



Picacho Alto


This walk takes you to the top of *Picacho Alto* (1,776 m) in the *Alayos de Dilar*, which are a row of jagged mountains made of limestone and dolomite. Although the *Alayos* are not particularly high, the scenery is amazing and the area feels quite remote. Some sections of the walk are very steep, but you get magnificent views of the city of Granada, the high peaks of the Sierra Nevada and the surrounding peaks of the *Alayos*. The final part of the walk takes you down a spectacular ravine. The path is in bad shape in places, with steep drops down, so we recommend good hiking boots and walking poles.




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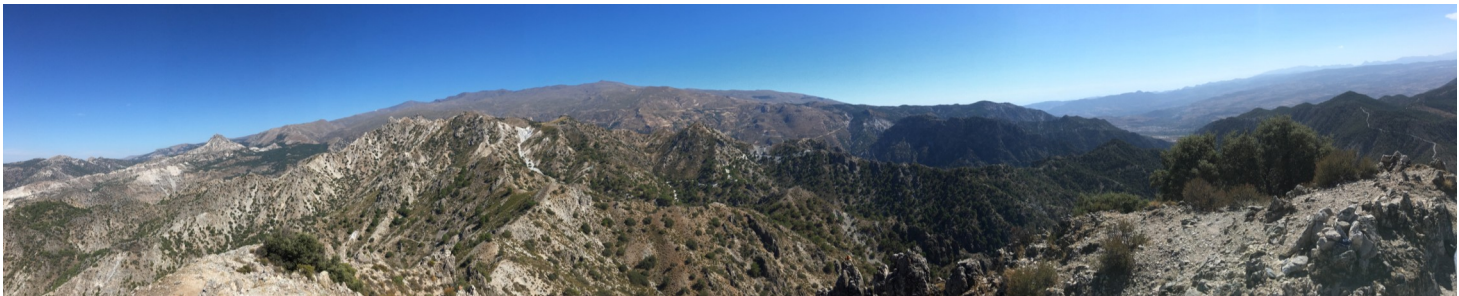


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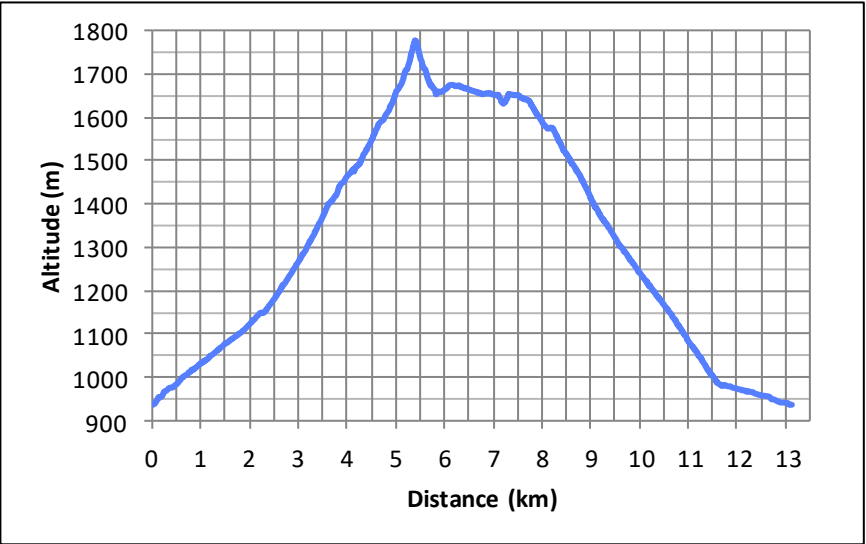
Key Facts	
Length	13 km
Time	4 h 15 min
Min/Max Altitude	936 m /1776 m
Accumulated height difference	900 m
Season	All year

