



COUNTRY WALKS

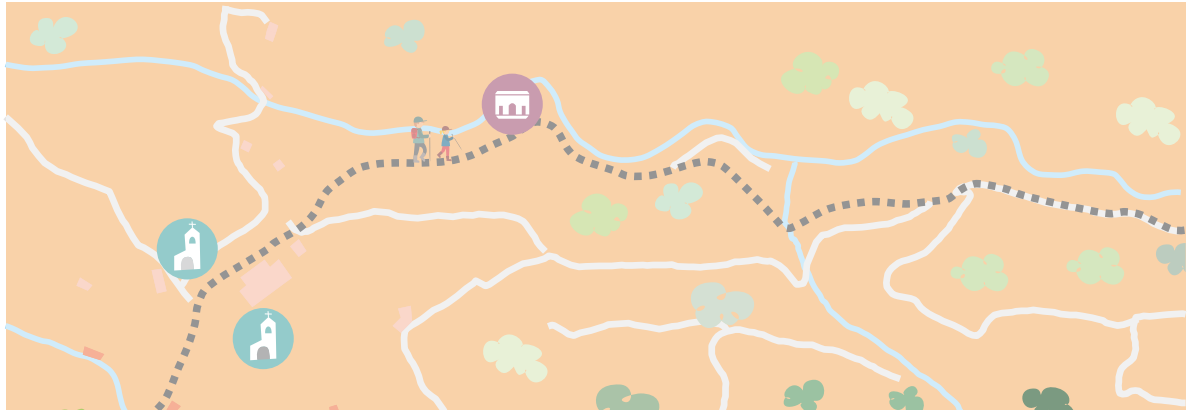
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24 COUNTRY WALKS
that invite you to admire the
beautiful surroundings and
landscapes rich in history
and nature.

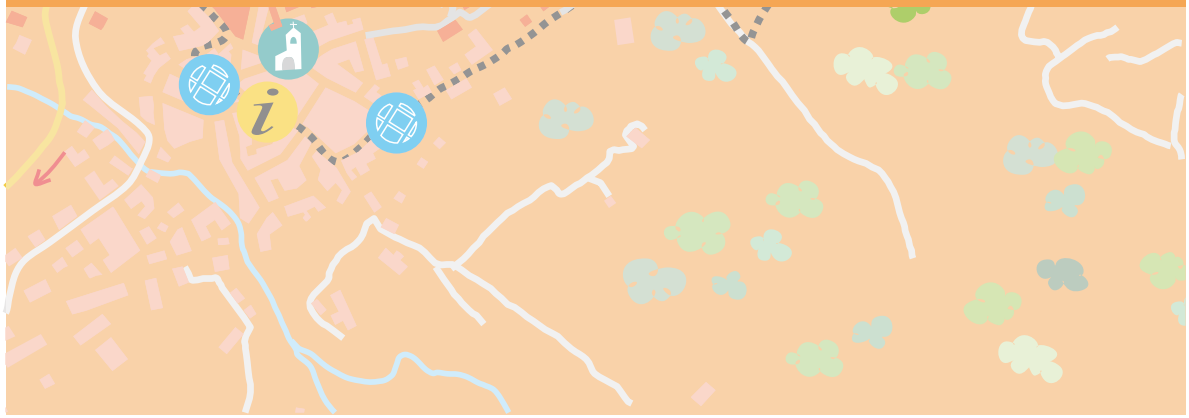


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The Extremadura Rural Development Network (REDEX) is a non-profit organisation composed of the 24 Local Action Groups of the Autonomous Community of Extremadura.

The Local Action Groups are regional non-profit associations in which public and private entities are integrated to jointly work towards the social and economic development of their respective regions.

REDEX's scope of activity includes tourism development in rural areas of Extremadura. Among the various tourism-related initiatives is the promotion of hiking, an activity that is constantly growing and is of great importance since its evolution from informal recreation to a key tourism product with significant economic impact locally.

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COUNTRY WALKS

of Extremadura

Country Walks is a programme launched by the Extremadura Rural Development Network (REDEX) for environmental and cultural stimulation and awareness, preferably for families and schools, through self-guided tours. With this programme, we aim to encourage visitors to admire and appreciate our natural and cultural environments while strolling through these stunning landscapes rich in history and nature.

Through our Country Walks, we propose an activity where children, as well as adults, can have fun while exercising.

