

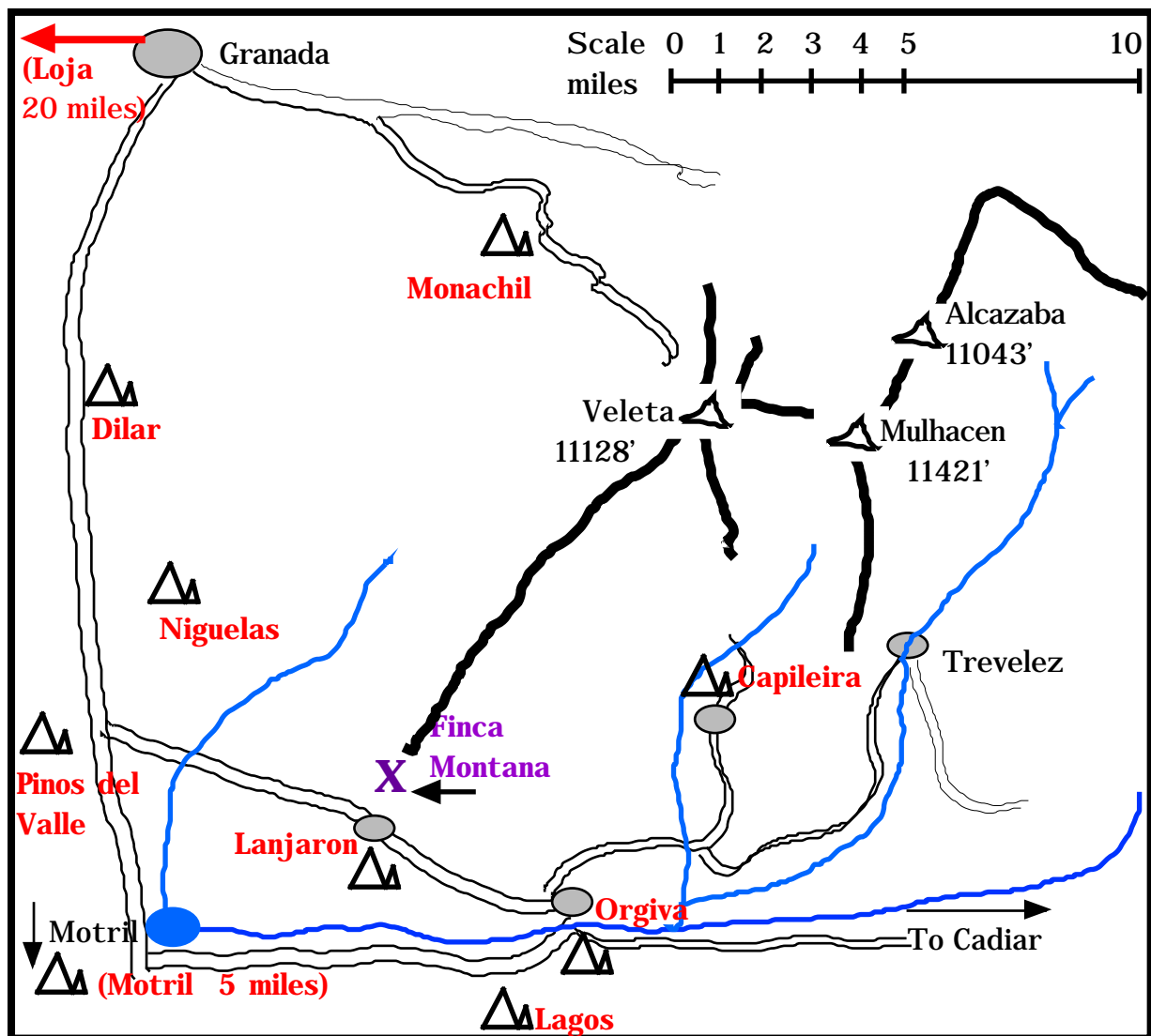
Rockclimbing from Finca Montana

Finca Montana is situated above the spa town of Lanjaron which is well placed for visiting the areas climbing centres. We have not had the opportunity to visit all of these yet and very little information is available in English. Scant information can be gleaned from the Desnivel website and from a "Jingo Wobley" guide to Europe's climbing. We have found one guide in Spanish - "Guia de escalada granadina" which contains info on Monachil, Diezma, and Motril (main area) to be useful. This can be ordered from Desnivel. The following 2 websites were also useful:

<http://www.terra.es/personal6/juansrios/motril.htm>

<http://personales.larural.es/almeriaescala/crokis/GRANADA%20-%20CAPILEIRA.htm>

We will endeavour to produce our own fully detailed information by the Spring of 2003.



