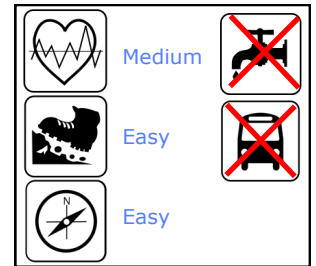
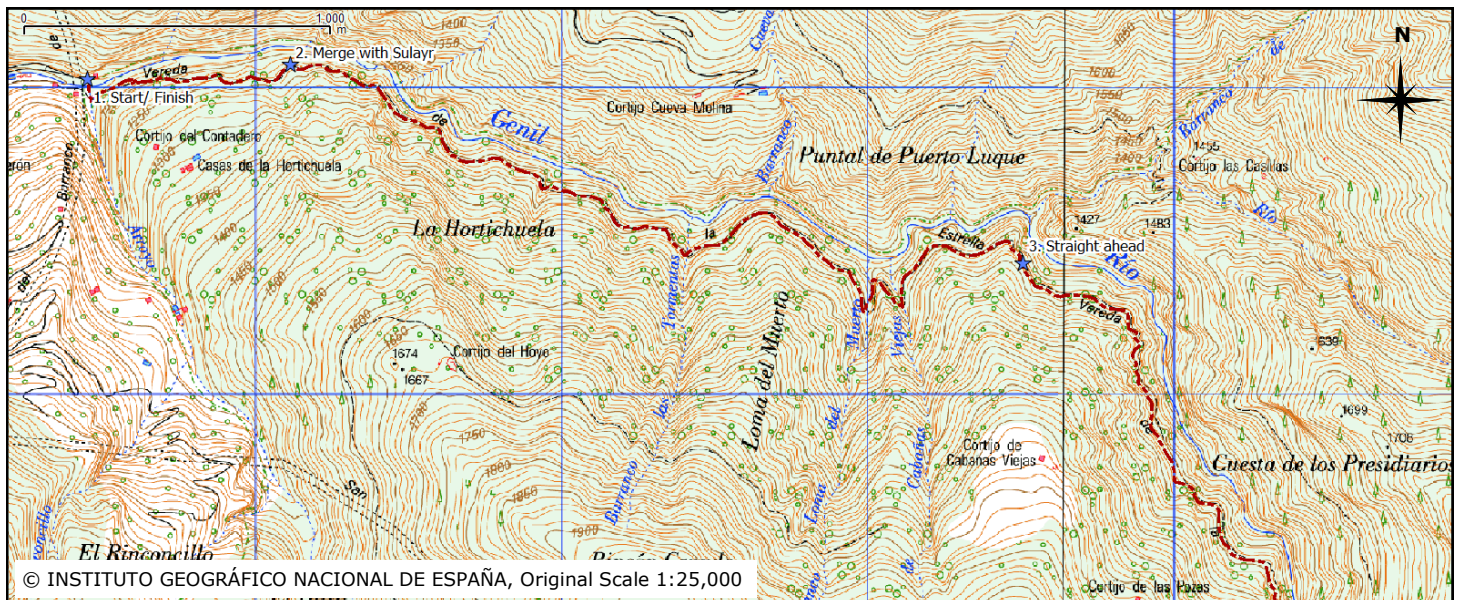


Vereda de la Estrella

The *Vereda de la Estrella* is one of the classic hikes of the Sierra Nevada. The scenery in this deep valley is stunning, and the *Vereda de la Estrella* path, originally built to access the *Estrella* copper mine, is a feat of engineering. Above the gorge, there are views of the rugged north faces of the three highest peaks in the mountain range - *Mulhacén*, *Veleta* and *Alcazaba*. A long walk, but well worth the effort. If the full walk seems too much, it's still worth considering going part way along the path. The path is well-marked and very easy to follow.



Key Facts	
Length	21 km
Time	6 hours
Min/Max Altitude	1142 m / 1686 m
Accumulated height difference	650 m
Season	Spring, Summer, Autumn



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 2.5km turn left for *Güéjar Sierra*.

When you enter the village (after 8km), take the right turn signposted *Río Genil*, *Río Maitena*. Follow the road round until you get to a set of wooden signs for accommodation and places of interest. Bear left, marked towards *Sierra Nevada*, *Río Genil*. At the next junction, turn right (signed towards *Maitena*, *Charcón*, *Sierra Nevada*) then go straight on (signed *Maitena*, *Barranco San Juan*, *Sierra Nevada*). After reaching the bottom of the valley, turn left through a tunnel (signed *Vereda de la Estrella*, *Barranco San Juan*). You will go through two more tunnels and cross the river twice before you reach the end of the road and a car park.

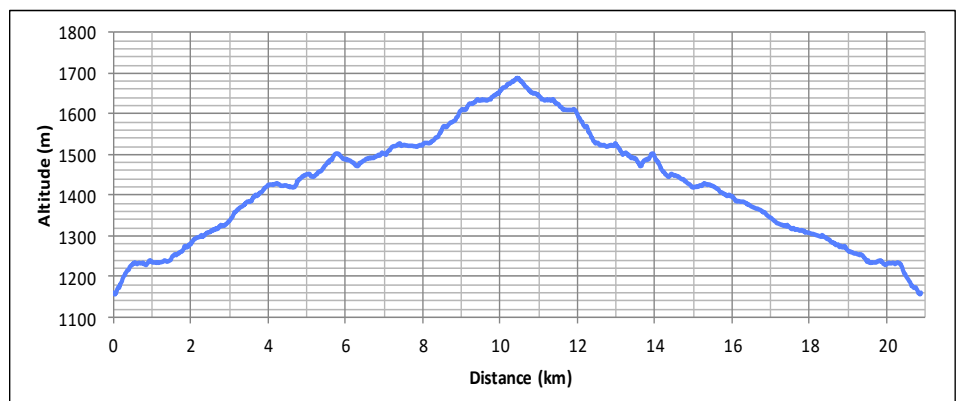
By Bus: This walk is not easily accessible by bus.

