



Quéntar Loop


As you wind your way up through the almond and olive groves, you start to get panoramic views of the valley below you, the Quéntar reservoir, the Sierra de Huétor and, finally, the peak of Veleta. Coming back down, you pass a peaceful sanctuary and abundant orchards of pomegranate, persimmon, apple and fig trees. It feels quite steep going up the hill, particularly in summer, but the whole route is very easy going underfoot.




Medium




Easy



Difficult







Left: Quéntar with Sierra de Huétor in the background
Top: The snow-capped peak of Veleta
Right: Vibrant autumn colours backed by olive groves and the Sierra de Huétor



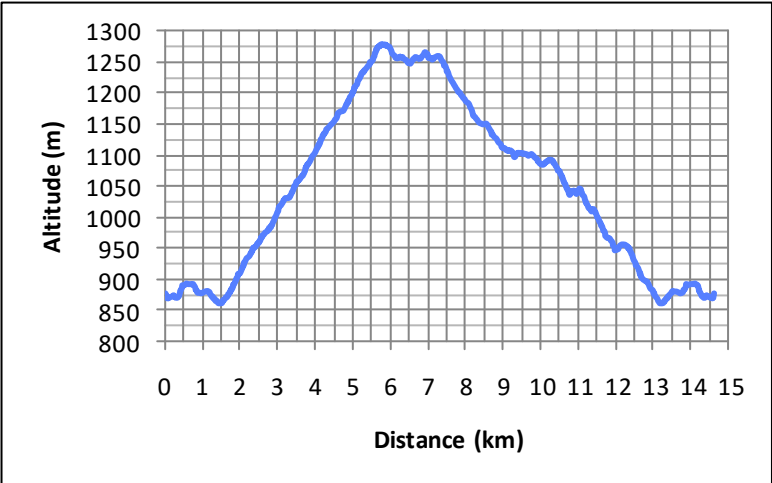
Getting There

By Car: From Granada, take the A-395 towards Sierra Nevada. Take the exit marked *Pinos Genil, Güéjar Sierra, Dúdar, Quéntar* and follow the road under the A-395 and across the river *Genil*. Turn right, and after 1.5km turn left for *Dúdar* and *Quéntar*.

Carry on past 2 turnings for Quéntar (about 6.5 km) and then take the next right turn (400 m after the second *Quéntar* turn). The turn is a bit hard to spot as it's on a sharp bend. At the first junction, turn left onto a very narrow road, then carry on for just under 1km, cross the bridge, turn right onto the dirt road and find a place to park. Start the walk from point **4**.

By Bus: Service 395 goes to Quéntar 11 times per day (less on Sundays) and takes 30 minutes. See www.treksierranevada.com/getting-around for more info and links to current timetables.

Key Facts	
Length	14.5 km
Time	4 hours
Min/Max Altitude	861 m /1279 m
Accumulated height difference	595 m
Season	All year



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.



1. From the bus stop follow the road downhill, then turn sharp left. Follow this road, passing a church on your left, then bearing round to the left. Keep following this road, passing a fountain and then zigzagging uphill.

2. When you get to a wall ahead of you with a big green gate, turn right.

3. Follow the road out of town, passing a school. When it swings up to the left (after about 300m) take the path in front of you. When you meet the road again, after another 300 m, bear right. Another 300 m further on, you cross a bridge. Turn right straight afterwards - this is the start of the main loop.

4. NB if driving, start following the route from here (see *Getting There* for driving directions) Continue along the dirt road, which soon starts to climb up through the olive groves.

