



EL SALTILLO CANILLAS DE ACEITUNO

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El Saltillo: map and route guide

From Canillas de Aceituno to the El Saltillo suspension bridge, about 50 m long, over the Almanchares gorge: a mountain path with crags, handrails and views of La Maroma.

Before you go: the path is narrow, with exposed stretches and steps, and the descent to the bridge is very steep. If you suffer from vertigo, note that the bridge sways. There is no water on the way.

Up-to-date information: esnerja.com/senderismo/el-saltillo-puente-colgante

3.2 km

from Canillas to the bridge

6.4 km

there and back

3 h

there and back with stops

≈ 300 m

of total ascent

Moderate

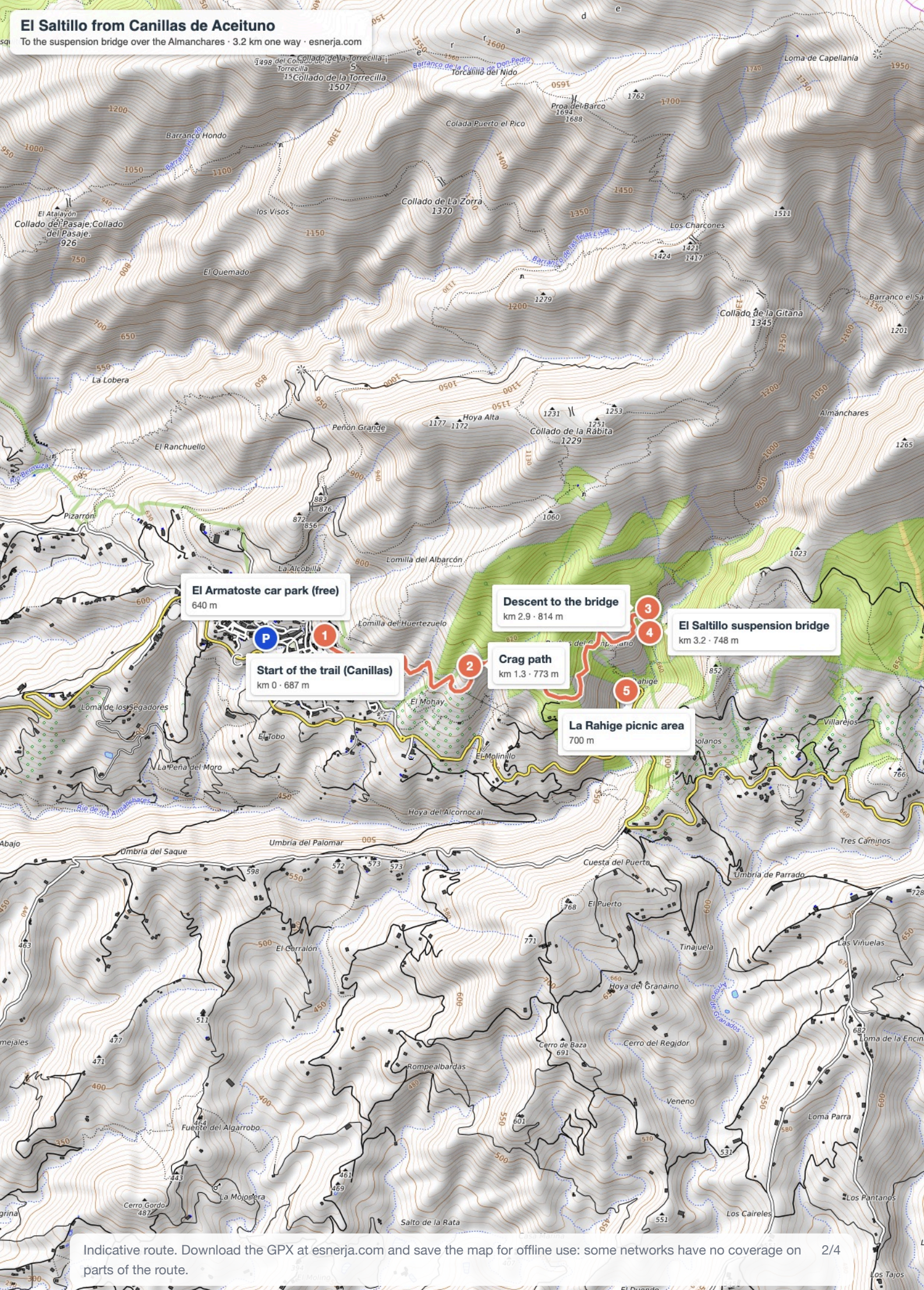
narrow path, exposed stretches

50 m

suspension bridge

El Saltillo from Canillas de Aceituno

To the suspension bridge over the Almachares · 3.2 km one way · esnerja.com

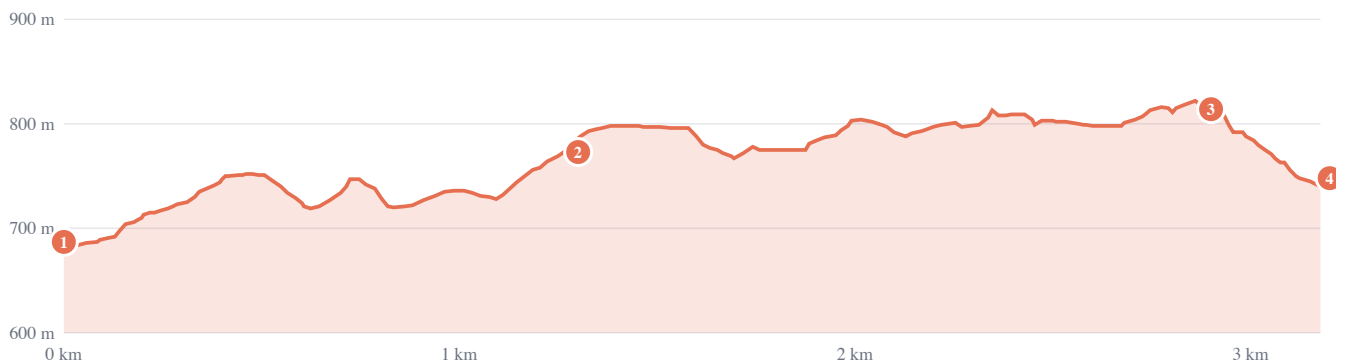
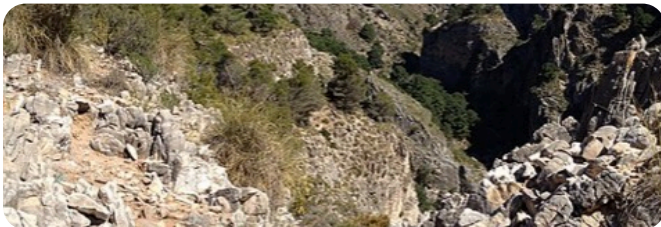


Indicative route. Download the GPX at esnerja.com and save the map for offline use: some networks have no coverage on parts of the route.

The route, section by section

- P El Armatoste car park** · 640 m
Municipal, free and covered, on Avenida de Andalucía. The ramps between levels are narrow.
- 1 Start of the trail** · km 0 · 687 m
At the top of the village, next to the start of the La Maroma path: the El Saltillo path heads east.
- 2 Crag path** · km 1.3 · 773 m
The path runs across the hillside, with narrow stretches, steps and handrails, above the Almanchares valley.
- 3 Descent to the bridge** · km 2.9 · 814 m
From the highest point, a very steep descent leads to the bridge.
- 4 El Saltillo suspension bridge** · km 3.2 · 748 m
