

Walking in the Sierra Nevada

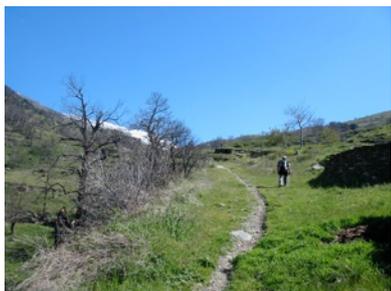


Self Guided Walking Itinerary Number 1

Exploring the Rio Lanjaron from Lanjaron *5 hours medium.*

This route ascends along the east side of the Rio Lanjaron, follows the Acequia Alta to Bordaila and descends tracks and terraces back to Lanjaron.

From the centre of Lanjarón head east in the direction of Orgiva. Just before you leave the town, the road crosses the Rio Lanjarón and bends sharply right. At the bend we turn left onto a track. We follow the track for about



50m until a path climbs steeply up to the right. (red paint markers).

Take the path which climbs steeply to a dirt track road and turn left. Keep straight on, gently uphill. Ignore the track in from the right. When our dirt track road makes a steep bend to the right, we leave it taking the cobbled mule track straight ahead.

The mule track climbs and bends up to the right, (ignore a smaller path that continues ahead at the bend). We then zigzag upwards. Ignoring the path in from the

right and we continue straight ahead following the direction of the gorge.

Eventually we come to a slightly “marshy” area and the path bends left then again to the right. Shortly after this the path passes between two ruined cortijos. Continue along the main path ignoring any paths off into the lower terraces.

We come to another drivable dirt track. Turn left along this. Above a Cortijo, there



is a fork in the track. Take the left fork which takes us beside the cortijo. The path eventually brings us to another cortijo on our right

where a drivable track ends. Here turn left along an ascending path past some more cortios.

A few minutes beyond the cortios, the path descends to the Rio Lanjarón where there is a shady spot beside the river.



Continue along the path, crossing the bridge over the Rio Lanjarón. After ascending for a couple of minutes we come to the Acequia

(not always flowing). Turn left and follow the path beside the acequia. In places the acequia is cut into the mountain side and great care must be taken to avoid the drops down to the left. After following the acequia for about half an hour, the acequia flows through a couple of tunnels which are covered by boulders and scree. The acequia re-emerges and in another ten minutes we come to a ruined building on our left by a sluice gate.

Turn right along the dirt track road. After 50m we turn left down another dirt track road. This is the hamlet of Bordaila. After 100m the dirt track road bends steeply left then right. Just after the right hand bend and opposite the entrance drive to a cortijo, we pick up a footpath on the left.



Initially the path runs almost parallel to the dirt track road. The path cuts steeply down through old terraces to another drivable dirt track. Turn

left along the dirt track which brings us to a goat farm. The track ends around the back of the goat farm (by the back door!) and becomes a footpath that heads (initially) steeply down. After a short distance the path veers right through terraces to another dirt track.



Immediately past the ruin, our path cuts diagonally down to the left (occasional red paint markers). The path is mainly obvious though is

occasionally difficult to follow as it crosses ruined terraces. We pass a modern round concrete water tank 100m above a drivable dirt track road.

Cross the dirt track and continue down hill. We pass a cortijo (on our left) and come to another track. Cross the track and pass to the left of another cortijo. At the next dirt track turn left for about 5m before heading downhill to the right.

Just after a section where the path contours the hillside above fertile terraces we come to a section of concrete road. Turn left down the road until in 50m the road bends right. We continue straight ahead down a footpath which eventually brings us to houses at the top of Lanjarón.