These short and easily accessible routes can be enjoyed by everyone and are specially designed for families, where their cultural and/or natural value takes precedence. These characteristics also make them excellent resources for school activities.

Each of these 24 Country Walks is unique for its environmental, scenic and cultural wealth.



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TIME TO PLAN AND START YOUR COUNTRY WALK

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW, USE AND CARRY



Pick your hiking location and plan your activity



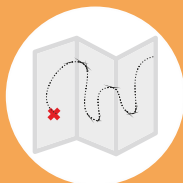
Proper clothing, footwear and gear



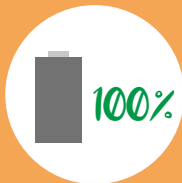
Check the weather forecast



Adequate food and water



Map and GPS



Charged phone

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PLEASE NOTE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS

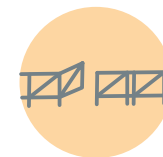
GOOD PRACTICES DURING YOUR WALK



Do not leave any rubbish.
Use rubbish containers



Follow on the marked trails
and routes



You must always respect
private property



Respect and do not disturb the
wildlife. Do not capture animals



No fires



Respect and not picking plants

Emergencies (S.O.S.): 112

The Country Walk “Castañar de los Ojestos” has an extraordinary wealth of natural beauty and heritage as it covers two important locations of the Sierra de Gata region: the Castañar de los Ojestos and the city centre of San Martín de Trevejo.

Castañar de los Ojestos, considered one of the best chestnut groves of the Iberian Peninsula, is included in the Network of Protected Natural Areas of Extremadura in the category of Veteran Tree for its extraordinary environmental and conservation value.

On the other hand, the route also covers San Martín de Trevejo, classified as a Cultural Heritage Site under the category of Historic-Artistic Complex owing to its well-preserved architecture and its distinctive streets with water running through them.

The tour begins by the fountain at the end of the Entrada del Fuerte street, from where you will proceed on the Camino del Convento towards the Convento de San Miguel (Convent of St. Michael), the present-day hotel Hospedería Conventual Sierra de Gata, the Ermita de la Cruz Bendita (Holy Cross Chapel) and the Molino de Frailes mill. From this mill, follow the route towards the Castañar de los Ojestos.

The tour ends after crossing some of the most emblematic streets and points of interest in San Martín, such as the Ciudad street or the Plaza Mayor.

Another important heritage that you can appreciate is “A Falá”, the language spoken in the three towns of Cáceres that form the valley of Eljas or valley of Jálama and classified as Cultural Heritage.

“CASTAÑAR DE LOS OJESTOS”

SIERRA DE GATA



Please note:

MIDE

1	1	2	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

2 Bridleways and well made footpaths.

Amount of effort required:

2 From 1 to 3 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 5,6 Km.

Time: 1 h 53 min.

Unevenness: 155 m.

Track:



Map legend

- Walk
- Local road network
- Path
- Path

- Start - End
- Religious monument
- Outstanding tree

- Civil monument
- Singular street
- Tourist information

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El Melero Meander, formed by the course of Alagón river near Riomalo de Abajo, is described by many travel magazines as one of the most beautiful and fascinating locations in the geography of Spain.

The route runs along the path that gives access to this meander, especially famous for the spectacular panoramic view from its viewpoint, known as La Antigua. From this point, the visitor has the opportunity to enjoy the typical rugged landscape of Las Hurdes.

The well-signposted path to the meander starts from the natural pool of Riomalo de Abajo, a great place for swimming in the Ladrillar river. It is a short tour, a round trip of just over five kilometres, and the abundant vegetation by the ascending road makes it quite enjoyable. The panoramic view from the viewpoint is one of breathtaking beauty. It is a spectacular sight in any season of the year.

"MELERO MEANDER"



LAS HURDES

Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

2 From 1 to 3 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Return trip.

Distance: 6 Km.

Time: 200 hours.

Unevenness: 146 m.

Track:



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Map legend

- Walk
- Secondary road network
- Path



Start - End



Interesting landscape



Panoramic views



Bathing area

This Walk covers the Roman Silver Way amid the scenic “dehesas” or pastures of cork oaks and holm oaks and finally ends in the Roman city of Cáparra.

It is a very comfortable route extending evenly on a straight course.

You will be walking on a path of great cultural and anthropological importance when combined with the tour of Vía de la Plata route, the Way of Saint James and the Cañada Soriana Occidental (drovers’ road).