All of the climbing described is bolted, though the use of a trad. rack will increase the possibilities.

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Lanjaron

A map detailing the climbing areas around the town is available from the tourist information centre. Basically there are three climbing areas (and a poor outdoor climbing wall for leading at the sportsground above the town).

- i. The long cliff (half a mile wide) that runs the length of the valley to the south of the town.
- ii. The cliffs of Lanjarons Castle - Castillo Arabe to the south west of the town.
- iii. Penon Cillos to the north west of the town.

Pinos del Valle

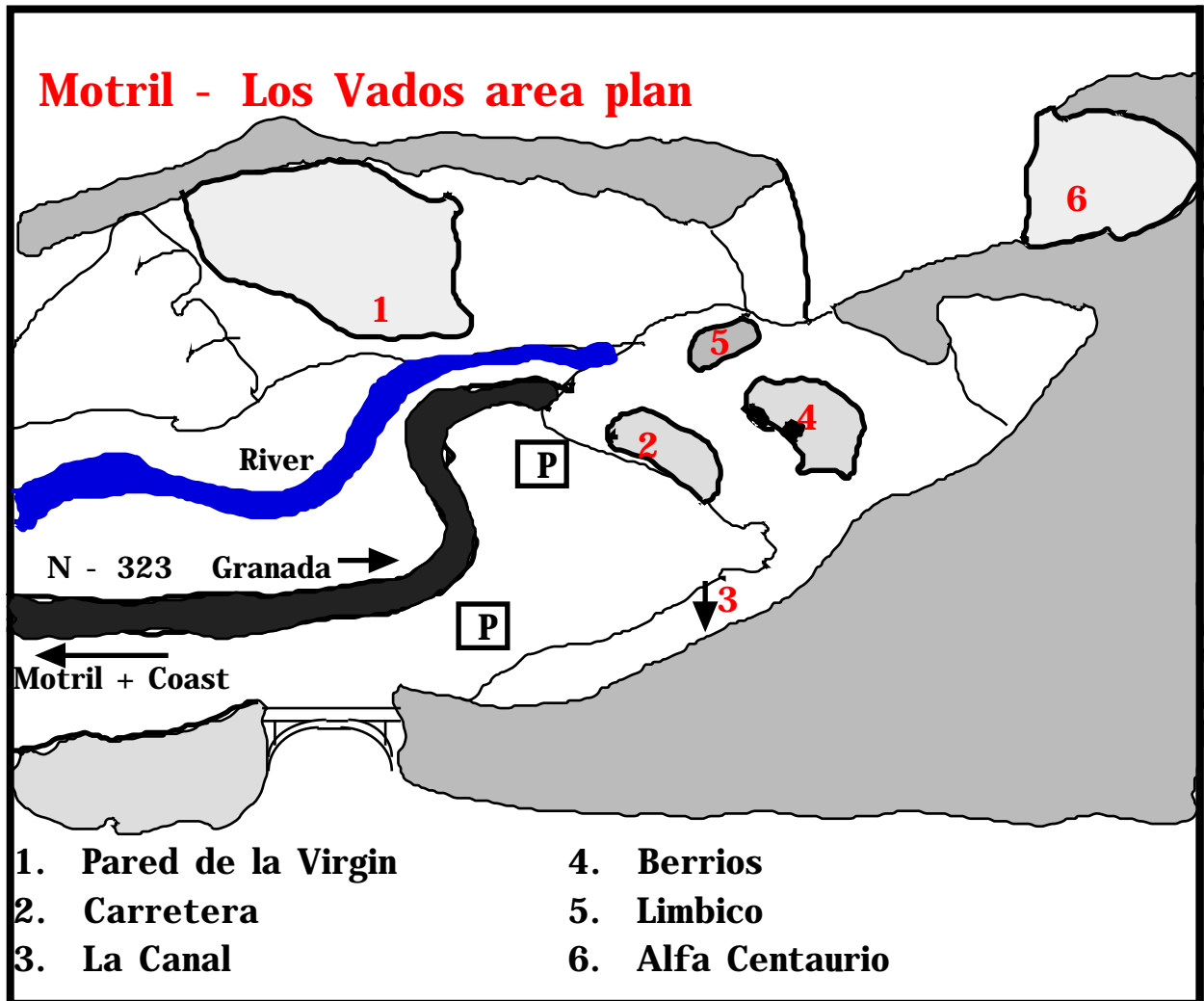
Situated on a north facing edge below Pinos del Valle, you can see this crag from Finca Montana. At the start of the town, turn left for the Barrio Bajo (lower town), and follow the road down to the Plaza via San Roque. Park in the square by the pharmacy and continue to walk downhill to the bottom of the village which soon becomes a track. Shortly after joining the track, take another off to the right, downhill and under the crag. The routes are all limestone and bolted.

