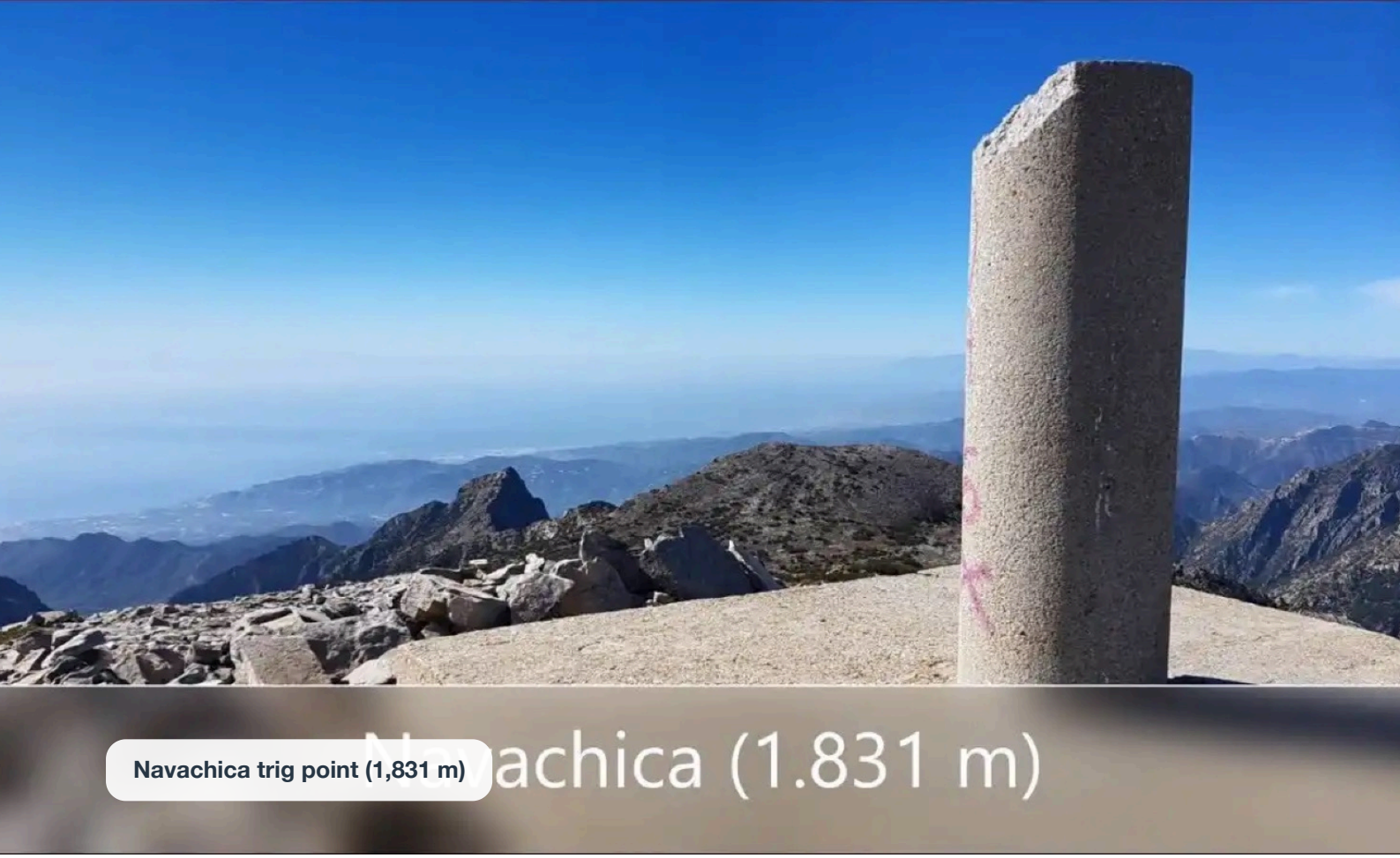


Navachica trig point (1,831 m)

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Navachica via the Cazadores: map and guide

The classic route to the top of the Sierra de Almijara: up the Cazadores ravine, past the La Furia mines and the Caños del Rey stream bed, to the Ranchillos del Viento pass and the Navachica ridge.

Before you go: a long mountain route, with stretches up a stream bed and a steep, loose exit. The Fuente del Esparto is the last reliable water. From the Nerja Caves car park it is 5.8 km along the Pinarillo track, which has a barrier: it is usually closed to cars from June to October and in droughts (it stayed shut from April 2023 to November 2024).