Our itinerary passes between stone walls. After an hour and a half of walking, the route forks, the Cañada Soriana Occidental turns to the right, and your journey continues straight ahead. The track becomes narrow near the Roman city of Cáparra.

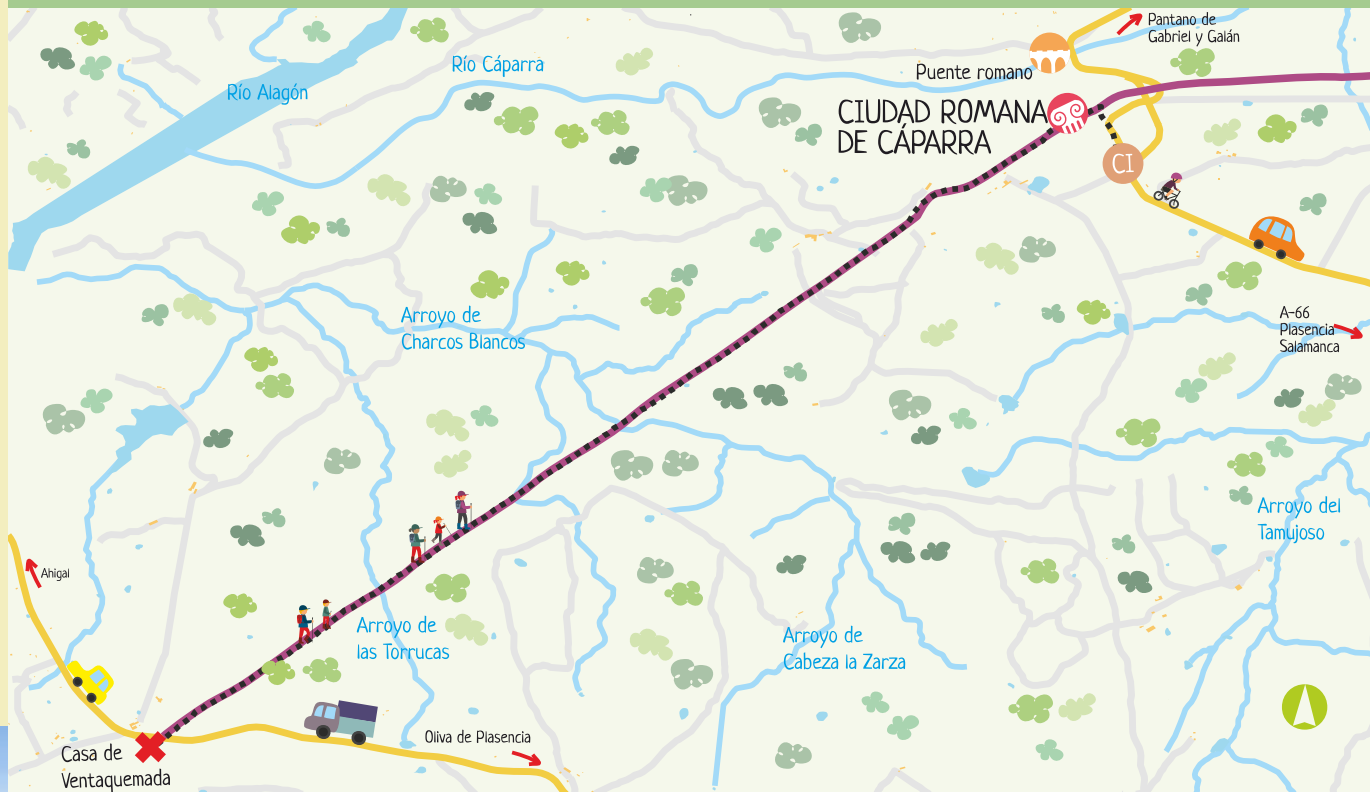
Once in Cáparra, you can marvel at this magnificent archaeological site, declared a Cultural Heritage Site. We recommend first visiting the Interpretation Centre to delve into the history of the city and then completing the tour by visiting the site.

The beautiful and unique tetrapylon or four-faced arch is the main highlight of this place and you can also observe the remains of cobblestones of the Vía de la Plata (Silver Way), the baths, the Roman forum, the amphitheatre and the defensive walls.



“ROMAN SILVER WAY”

TRASIERRA-TIERRAS DE GRANADILLA



Map legend

- Walk
- Roman road
- Local road network
- Path

- ✗ Start - End
- CI Museum

- Engineering monuments
- Archaeological zone

Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	3

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

- 2 From 3 to 6 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Return trip.