Motril

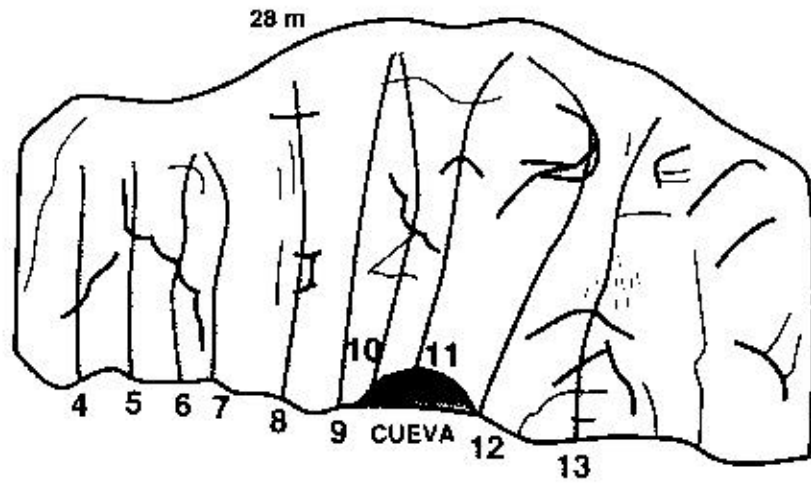
There are three climbing areas: Los Vados, Caracolillos and Cerro Toro

i. Los Vados

The major climbing area with 6 sectors, either side of the gorge on the road from Motril to Lanjaron. Most routes are single pitch, and don't expect much below 6a, however there is one area above and to the east of the gorge, with routes up to 200m, some of which are slightly easier!



Motril - Sectors Limbico and Berrios



LÍMBICO

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| 1. To hold to me... | 7c+ |
| 2. Límbico system | 7c |
| 3. Mutant | 8b |

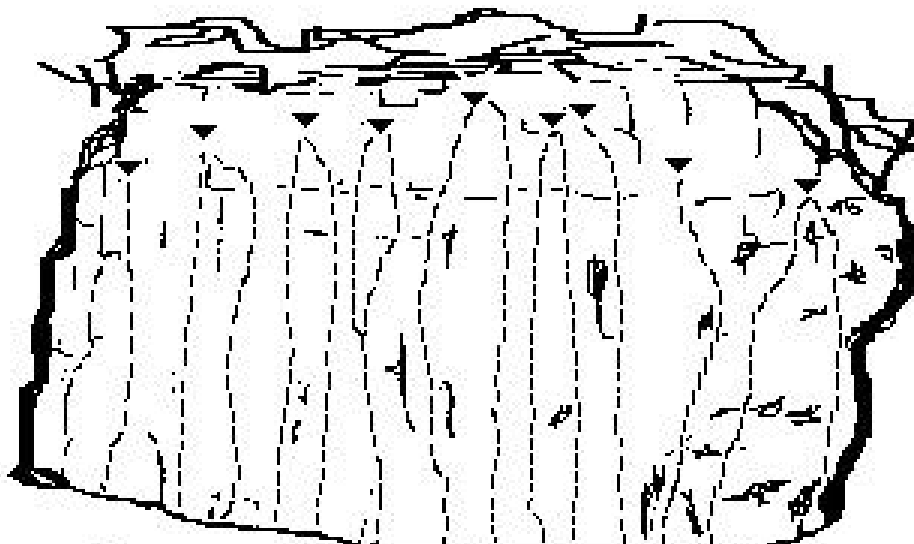
BERRIOS

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| 4. Cógeme | 6a |
| 5. Koloclimber | 7c+ |
| 6. To resentment of repique | 7c+ |
| 7. Current stories | 7a+ |
| 8. Menopause | 7b+ |
| 9. These chaval distant spot | 6a |
| 10. Damn berrios | 7c |
| 11. Tocamientos | 6a |
| 12. Protector | 6a+ |
| 13. Captain Hook | 7c+ |

ii. Caracolillos

Follow the road from Motril to Velez de Banaudilla, a track appears on the right, after the 11km marker. This leads to the crag. Around 20 routes between 5 & 7c.

