






# Poqueira Circuit

For over a thousand years, people have farmed the steep sides of the Poqueira gorge. Today, with its three picturesque white villages clinging to the mountainside, it is the most popular tourist destination in the Alpujarras, and a great base for hiking in the high mountains. Starting in Capileira, Bubión or Pampaneira, this beautiful circular walk first takes you down through all three villages, and then back up the other side of the gorge.

| Key facts                     |                 |
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| Length                        | 9.5 km          |
| Time                          | 3 hours         |
| Min/Max Altitude              | 1031 m / 1422 m |
| Accumulated height difference | 630 m           |
| Season                        | All year        |

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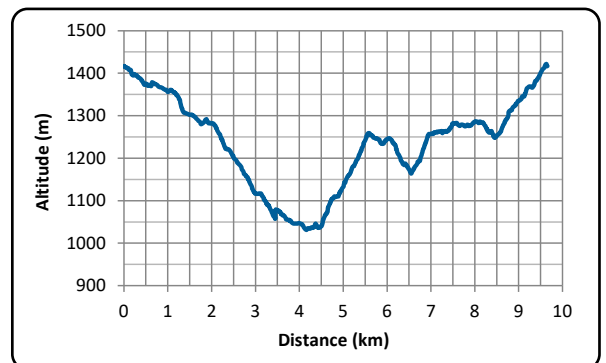
**Note: Following a serious landslide in 2024, the path between Capileira and Bubión is closed. Take the main road instead and rejoin the route in Bubión.**



## Getting there

**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, Bubión and Pampaneira are served by Alsa services from Granada bus station (3 per day), which also stop at other Alpujarran towns, including Órgiva, Lanjarón and Trevélez.



**DISCLAIMER:** While we have made every effort to ensure that this information is accurate, conditions can change, and you are responsible for your own safety.



You can start the walk from Capileira (1), Bubi6n (6) or Pampaneira (9).

**1. Starting in Capileira:**

The route starts by the church in Capileira. With the church on your right, turn left into Calle Escuelas.

2. At the end of the street, go down the ramp and follow the signs towards Bubi6n.

3. Follow the path for about 1 km, until you get to a bridge. Cross the bridge and turn right.

4. Turn left when you get to the bottom of the steps.

5. After about 500 m you'll meet a road. Go straight ahead on the road and follow it until you get to the square next to Bubi6n church.

**6. Starting at Bubi6n church:**

At the end of the square, turn right past the front of the church and follow the road round to your left. Between here and Pampaneira we take the GR-7 route, which you'll see signposted.

7. Go straight ahead onto the path.

8. After about 600 m, briefly join a wider track before turning right onto a path. Follow the path until you get to Pampaneira. Zigzag down through the village until you get to Pampaneira church.

**9. Starting at Pampaneira church:**

From the church, take Calle Veronica – the street with a water channel running down the middle of it.

10. At the end of the street, turn left and zigzag down to the sign towards Soportujar. Follow round above the main road, which you'll join very briefly where it takes a hairpin bend. Then take the track to the right.

