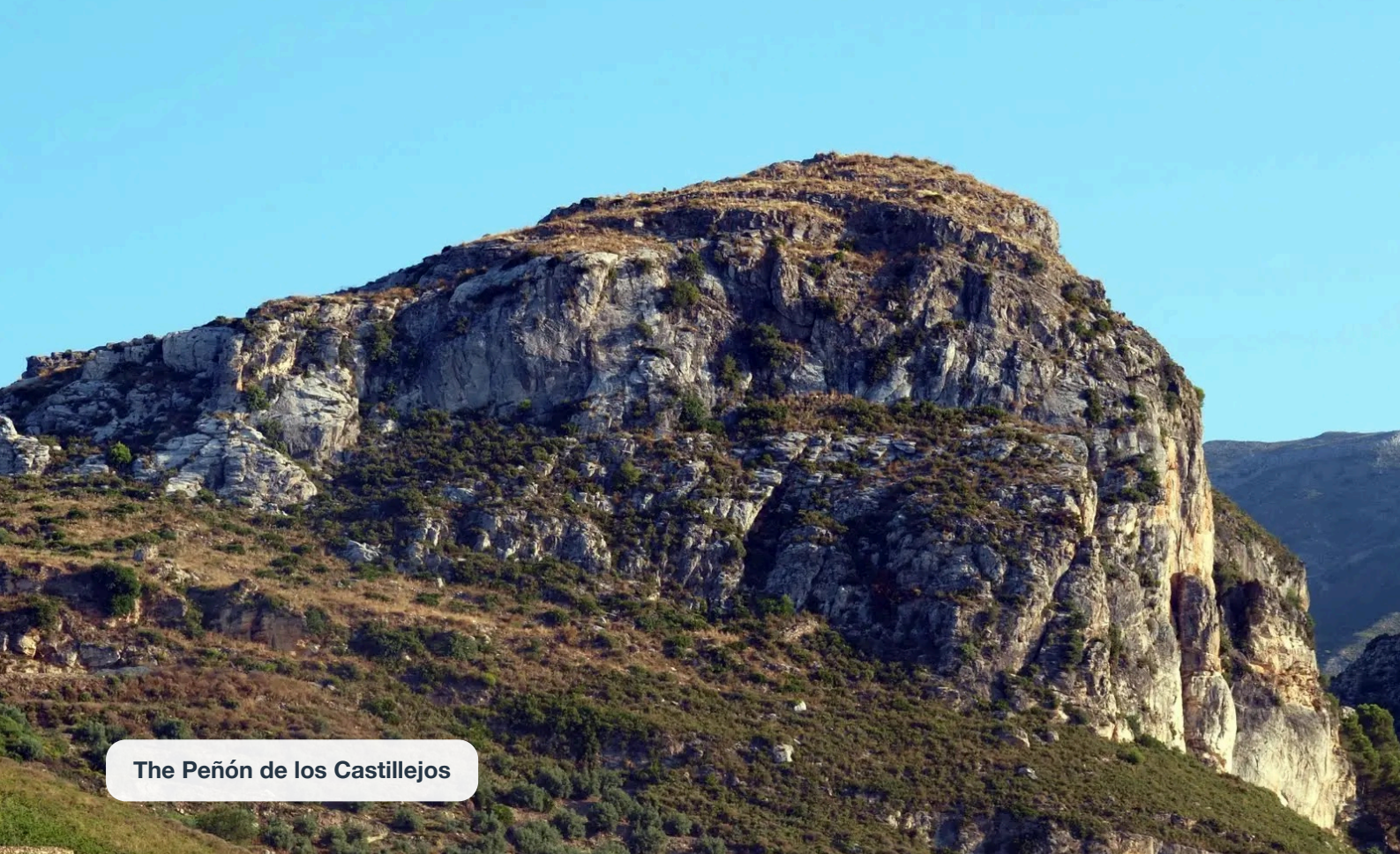




The Peñón de los Castillejos

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Peñón de los Castillejos: map and guide

A short climb to a crag topped by the remains of an Al-Andalus fortress, above the Río de la Miel valley, with views of Maro, La Herradura and Sierra Nevada.

Before you go: the Río de la Miel road is narrow and single-track in many places. Leave the car where the tarmac ends without blocking the way. The last stretch to the crag is steep and stony, with a chain on one step.