Motril - Velez of Benaudalla



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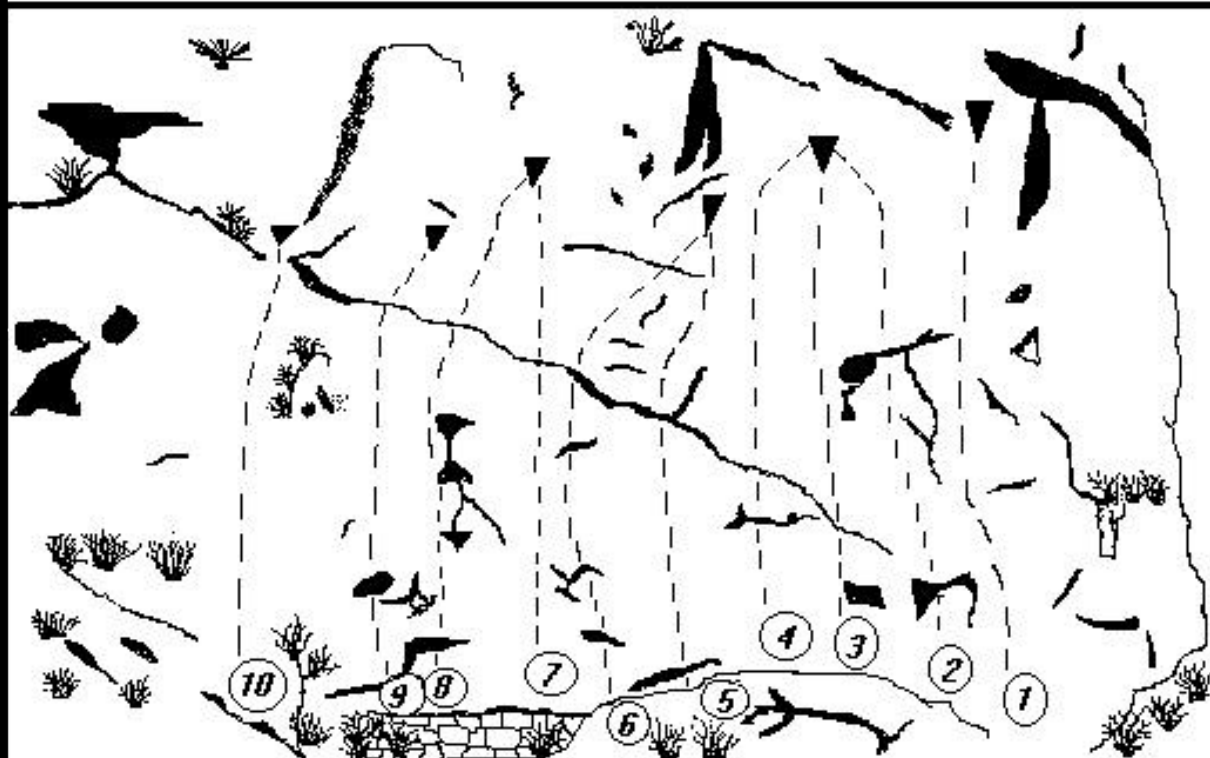
VELEZ OF BENAUDALLA: Sector 1

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Gradúala you 6c | 8. Psychosis 7a+ |
| 2. Delirium tremens 6b+ | 9. High tension 7b+ |
| 3. Fly on the wall 6b | 10. Exit of emergency 6c |
| 4. It last with it last it 6c+ | 11. Storm 6b |
| 5. Colt 45 6b+ | 12. White reflection 7a+ |
| 6. Picapiedras 6b | 13. Kaos 6c |
| 7. Cógeme cipote 7b+ | 14. The end 6a |

iii. Cerro Toro

From Motril, follow the river upstream. There are two crags on the right bank, with around 64 routes, mostly harder grades.

Motril - Cerro del Toro: Sector ESPEJO (Mirror)



Sector ESPEJO (Mirror)

1. Normal	5	6. Super Gene	6a+
2. Curro	6a+	7. Total	6a
3. Alardit	6a	8. Culero Cost	
4. Chirimoya pinchua	6c	9. Itana Petenera	6c
5. Mutia Bulk	6b+	10. Gastón Jorobat	5

Lagos

There are 3 crags. The first 2 are situated either side of the road 2 km before reaching the village. The third is reached by taking a track that leaves the village on its left. The crags are reported to be on private property though there have not been any access problems. 60 routes from 5+ to 8.

