



El Almendrón (1,514 m)

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El Almendrón: map and guide to the climb

The rock pyramid you see above El Pinarillo: from the Fuente del Esparto to the 1,514 m summit along the old path from the La Furia lead mines.

Getting to the Fuente del Esparto: from the Nerja Caves car park (paid) it is 5.8 km along the Pinarillo track. The track has a barrier that is usually closed to cars in summer and whenever there is a fire risk, and open in the cooler months depending on the rain: if it is closed, add 11.5 km there and back on foot.

Up-to-date information: esnerja.com/senderismo/ruta-hacia-el-almendron

5.6 km

one way from the Fuente del Esparto

11.3 km

there and back (23 km from the caves)

5–6 h

there and back from the spring

940 m

from the spring to the summit

≈ 1,100 m

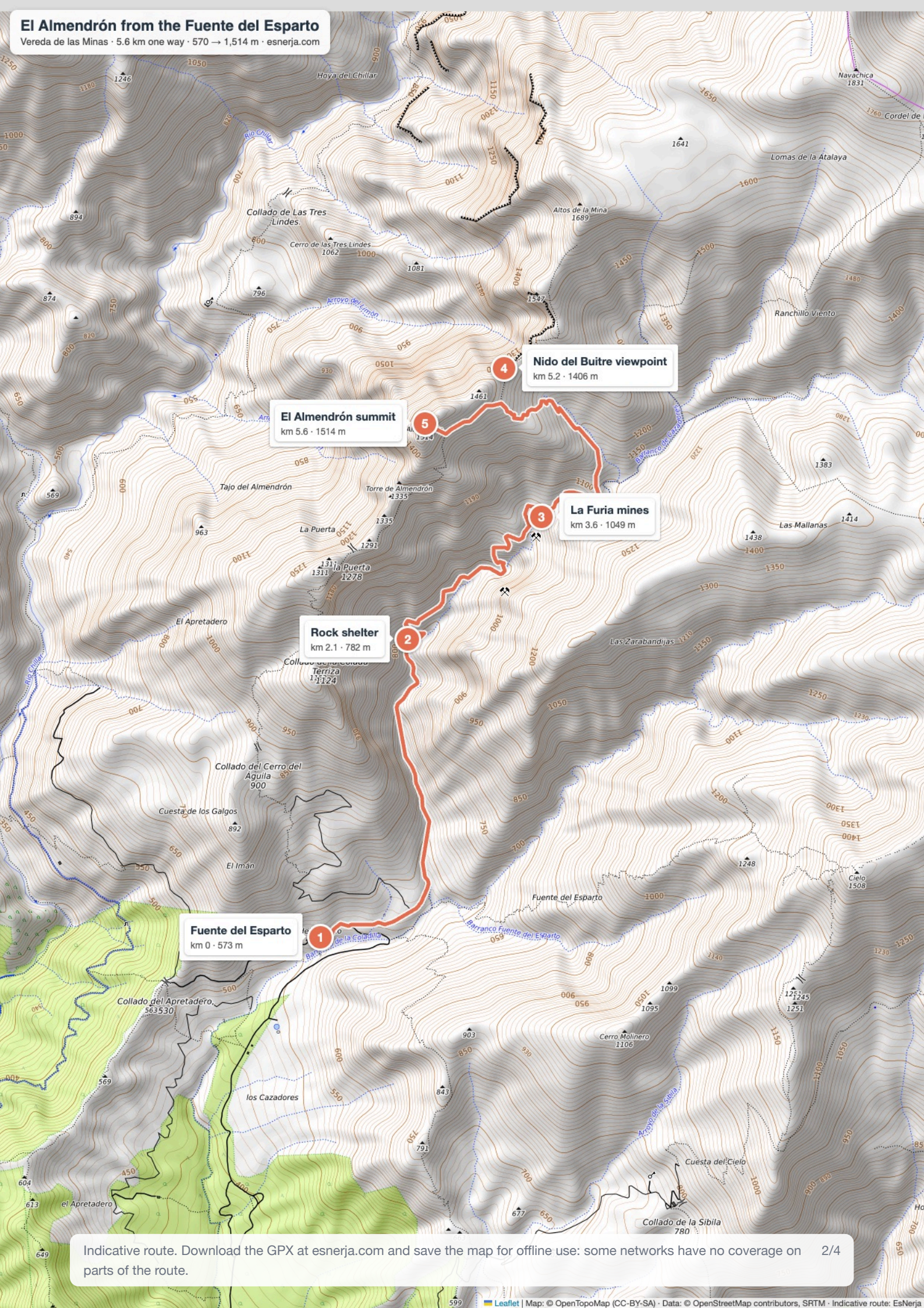
of total ascent

Hard

steep mountain path

El Almendrón from the Fuente del Esparto

Vereda de las Minas · 5.6 km one way · 570 → 1,514 m · esnerja.com



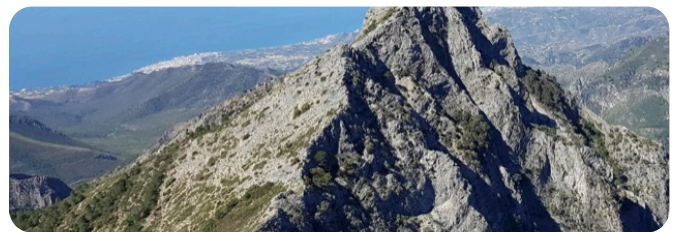
The route, section by section

- 1 Fuente del Esparto** · km 0 · 573 m
A spring by the old miners' houses, where the ore was washed. Take the path heading north (Vereda de las Minas y Cómpeta).
- 2 Rock shelter** · km 2.1 · 782 m
A shelter in the rock halfway up to the mining ravine.
- 3 La Furia and Tajo mines** · km 3.6 · 1049 m
Old galena (lead) mines. Abandoned entrances and shafts: don't go in or near the shafts.
- 4 Nido del Buitre pass and viewpoint** · km 5.2 · 1406 m
About a kilometre past the mines, by a large pine, the path zigzags up a ridge to a pass on the north face of El Almendrón. Views of the Chíllar valley and the Imán farmhouse.
- 5 El Almendrón summit** · km 5.6 · 1514 m
The final stretch climbs over rock to the top. Views of the sea, Pico del Cielo, Navachica and La Maroma. You return the same way.

Route profile (one way)



The Fuente del Esparto, start of the route · EsNerja



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Before you go: safety and tips

A mountain route with no water higher up. The only water is at the Fuente del Esparto, at the start. Carry 2–3 litres per person and start early: much of the climb is in full sun. Some networks have no coverage on parts of the route; **112** works on any network.

The mines

The La Furia and Tajo mines are abandoned. There are vertical shafts and unstable tunnels: don't go in, and watch children and dogs.

The final stretch

The last climb to the summit is over rock and there is not always a clear path. If you don't feel sure, the Nido del Buitre pass already has great views.

What to bring

- Hiking boots with good grip.
- 2–3 litres of water, food, a hat and sun cream.
- The map or GPX downloaded.

Fire

Fires are forbidden in the natural park. In summer the fire risk is extreme: avoid the middle of the day.

Getting there

The Fuente del Esparto is reached from the Nerja Caves along the Pinarillo track (5.8 km). If the track barrier is open you can drive up; if not, you walk from the caves car park.

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