Up-to-date information: esnerja.com/senderismo/ruta-hacia-penon-de-los-castillejos

1.4 km

one way from the end of the tarmac

2.8 km

there and back

1–1.5 h

there and back with the visit

≈ 220 m

of climbing

Moderate

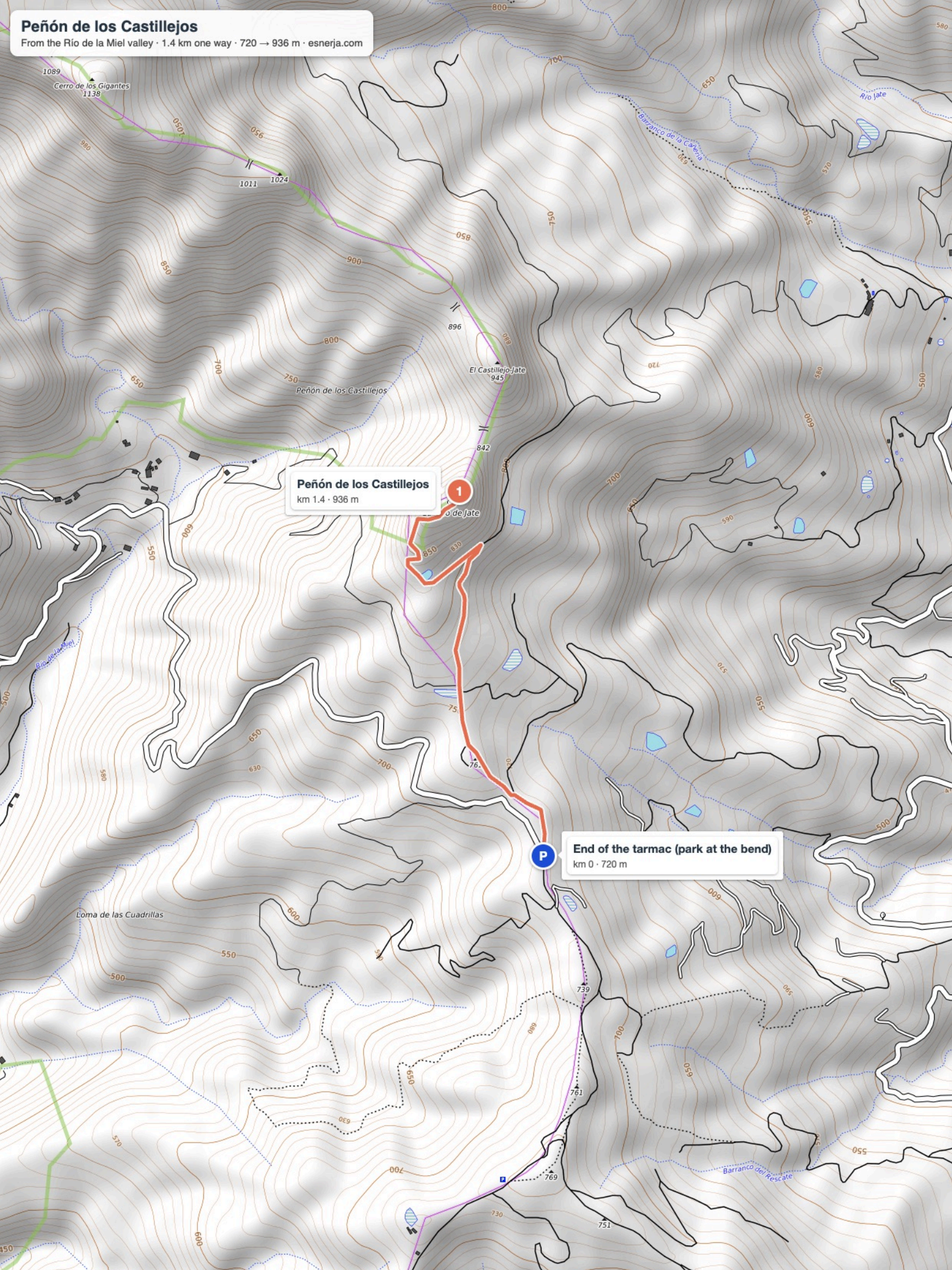
short but steep

936 m

height of the crag

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From the Río de la Miel valley · 1.4 km one way · 720 → 936 m · 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. 2/4