Distance: 7 Km.

Time: 4:00 hours.

Unevenness: 30 m.

Track:



The final destination of this Country Walk is the Castaños del Temblar, a natural area formed by five 100-year-old chestnut trees located in an old farm near the Arroyo del Temblar.

It is a short and easy round trip, although it has a certain degree of slope.

During this tour, the visitor can enjoy excellent views of the Ambroz Valley as well as the chestnut and oak forests.

The route begins at the plaza of Verraco de Segura de Toro, a Celtic stone bull located in the centre of the town.

Once at the Arroyo del Temblar, ascend a few metres along this until you reach an area protected by a wooden fence. Five magnificent chestnut trees, known as Castaños del Temblar, aged 500 to 800 years, stand tall on the terraces at different heights and are classified as Veteran Trees.

Each tree has a name and its own identity. The most important one is situated on the lower part and is called "El Hondonero", followed by the "Castaño del Arroyo". Slightly farther than these are "El Bronco", "El Retorcio" and, on the highest part of this farm, "El Menuero".

If it is summer, you can conclude the activity by going for a swim in the natural pool of Segura de Toro nearby.

"CASTAÑOS DEL TEMBLAR"

VALLE DEL AMBROZ



Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 3 to 6 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Return trip.

Distance: 4 Km.

Time: 1 h 30 min.

Unevenness: 189 m.

Track:



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Map legend

- Walk
- Path
- Local road network
- Path
- Start - End



Interesting landscape



Outstanding tree



Religious monument



Castle



Bathing area



Monument

Discovering one of the most important natural treasures of the Jerte Valley is the objective of this Country Walk within the Nature Reserve Garganta de los Infiernos (Gorge of Hell).

Los Pilones are a series of spectacular potholes—giant's kettles—excavated in the bed of the Garganta de los Infiernos by the force of water that have converted into excellent natural pools.

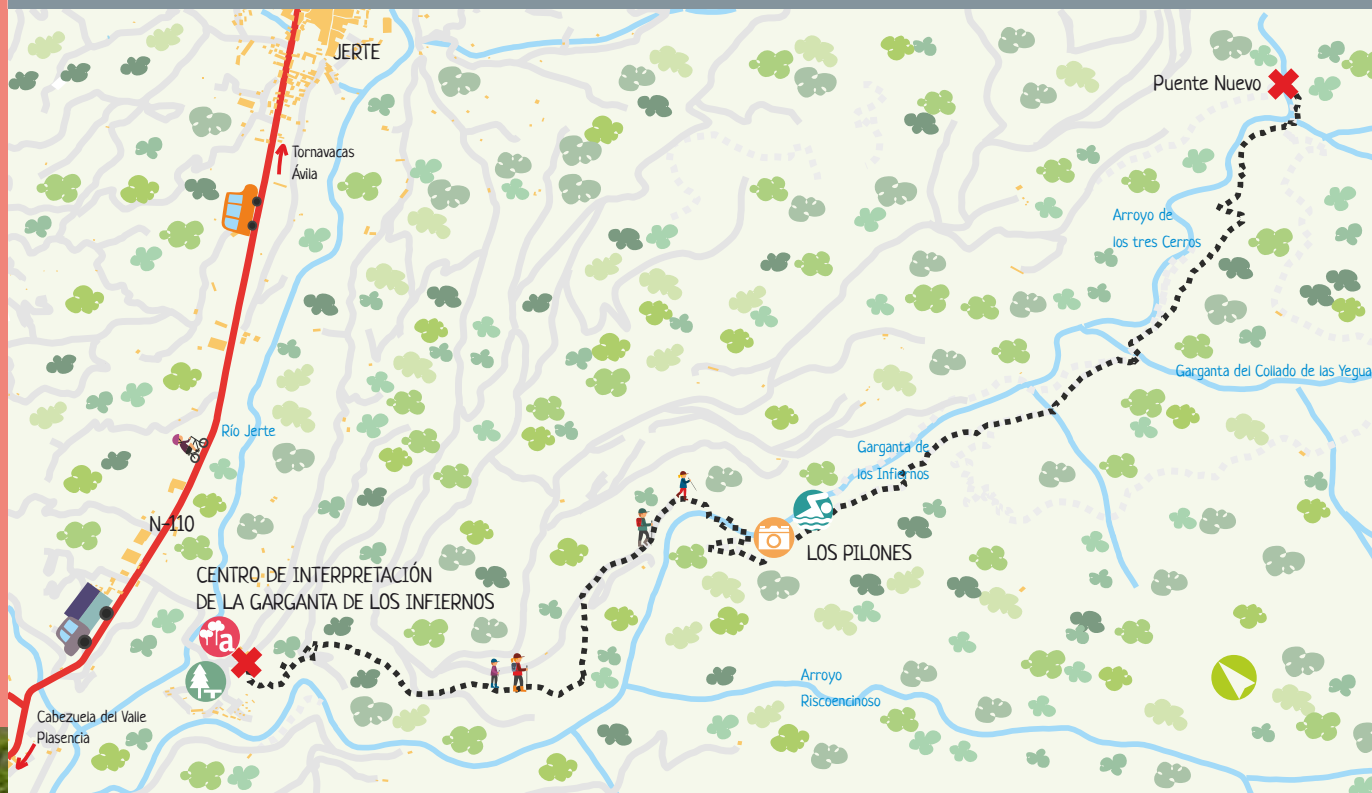
It is a low difficulty route and the round trip is about 6 km, which can be covered on foot in approximately two hours. It is well signposted.