5. After about 1 km, follow the main road as it sweeps round to the right.

6. At the next junction, after a further 1.3 km, take the left fork.

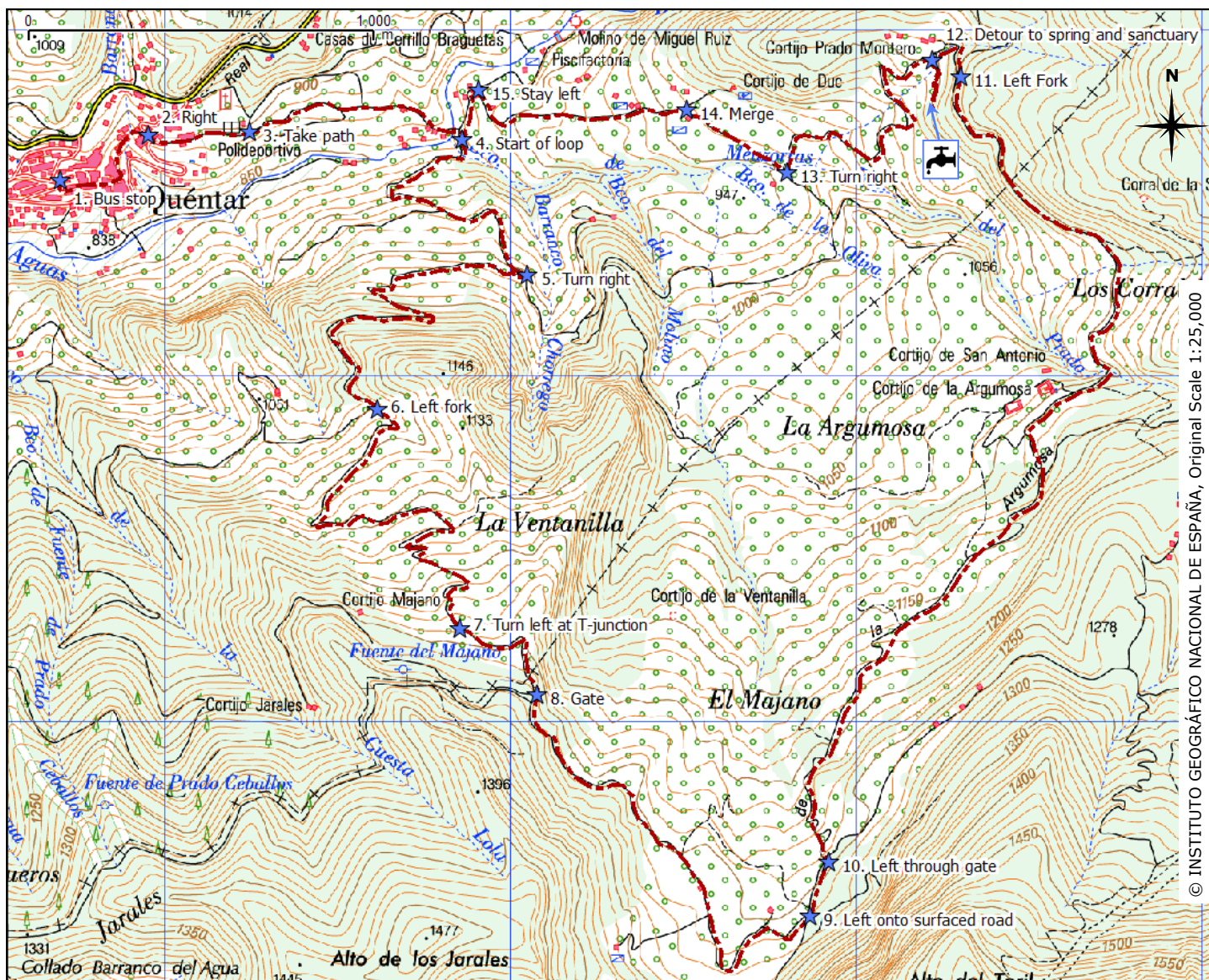
7. Keep winding up through the olive groves, keeping on the main track. After about 1.5 km, turn left at the T-junction. Soon you will see the jagged peak of *Veleta* come into view ahead to the right.

8. Shortly afterwards, turn right at a T-junction and go through the gate. Just

after this, you will merge with another track from the right.

9. Over the next section, again keep to the main track, ignoring farm entrances. When you meet a surfaced road, turn left downhill.

10. Soon you will see white gateposts labelled *Argumosa*; turn left through the gateposts.



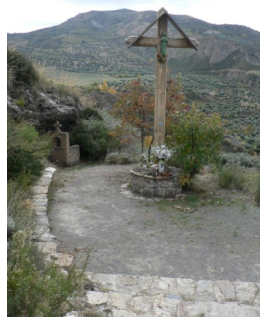
11. Follow the road downhill, passing the large complex of *Cortijo de la Argumosa* on your left. At the next fork (about 1.5 km after the *Cortijo*), turn left. NB, the right fork here leads to the Quéntar reservoir.

12. The road swings round and passes another *Cortijo* (*Prado Montero*) on your right. Just after this, there is a path turning off to the left. This short detour takes you to a spring, where you can refill water bottles (take the right fork after

about 100 m) and a small sanctuary (left fork) with lovely views of Quéntar and the surrounding valley.

13. Return to the main path and, after about 1 km, turn right at the junction.

14. After a further



500 m, the track merges with another one from the right. Keep going straight ahead.

15. Follow the road round, keeping left when you get to a house, after about a further 700 m, until you get back to the start of the loop (4).