The route, section by section



End of the tarmac · km 0 · 720 m

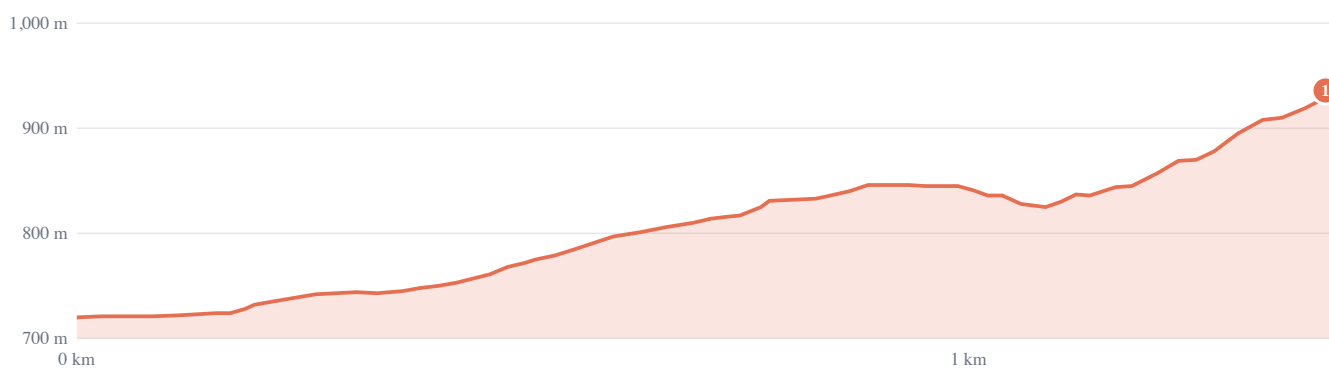
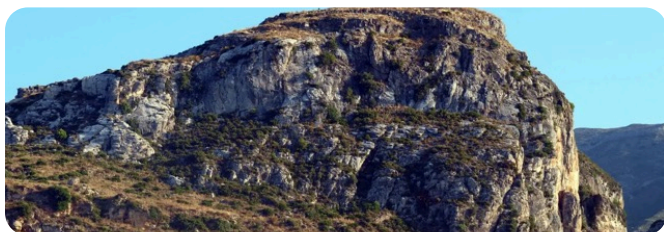
The Río de la Miel road leaves the N-340 between Maro and Cerro Gordo and climbs the valley. Where the tarmac ends, park at the bend without blocking it.



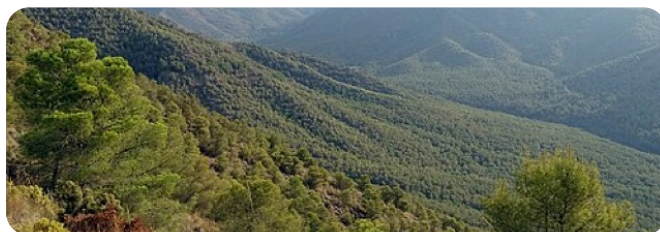
Peñón de los Castillejos · km 1.4 · 936 m

Follow the track north and a path climbs to the crag. At the top are wall remains, cisterns and rooms of a fortress from the Al-Andalus period (pottery from the 10th and 11th centuries). Don't take stones or pottery: it is an archaeological site.

Route profile (one way)



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Before you go: safety and tips

An archaeological site, not just a viewpoint. The remains on the crag are archaeological heritage: don't move stones, build cairns or pick up pottery. Take care near the edges, especially with children. Some networks have no coverage on parts of the route; **112** works on any network.

History

At the top there are two sections of wall, two cisterns and rooms cut into the rock, and on the slope dry-stone walls of a village. The pottery dates it to the 10th and 11th centuries. Local tradition links it to the landing of Abd al-Rahman I at La Herradura (755), which is not documented.

What to bring

- Hiking shoes: the last stretch is stony.
- Water, a hat and sun cream: there is no shade or water.

Views

To the south, the Maro and Cerro Gordo coast; to the east, La Herradura; to the north, the sierra and, on clear days, Sierra Nevada.

Getting there

From Nerja, take the N-340 towards Almuñécar. After Maro, before Cerro Gordo, the tarmac Río de la Miel road turns off to the left, passes under the motorway bridge and climbs the valley to the end of the tarmac.

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