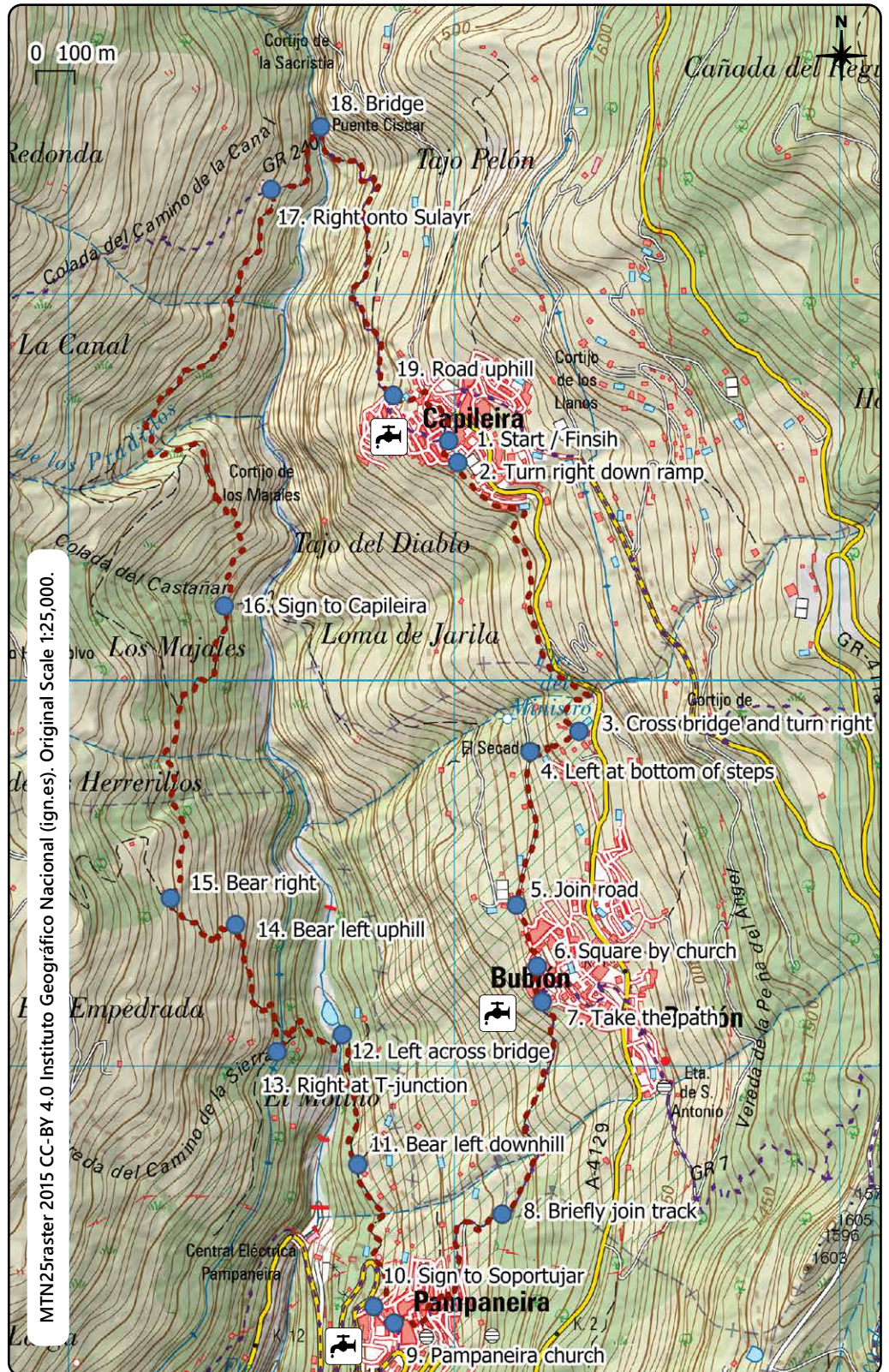
11. After about 200m, bear left downhill.

12. Go left to cross the bridge then take the path to the right.

13. Go right at the T-junction.

14. After about 400 m, bear left uphill.

15. At the next junction, bear right then after about another 250 m, keep left. After this, the path starts to descend.



16. When you get to some signposts, go straight ahead towards Capileira. Shortly after this you need to scramble around a fallen tree (at time of writing). Keep going up the valley.

17. Turn right when you get to another signpost. Here we're joining the Sulayr route towards Capileira.

18. Cross the bridge and continue up the hill on the other side. Keep right on

the next section, ignoring tracks up to your left.

19. When you get back to Capileira, take the road uphill and then turn sharp left. Then take the first proper road to the right, and then go right again. Shortly afterwards, turn left. This will take you back towards the church where you started.