The Ruta de los Pilones trail begins at the Interpretation Centre of the Nature Reserve of the Garganta through a signposted path that ascends between oak groves along the right slope of the gorge. This trail offers stunning views and from a viewpoint, before reaching Los Pilones, you can observe a splendid image of this location.

The route leads up to the Puente Nuevo from where you can head back along the same path.

"GORGE OF HELL"

VALLE DEL JERTE



Please note:

MIDE

2	1	2	2

Severity of environment:

2. More than 1 risk factor.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signposted.

Difficulty of terrain:

2. Bridleways and well made footpaths.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 3 to 6 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Return trip.

Distance: 6,5 Km.

Time: 2 h 30 min.

Unevenness: 337 m.

Track:



Map legend

Walk
 National road network
 Path
 Path

Start - End



Interesting landscape



Recreational area



Bathing area



Environmental education

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This route has extraordinary wealth in terms of heritage and history. It covers the city centre of Cuacos de Yuste, declared a Historic-Artistic Complex, and the complex formed by the Monastery of Yuste and the Palace of Charles V, declared European Heritage and Monument.

The most important point of the route is the Royal Site of the Monastery of Saint Jerome of Yuste, historical and cultural icon of Spain and Europe for being chosen by Emperor Charles V to spend the final days of his life—this is where he drew his last breath on September 21, 1558. To this end, the “Royal Quarter” or Palace of Charles V was built close to the monastery, next to the main altar of the church and composed of two floors with four rooms each.

The monastic complex, on the other hand, is formed by the church and two cloisters, one Gothic and the other new cloister from the 16th century.