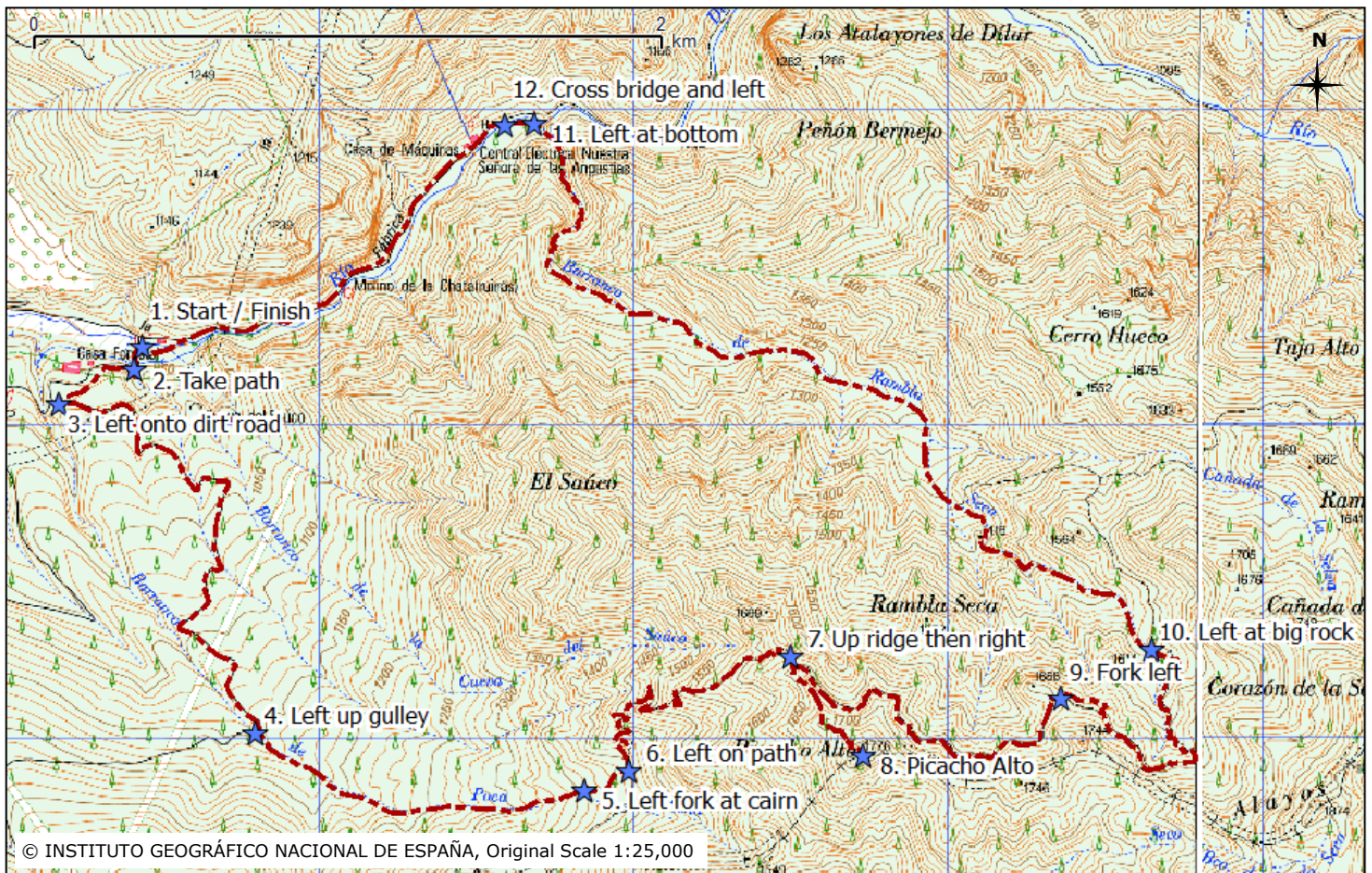


Getting There

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.





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 about 1.7 km, you will see that a path goes down to the right (signposted to *Dílar*) and there is a wide gulley going up to the left of the road. Turn left up the gulley.



5. As you go up the gulley you will see the peak of *Picacho Alto* come into view on your left. After just over 1 km, take the fork to the left marked by a cairn.



6. When you meet a path, turn left.

7. The path winds steeply upwards. On this section you get some great views down to Granada and the surrounding plain. After about 1.25 km you will reach the top of a ridge with views down into the River Dílar valley and up to the high peaks of the Sierra Nevada. Turn right up the ridge and then bear right immediately where the path forks.

8. After about 500 m you reach the peak of *Picacho Alto*, with spectacular views in all directions. Retrace your steps back down to the ridge and then turn right to continue on the path that skirts along the top of the Dílar Valley.

9. After about 1.25 km, take the fork down to the left - this is a short detour to avoid a landslide on the main path.

10. The path starts to descend into the valley, alongside a dry riverbed to your left (the *Rambla Seca*). The path approaches the riverbed where there is a big rock. Turn left here, off the path and into the riverbed. ➡



11. Follow the riverbed downhill for 3 km; near the bottom it becomes a ravine. When you get to the bottom, turn left onto a path.

12. Cross the bridge and turn left. The path will take you back to the start of the walk (about 1.5 km).