San Francisco – Las Sabinas

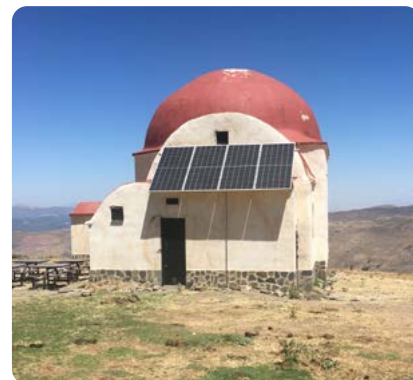This pleasant circular walk starts off parallel to the San Juan gorge, before taking you up above the treeline to the *Albergue San Francisco*, where you get wide open views of the surrounding landscape, including up to the high mountains.

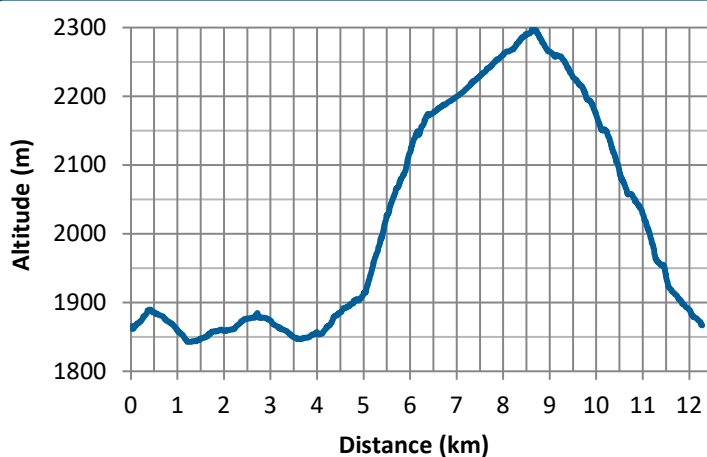| Key facts	
Length	12 km
Time	4 h 15 mins
Min/Max Altitude	1842 m / 2297 m
Accumulated height difference	530 m
Season	Spring, Summer Autumn

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The route is probably best in late spring or autumn, when it isn't too hot but there's no snow on the ground. Tree cover on the climb up gives some protection from the sun even in summer. When it's open, water is available at the *Albergue San Francisco*.
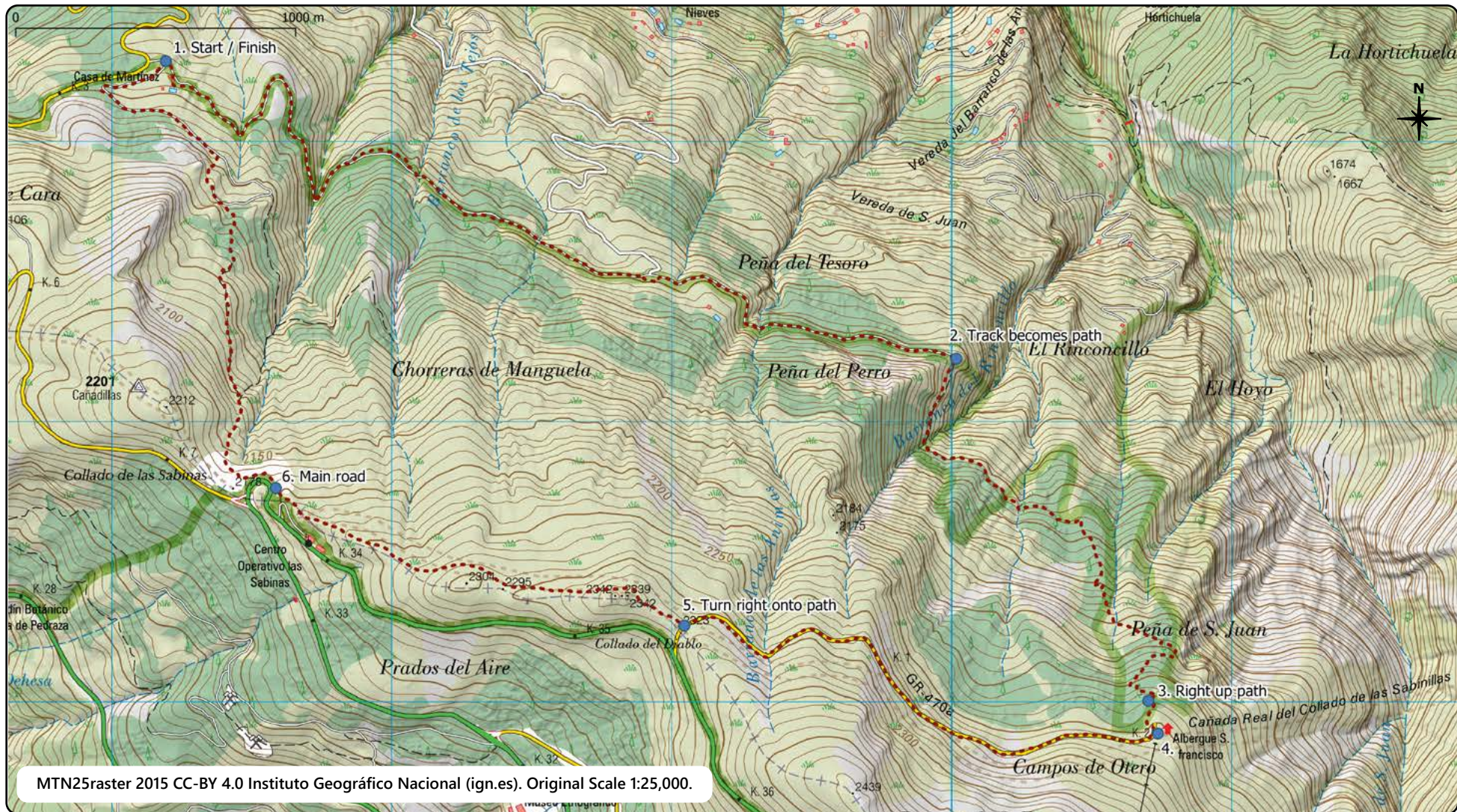

Getting there

By car: From Granada, take the A-395 towards Sierra Nevada. Turn off to the left at the junction by the *Dornajo* visitor centre (just before km 22 of the road) and then keep right on the main road shortly afterwards. Wind up the hill for almost 3 km and park where a dirt road goes off to the left.

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

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.

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1. From where you have parked, continue up the dirt track. This part of the route is fairly flat.

2. After almost 4 km, the track becomes a path and starts to climb more steeply upwards through the trees.

3. After about 2 km, when you reach a junction, keep right and continue uphill.

4. You will shortly reach the *Albergue San Francisco* – when it's open it offers drinks and snacks, as well as great views across the *San Juan* gorge and up to the high mountains. Take the dirt road.

5. Just before the dirt road meets the main road (after about 2 km), turn right onto a path.

6. After another 1.6 km, the path again approaches the main road, but keep on the path, continuing down to where you started the walk (about 2 km). In the final section, the path again becomes a track.

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