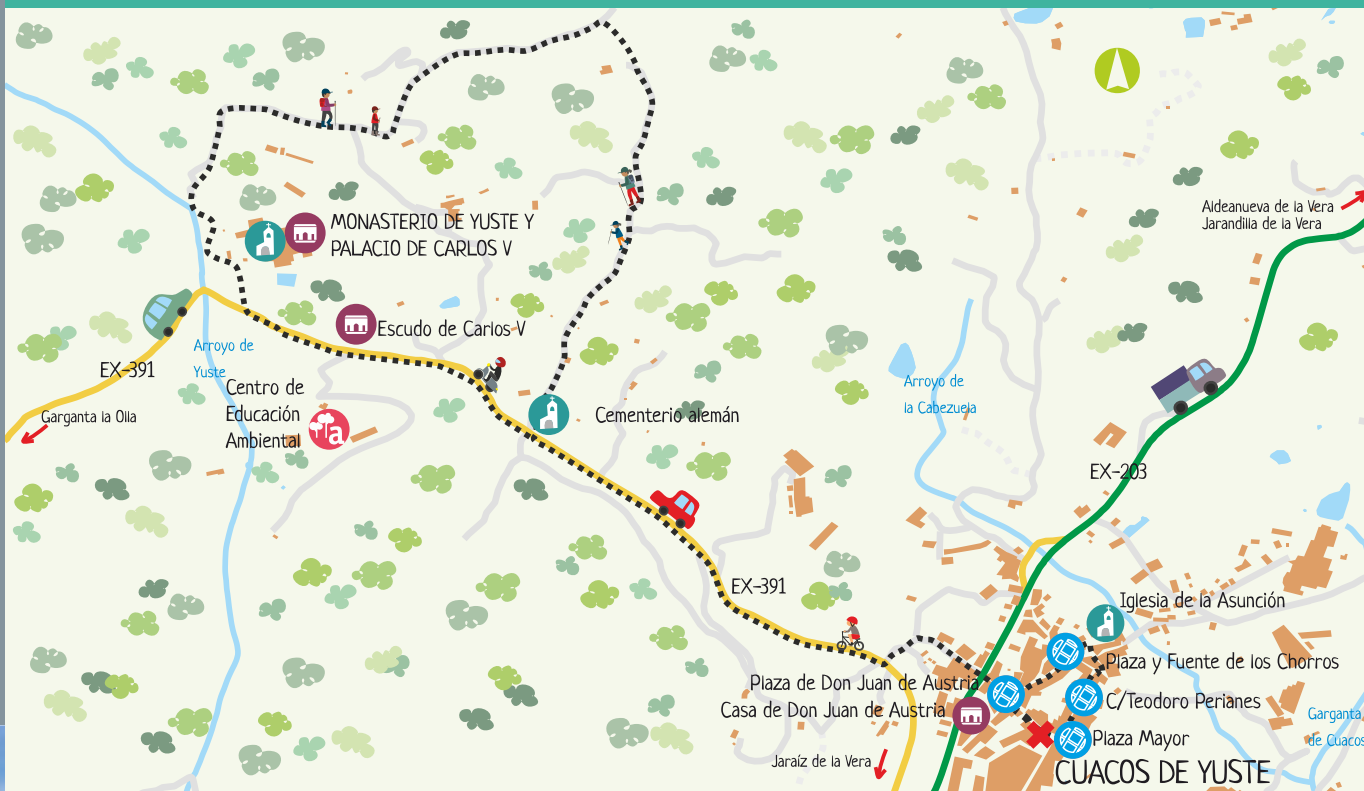
Another point of interest on this route is the city centre of Cuacos de Yuste where you will cross its typical streets and its main monuments.

Situated between these two points is the unique “Cementerio alemán” (German Cemetery), a war grave of German soldiers who died in Spain during World War I and World War II.



“MONASTERY OF YUSTE”

LA VERA



Map legend

- Walk
- Local road network
- Path
- Path



Start - End



Religious monument



Civil monument



Singular street



Environmental education

Please note:

MIDE

1	1	2	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

2. Bridleways and well made footpaths.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 3 to 6 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 5,4 Km.

Time: 2:00 hours.

Unevenness: 218 m.

Track:



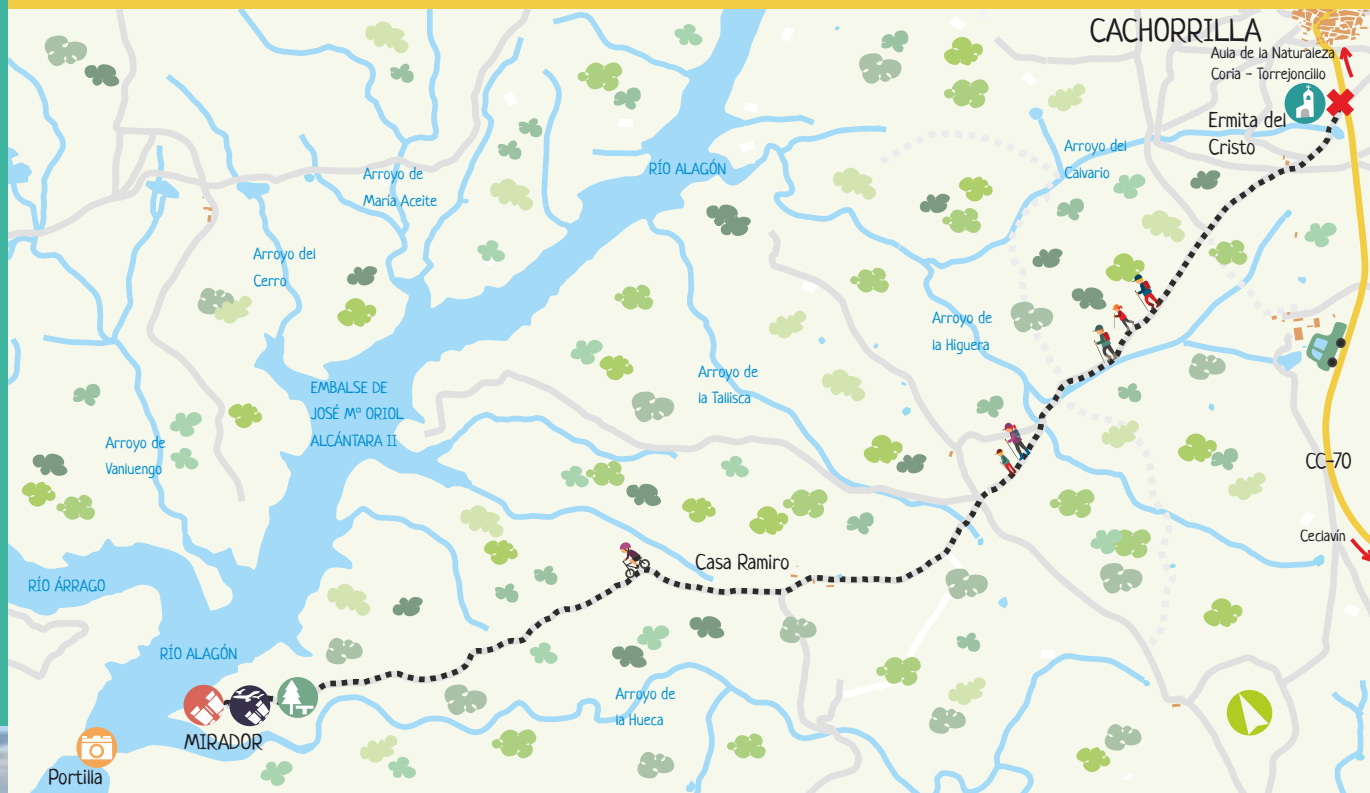
The route is quite enjoyable and a simple stroll that will allow you to visit one of the most interesting river landscapes of Extremadura: Canchos de Ramiro, the heart of the Alagón Valley region.

The proposed route is a 10-km-long round trip and can be easily completed in half a day. Accessing the Canchos is quite simple. You just have to take the signposted road—called Camino del Chorrillo—that starts from the Ermita del Cristo (Christ Chapel), located 200 metres from the city centre of Cachorrilla along the Carretera de Ceclavín road.

Along the trail, you will cross four different ecosystems: “dehesa” or pasture, Mediterranean forest, riverbank and rocky area, where it is possible to observe numerous bird species, such as griffon vulture, Eurasian black vulture, short-toed eagle, golden eagle, booted eagle, Egyptian vulture, black stork, Eurasian eagle-owl, peregrine falcon, common buzzard, red kite, black kite, Eurasian hoopoe and Eurasian crag martin. The floral diversity, too, is quite remarkable and you will often find yourself in areas shaded by arbutus, flax-leaved daphne, laurustinus, honeysuckle, myrtle and mastic trees.

The final part of the Canchos de Ramiro is truly spectacular and consists of a porthole formed by a quartzite cliff that offers passage to the Alagón river, which receives the water from its main affluent, the Árrago river, flowing from the Sierra de Gata nearby.

“CANCHOS DE RAMIRO”



VALLE DEL ALAGÓN

Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	3

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

3. From 3 to 6 hours of continuous walking

Type of route:

Return trip.

Distance: 10 Km.

Time: 4:00 hours.

Unevenness: 114 m.

Track:



Map legend

- Walk
- Local road network
- Path
- Path

- Start - End
- Religious monument
- Interesting landscape

- Bird observatory
- Recreational area
- Panoramic views

The Villa del Arco or El Arquillo in the municipality of Cañaveral is a neighbourhood that ceased to be an independent municipality in 1968. Situated in the southern foothills of the Sierra de Arco, it was once almost entirely abandoned and has been rehabilitated in the recent years.

El Arquillo offers rich traditional architecture in an excellent state of conservation and just a stroll through its streets takes us back in time to its rural past. Also, it has several springs and fountains, always overflowing with water, and the remains of a gigantic 500-year-old elm tree. At the top of this village is one of its most important buildings: the Church of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción.

