



The Higuерón river

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Río Higuерón: map and route guide

From Frigiliana, upstream along the bed of the Higuерón among gorges, pines and oleanders: the Pozo Batán, the Cruz de Napoleón and the Lizar weir.

Before you go: the river carries more or less water depending on the season; after heavy rain it may be impassable. Don't go in if storms are forecast. Part of the lower riverbed, between Frigiliana and the Chíllar, crosses private farms and a hunting estate ("Private property" signs): this route goes upstream.

Up-to-date information: esnerja.com/senderismo/rio-higueron-frigiliana

5.4 km

one way from Frigiliana

10.7 km

there and back

3.5–4 h

there and back

≈ 300 m

of climbing

Moderate

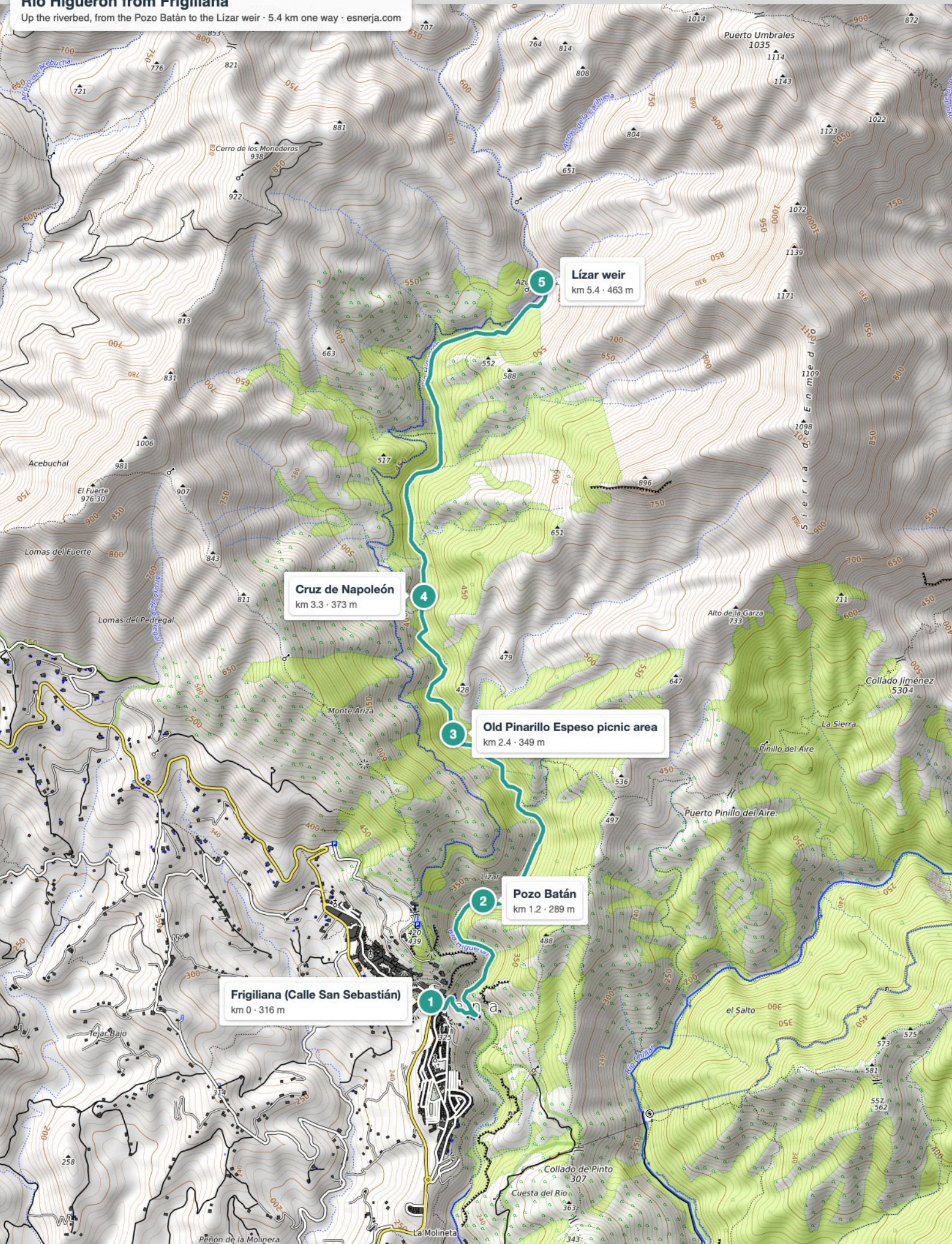
stony riverbed and fords

Water

depending on the season

Río Higuерón from Frigiliana

Up the riverbed, from the Pozo Batán to the Lizar weir · 5.4 km one way · esnerja.com

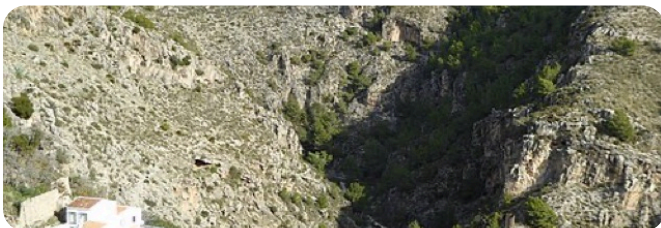


Indicative route. Download the GPX at esnerja.com and save the map for offline use: some networks have no coverage on parts of the route.

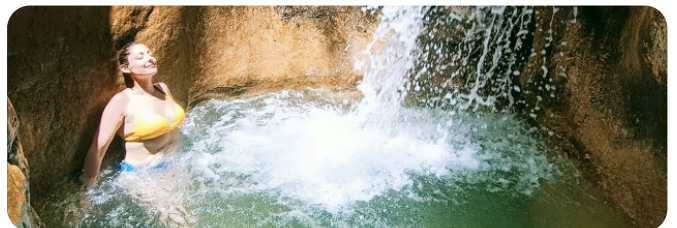
The route, section by section

- 1 Frigiliana** · km 0 · 316 m
From Calle San Sebastián, walk down the Cuesta del Aperó and the Camino del Boticario to the riverbed.
- 2 Pozo Batán** · km 1.2 · 289 m
An old irrigation work by the river. From here, follow the riverbed upstream.
- 3 Old Pinarillo Espeso picnic area** · km 2.4 · 349 m
Ruins of an old resting area by the river, among pines.
- 4 Cruz de Napoleón** · km 3.3 · 373 m
A cross by the path; the river runs between rock walls (the gorges or cahorros).
- 5 Lizar weir** · km 5.4 · 463 m
A small dam where the Lizar irrigation channel starts. End of the route; return the same way.

Route profile (one way)



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A pool in the Higuero · EsNerja

Before you go: safety and tips

Flash floods. With rain in the sierra the flow rises fast. Don't go in after heavy rain or with a storm warning, and check the depth before getting into a pool. Some networks have no coverage on parts of the route; **112** works on any network.

The river

The Higuerón rises in the Sierra de Almijara, near Cerro Lucero, and after about 12.7 km flows into the Chíllar. Its narrow bed forms gorges, and there are irrigation channels, a small dam and the remains of a mill.

Back along the channel

From the Lizar weir you can return to Frigiliana along the Lizar channel path, high above the river: narrow and with drops in places.

Getting there

Frigiliana is 7 km from Nerja; there is a bus. At the entrance to the village there is a paid underground municipal car park and a few free spaces.

What to bring

- Shoes that can get wet, with good grip.
- Water: the river water is not drinkable.
- A hat and sun cream.

Hunting

Between October and May there may be hunts in the area: respect the signs.

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