

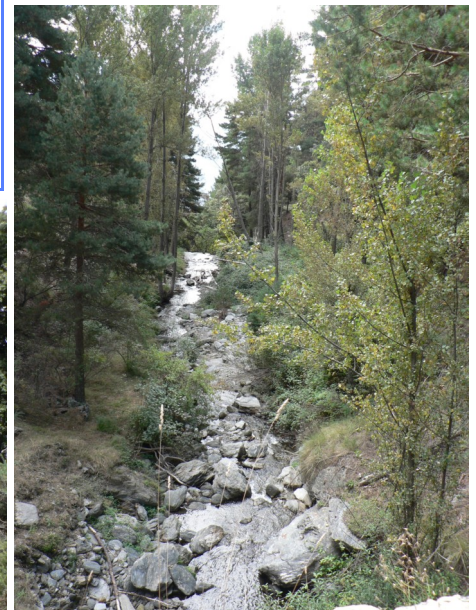
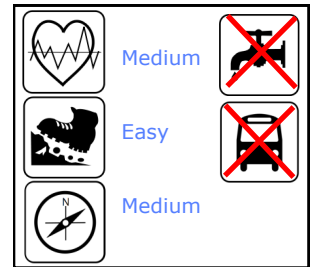
Puente Palo Loop

A varied circuit that takes you through dense forest, orchards and idyllic pastureland. There is welcome shade as you climb up at the start of the walk, but after you reach the highest point of the walk there are lovely views over the Órgiva valley, the Rules reservoir and the hills beyond. If you're staying in one of the villages in the Poquiera gorge, this is just a very short drive away in the next valley.



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.

Key Facts	
Length	13.5 km
Time	4 hours
Min/Max Altitude	1346 m /1786 m
Accumulated height difference	544 m
Season	All year



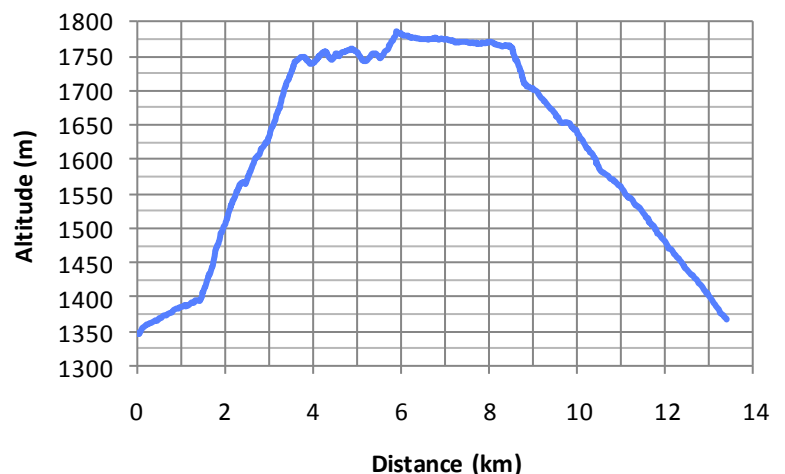
The walk is made up of three sections, firstly taking the marked path PR-A 22, then following a section of the GR-240 *Sulayr* long distance walking route, and finally taking a forest road to complete the loop.

We do not recommend taking water from the irrigation channels, so bring sufficient drinking water with you.

Getting There

By Car: From Granada, take the E-902/A-44 towards Motril. Take exit 164 and take the A-348 towards Lanjaron. Carry on past Lanjaron and after about a further 8km turn left onto the A-4132, marked towards Trevelez (the turning is just after you enter Orgiva). Pass the turn-off for *Soportujar* and shortly afterwards you will see a small chapel on your right (*Ermita del Padre Eterno*). Take the left turning here, onto an asphalted (but at time of writing very poorly maintained) road. Follow this road for about 4km until you get to a tourist complex offering horse riding. From this point, the road is no longer surfaced, but a few hundred metres further on you'll see a small parking area with walking signs, where the route starts.

By bus: This walk is not easily accessible by bus.



1. At the parking area a panel describes the first part of our route, which is clearly marked with wooden posts (either with yellow and white markings, or white arrows).



2. The route starts off along an unsurfaced road. After 1.25 km the road splits, with one branch going up to the right. Keep straight on.

3. Shortly afterwards, turn left onto a path, which winds up quite steeply through the forest.

4. After about 2km you come out onto a dirt road where you will see signs for the Sulayr trail. Turn left towards Puente Palo.

5. At Puente Palo there is a picnic area, and just past this on the road, an open area with great views. There is also a water fountain, but unfortunately at the time of writing this was not in operation. Retrace your steps to the junction (**4**) and this time take the dirt road marked towards Capileira.



6. Turn right onto a path along the Acequia de Almiar (irrigation channel).

7. Follow the path along the acequia marked with red and white posts for about 2.5km, passing a small reservoir after approx 1km and crossing a fire break (corridor cleared of trees, **8**) after 2km. The path crosses over the acequia several times.



9. 0.5km after the fire break, cross the wooden bridge and then cross the acequia, leaving the marked path and turn right straight down the hill onto a small path.



10. After a very short distance (100m) you meet a dirt road. Follow it zig-zagging downhill for about 3km, ignoring the other tracks joining from the left.

11. You will go out through a gate and meet a bigger dirt road. Turn left (following the sign towards Soportujar) and follow this road until you reach the start point (about 2 km)