Up-to-date information: esnerja.com/senderismo/ruta-a-navachica-por-cazadores

7.5 km
one way from the Fuente del Esparto

15 km
there and back (26.5 km from the Caves)

7–8 h
there and back from the spring

1,260 m
from the spring to the summit

≈ 1,400 m
total ascent

Hard
stream bed, easy scrambles, pathless stretches


Navachica via the Cazadores ravine
The classic route from the Fuente del Esparto · 7.5 km one way · 570 → 1,831 m · esnerja.com
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m 0 · 572 m
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km 7.1 · 1763 m
8 Navachica summit
km 7.5 · 1831 m
Approximate route. Download the GPX at esnerja.com and save the map offline: there is no reliable signal in the ravine.
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The route, section by section

1. **Fuente del Esparto** · km 0 · 572 m
   The last reliable water. Follow the track east and go through the chain into the Cazadores ravine.

2. **La Furia mines** · km 3.6 · 1041 m
   Along the Mines Path, past the rock shelter and the loose «chorrera» scree, you reach the old lead and zinc adits. Open shafts: stay on the path.

3. **Almendrón turn-off** · km 4.1 · 1099 m
   The Almendrón path leaves to the left (red paint mark on the rock). Carry straight on up the ravine.

4. **Caños del Rey stream** · km 4.8 · 1178 m
   Leave the path and climb the stream bed to the north-east: rock steps of 2-3 m that are easy to scramble up.

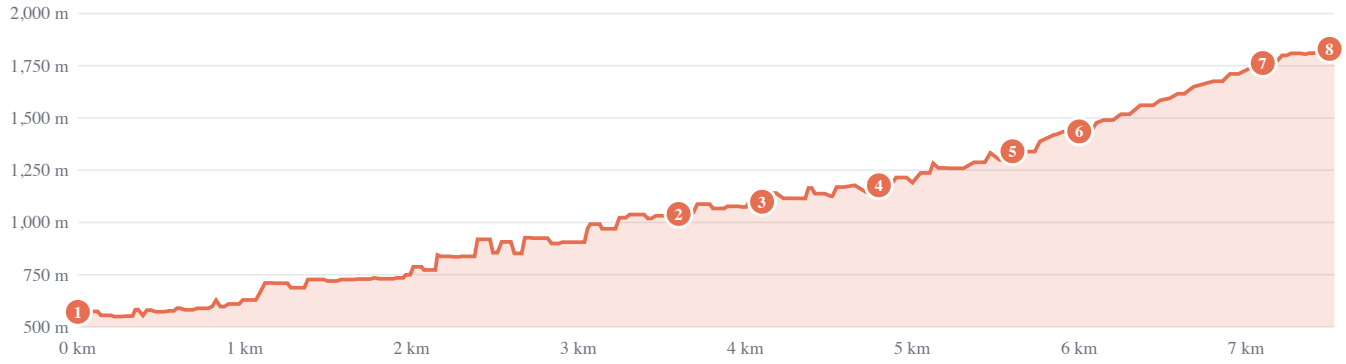
5. **The wall** · km 5.6 · 1341 m
   The bed ends at a wall. Exit on the right by a very steep path among holm oaks, loose and full of side tracks.

6. **Ranchillos del Viento** · km 6 · 1436 m
   A pass with views of the Cazadores ravine, Navachica and the Lomas Llanas pine wood. From here, a ridge with no clear path but with cairns.

7. **Cordel de las Veredas** · km 7.1 · 1763 m
   You reach the ridge and Granada comes into view. The Pico del Cielo route also arrives here.

8. **Navachica summit** · km 7.5 · 1831 m
   Trig point at 1,831 m: La Maroma, El Lucero, Sierra Nevada and the sea. Return the same way.

Route profile (one way)



Approximate distances and altitudes (OpenStreetMap and elevation model)



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The ridge to the summit · Por los caminos de Málaga, CC BY 2.0 (Flickr)

Before you go: safety and tips

A demanding mountain route. No climbing, but a stony stream bed, easy scrambles and a steep, loose exit where the path splits into many small tracks. After rain the stream bed becomes dangerous. Do not count on mobile signal in the ravine; **112** works on any network.

Water

Only the Fuente del Esparto, at the start. The Caños del Rey hold standing water in some caves: it is not a spring. Carry 3 litres or more each.

The mines

La Furia, El Uno and El Tajo mines are abandoned and have open ventilation shafts half hidden by vegetation: stay on the path.

What to bring

- Mountain boots with good grip and poles.
- Water, food, a cap and a windproof.
- The GPX on your phone with the map downloaded.

The descent

The exit from the wall down from the Ranchillos is the trickiest part on the way back: slowly, without hurrying, looking for the cairns.

Another way up

From the Fuente del Esparto you can also climb Navachica via **Pico del Cielo** and the ridge: longer and more exposed. And from this route's turn-off you can climb the **Almendrón**.

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