea. The landscape is mainly rocky and barren, but many of the plants that do grow here are unique. You are also very likely to see ibex during your walk.

For such a high mountain, *Mulhacén* is relatively easy to climb in summer, thanks to a bus service that takes you up to around 2,600 metres. The descent is steep and can be slippery, so we recommend wearing hiking boots.



Length	14.5 km *
Time	5 h 30 mins *
Min/Max Altitude	2574 m */ 3479 m
Accumulated height difference	910 m *
Season	Summer, early Autumn

^{*} Includes 2 km each way on the road from the bus stop to the start of the main walk.





Left: view to the north from the top.

Above: *Veleta* and *Laguna de la Caldera*.

Right: starting the ascent of *Mulhacén*.



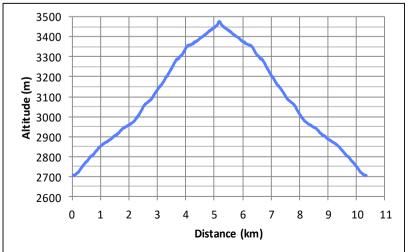
Getting There

To get to the start of the walk, you need to take the special bus service from Capileira to *Paraje del Cascajar* and then walk up the road for about 2 km to *Alto del Chorillo*, where the main walk starts. We recommend booking the bus in advance - see our website for more info.

To get to Capileira:

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 past Pampaneira, then turn up to the left following signs for Bubión and Capileira.

By Bus: Capileira is served by Alsa services from Granada bus station (4 per day).



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When the bus drops you off, continue about 2 km up the road to the start of the main walk.

1. When you meet a dirt road coming from the left, you have reached the start of the main walk. Take the path on the right of the road. It is marked by cairns - make sure you keep following these.



The path ascends steadily. Some people may struggle with the altitude, so take your time and take breaks if you need them. If you start to feel unwell, turn around and walk back down.

2. After about two kilometres take the left fork towards *Mulhacén*.



3. After about another 1.5 kilometres you will reach *Mulhacén II* **(4)**.



From here the ascent is relatively gentle until the final ascent to *Mulhacén* (5). On this section you have very good views of *Veleta* and the crater lake *Laguna de la Caldera*.

