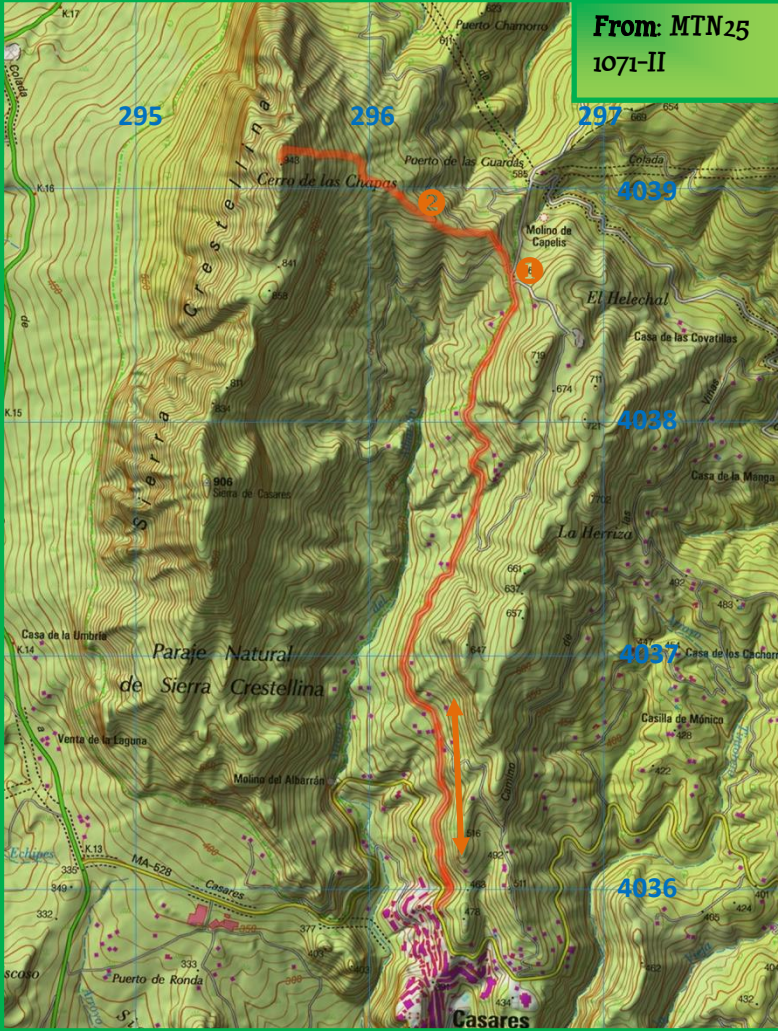


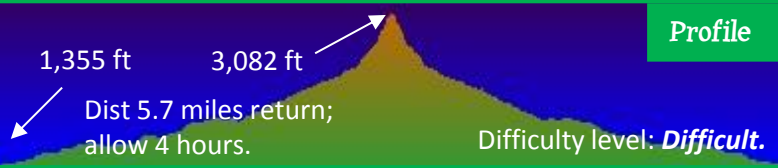


Cerro de las Chapas



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- ➊ Go straight on at 30 S 296557 4038743 where a green barrier prevents cars from entering.
- ➋ Take the right fork at the junction at 30 S 296284 4038845.



Conditions: medium distance, 1,700 ft ascent/descent, uneven surfaces, steep inclines, loose soil, steep and rough last stage of ascent.

LINKS

GPS trail 

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General 

Video 

The route begins and ends near the Restaurante Laura. It climbs to the summit of the Cerro de las Chapas, which at 3,100 ft (943 m) is the higher of the two peaks in the Sierra Crestellina. It returns the same way. However if time and energy permit, it may be combined with the Sierra Crestellina route.

The route climbs from the main road via a well surfaced track. Near the beginning of the journey we pass the 18th century **Fuente de la Arquita**. The road takes us to the **Puerto de las Viñas**, where we turn to the west in the direction of the Refuge. After about 2 miles (3.5 km) from the beginning of the walk there is a clear right turn which takes the walker on the path to the summit. This path begins with a well defined dirt path, leading to fainter trails and a steep and rough last stage of the ascent. There are some useful cairns to show the way.

The steepness and loose surfaces underfoot make this a route for the more experienced and fitter walker. Walking poles and boots with good ankle support are advised.

The route offers magnificent views of the **Sierra Crestellina** and the **Monte del Duque**. There are also fine views to the north (**white villages**), to the west (**River Genal** and the province of **Cadiz** in the distance beyond), to the east (**Sierra Bermeja** and its foothills) and to the south (**Mediterranean**). If possible, choose a clear day to enjoy these views to the full.

Throughout the ascent the route is surrounded by the typical vegetation of Mediterranean forest: gall and holm oaks, pines, carob trees, mastic trees, etc. Throughout the route there is the chance to observe the flight of the **griffon vulture**, a significant number of which live in the Sierra.

The route is also covered by the [Birding Map](#) of the area, by BioGea.

