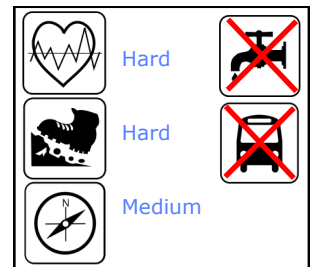


# Rio Verde

This walk takes you down into a dramatic gorge where you can take a refreshing dip in the lovely green waters of the Rio Verde. In the gorge, peaceful pools alternate with waterfalls and fast-flowing rapids.

Before you reach the gorge, the walk descends through a landscape of pine trees and wild herbs, past a fascinating waterfall with calcified tree trunks. The climb back up from the gorge is long, so bring plenty of water!



Key Facts	
<b>Length</b>	14 km
<b>Time</b>	5h 30 min
<b>Min/Max Altitude</b>	574 m /1089 m
<b>Accumulated height difference</b>	1025 m
<b>Season</b>	All year

*NB times/distances are there and back*

**1.** From the road, follow the path up to the left, which is marked with white arrows. The first section skirts around the side of the valley and there are great views of the Sierra de Almijara. After 1.75 km, a panel at the viewpoint (**2**) gives the names of the mountains.

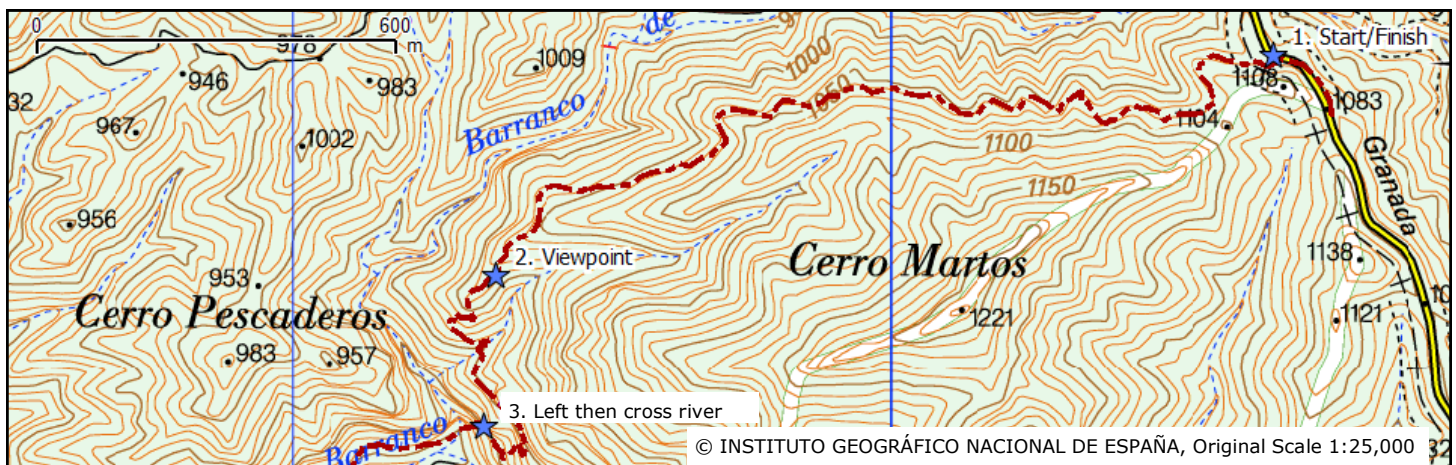


The tree trunks lodged in the waterfall are left over from logging activities in the 1920s, when the logs were transported by river. Through the evaporation of the water they are slowly calcifying.

Turn left at the bottom of the steps and bear left around the waterfall, crossing the river and heading for the marker post on the other side.



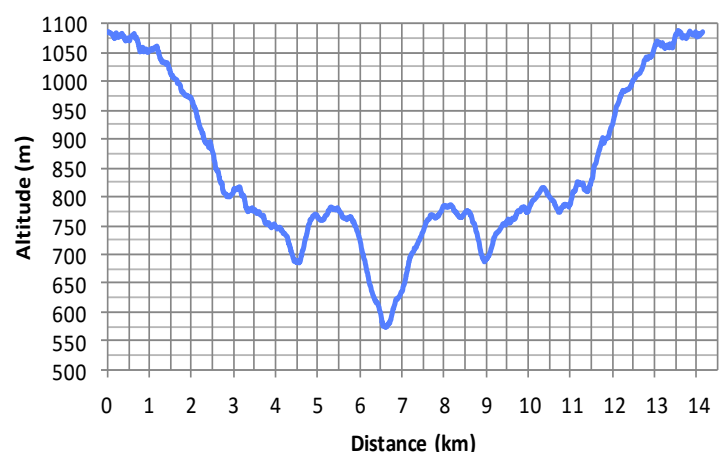
**3.** The path starts to descend steeply. After a few hundred metres, you will reach some stone steps. At the bottom, you will reach the foot of an unusually formed waterfall.



## Getting There

**By Car:** From Granada, take the E-902/A-44 towards Motril. Take exit 144 and then the A-4050 (known locally as the *Carretera de la Cabra* or Mountain Goat Road), towards *Lentegí, Otívar* and *Almuñecar*. After about 30km you will get to a dramatic section of the road where you go through a small tunnel and then the road hugs the side of the valley, which drops off steeply to your right. A couple of hundred metres after the green sign marking km 31, you'll see the information panel for the walk on your right. Carry on for a further 200m, where there is a parking place on the right. Return to the information panel to start the walk.

**By bus:** Not accessible by bus.



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**4.** About 400m further on, cross back over the river.

**5.** When you meet the dirt road, go straight across and follow the path marked with a white arrow.

Over the next section you need to cross the river several times - look out for the marker posts.

**6.** Just under 1km from the dirt road, you get to a steep downhill section, at the bottom of which you need to cross the river again. An arrow points to the right, but if the river is high, it is actually easier to cross 30m or so downstream, so turn left here instead. The path continues on the other side and starts to climb up quite steeply.

**7.** Just over 1km further on, bear down to the left, following the white arrow. The path descends quite steeply into the gorge.

**8.** At the bottom, where the path divides, turn right. You'll soon get to the end of the marked route (signed *Fin de Sendero*). In this area there are various pools suitable for swimming in summer.

**9.** On the way back up you can take a detour to the *Cueva de Funes* reservoir by turning left along the dirt road at point **5**.