Orgiva

At the time of writing we have been unable to locate this crag from the description on the Desnival website despite 2 attempts!

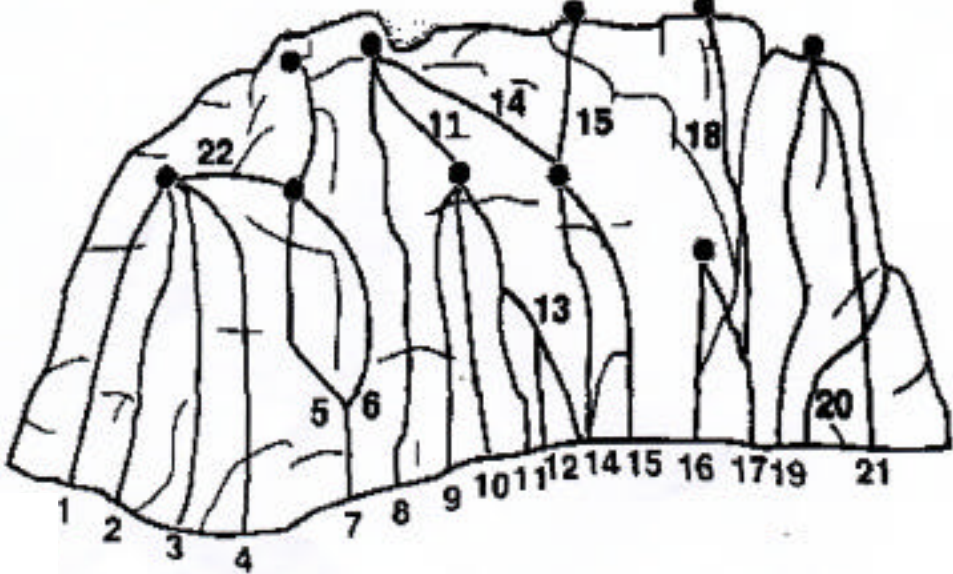
Apparently there are 50 routes, mainly single pitch. Routes from 5 to 7c+. According to Desnival, "going from Orgiva in the direction of the highway, A-348, take the track on the right below a tunnel having crossed the river Guadalfeo."

Capileira

A fine volcanic outcrop, with lots of middle grade climbs. West facing and a short walk from the north end of the town. We have attached a topo compiled by, which we found very useful on our first visit, however there are now more routes than described. In addition there is a small butress 20 m. to the south of the area shown in the topo; all the climbs are bolted. We will update in the near future. Route names and grades are written at the bottom of the climbs.

Capileira is at the start of the Sierra Nevada cross-country ski trails, and is likely to be snowy between December and April.

Capileira



1. Travellers	4	12. Night of Insomnia	6b
2. I am Podrio	5	13. Gaston Jorobat	5
3. Moon of August	6a	14. The Prairie	5
4. The Chorrillo	6a	15. Bitter Lemon	6a
5. The Techillos	5	16.	
6. The Gutter	4+	17. Queimada	5
7. Straw of Haba	5	18. The Ivy	4
8. Rose	4	19. First	4
9. Acrobat	6a	20. The Bird	5
10. Part Coconuts	5+	21. The Nest	4
11. Continuous Tension	6a+	22. Travesia (Traverse)	6a

Niguelas

Not highly rated by Desnivel, but our visit discovered some appealing 25m slab climbing on a giant boulder approximately 100m north of the hydro station, situated upstream of the village in the main gorge. Before reaching the substation, we passed 2 smaller (10m) boulders, 1 on each side of the river.

Dilar - Rambla Seca

Info from Desnivel. about 20 routes, mostly single pitch. Includes Spain's first 8a+ "Otavia." Routes from 5 to 8. Apparently the grading is a little strange.

Take the track from Dilar to the electrical power station. From there continue on foot, the climbing is on both sides of the river.

Loja

Info from Desnivel. About 120 routes, mostly single pitch.

Follow the road from the service station in Loja, and take the first track on the right. about 5k to the crag. Grades from 5+ to 8.

Due to nesting birds, climbing on the lower part of the crag is restricted from January to May.

Monachil

Probably the best known of the climbing areas, south west of Granada, with 16 sectors and around 300 routes, mostly in the middle grades (5+ - 7).