A walkway about 50 m long over the Almanchares river, on the Gran Senda de Málaga stage between Canillas and Sedella. You return the same way.
- 5 La Rahige picnic area** · 700 m
A short path climbs to this picnic area with parking: another way to start the route.

Route profile (one way)



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A stretch with handrail · Juan Pablo Olmo, CC BY 2.0 (Commons)

Before you go: safety and tips

Exposed path and vertigo. There are narrow stretches above the ravine, steps and a very steep descent to the bridge. The bridge sways: cross it one at a time if it is busy, without jumping. Some networks have no coverage on parts of the route; **112** works on any network.

Water and heat

There are no fountains on the way. Carry 1.5 litres per person and avoid the middle of the day in summer: the path is sunny.

With children

Only with children used to the mountains, holding hands on the exposed stretches.

What to bring

- Hiking shoes with good grip.
- Water, a hat and sun cream.
- Poles for the descent to the bridge.

Free

The trail and the bridge are free to access.

Getting there

Canillas de Aceituno is 42 km from Nerja, about 50 minutes: A-7 and, after Vélez-Málaga, the A-356 towards La Viñuela. Park at El Armatoste (free) and walk up through the village.

Guide written by EsNerja (October 2026) using the OpenStreetMap trail line (El Saltillo path and suspension bridge), Costa del Sol Tourism (bridge about 50 m long over the Almanchares, free access) and aparcamientoespana.com (El Armatoste). Map: © OpenTopoMap (CC-BY-SA); data © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL); elevation: Open-Meteo. More information at esnerja.com/en/hiking/el-saltillo-suspension-bridge.