



The Maro cliffs

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Maro Cliffs: map and guide

From Maro to the Torre de Maro, a 16th-century watchtower above the cliffs, inside the Maro-Cerro Gordo Cliffs protected area. Plus, by car, the Torre de Cerro Gordo trail.

Before you go: the path to the Torre de Maro is not waymarked and runs close to the cliff edge in places. With children, hold hands on the higher stretches. There is no shade.

Up-to-date information: esnerja.com/senderismo/acantilados-marro-cerro-gordo

2.3 km

from Maro to the tower

4.6 km

there and back

1.5–2 h

there and back

≈ 100 m

down and up

Easy

unmarked path

16th c.

age of the tower

Maro Cliffs: walk to the Torre de Maro

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The route, section by section

- 1 Maro** · km 0 · 120 m
From the square by the Maravillas church, walk down through the village towards the beach road.
- 2 Maro beach road** · km 0.6 · 94 m
Before reaching the beach, a lane and then a path head east between orchards and scrub.
- 3 Torre de Maro** · km 2.3 · 97 m
A conical 16th-century watchtower about 11 m high, also called Calaturcos. From here you see the cliffs as far as Cerro Gordo and the Alberquillas coves.

Route profile (one way)



The Torre de Maro above the cliffs · Dguendel, CC BY 4.0 (Commons)



The cliffs from Las Alberquillas · Alexander Wagner García, CC BY-SA 3.0 es (Commons)

Before you go: safety and tips

Cliff edges. The path is not waymarked and runs close to the edge in places. Don't leave the path for photos and keep an eye on children. Some networks have no coverage on parts of the route; **112** works on any network.

The protected area

The Maro-Cerro Gordo Cliffs are a protected natural area along some 12 km of coast between Nerja and La Herradura, with cliffs up to 250 m above the sea, coves such as Las Alberquillas or El Cañuelo and protected seabed.

The Torre de Cerro Gordo

At the other end of the area, at Cerro Gordo (Almuñécar), the Junta has a short circular trail from the viewpoint car park around the tower, built in the late 16th century. It is reached by car on the old N-340.

When to go

All year round. In summer, early: there is no shade. Towards sunset the light on the cliffs is the best.

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