1. From the car park, cross the wooden bridge and take the path up to the left, signposted *Vereda de la Estrella*, *Vadillo*, *C. Secreta*.



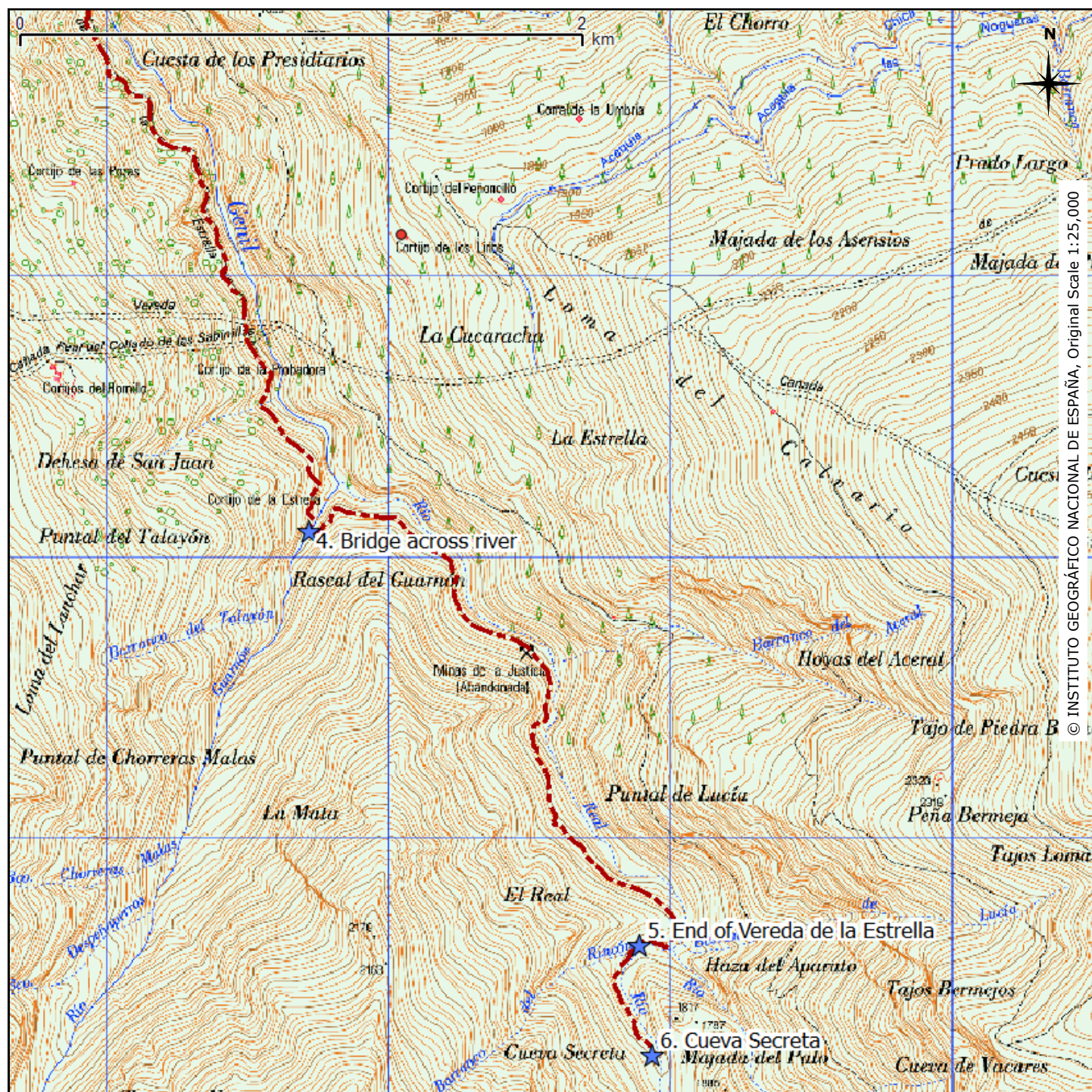
2. After just under 1 km, the path merges with the *Sulayr* long-distance walking route. This is well marked with wooden posts with red and white markings.

3. After a further 3 km, keep going straight ahead. [Here we leave the *Sulayr* route which turns left down to the river.] Our route continues along the side of the valley, so it is very easy to follow.



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4. After about 2 km you pass the ruins of the mine buildings on your right. About a kilometre later you descend past some ruined cottages and cross a bridge.



5. In the final section you gradually approach the river, where there is a bridge. This is the end of the main Vereda de la Estrella path.

6. You can continue half a kilometre along the path on the same side of the river to Cueva Secreta. Cueva Secreta is a natural refuge/ cave, and is a popular place to camp for trips into the high mountains.