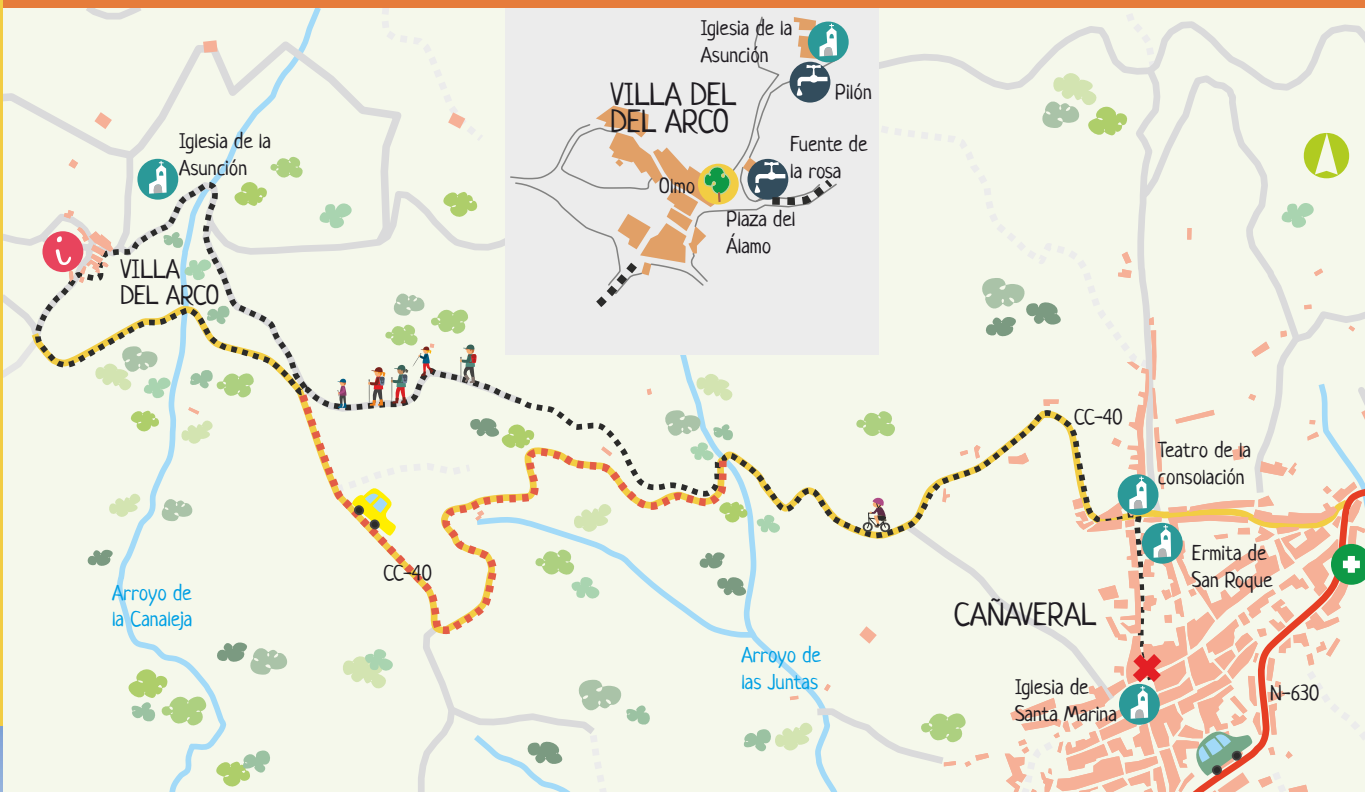
The efforts for the restoration of this small village were rewarded with the ADENEX 2012 Award for their contribution to the conservation of nature and cultural heritage. The Villa has an Association of Friends of Villa del Arco that works towards the conservation and rehabilitation of the locality, considered one of the most beautiful in Extremadura.

In 2015, the project for the restoration of the Alamo plaza and the irrigation canals was selected for the “sustainable municipality” award by the UNESCO office in Cáceres.

The village is surrounded by a charming landscape and enjoys stunning views of the Llanos de Cáceres plains and the Alcántara dam.



“VILLA DEL ARCO”



Map legend

- Walk
- Alternative walk
- National road network
- Local road network

- Path
- Path
- Start - End
- Religious monument
- Outstanding tree
- Interesting landscape
- Emergencies
- Water source

MONFRAGÜE Y SU ENTORNO

Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 1 to 3 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Return trip.

Distance: 6,4 Km.

Time: 2:00 hours.

Unevenness: 112 m.

Track:



The “Senda de los Frailes” trail will take you through one of the most beautiful settings in the Campo Arañuelo region, known for its rich landscapes, its cultural heritage and panoramic views of Las Villuercas, the plain of that area and the Valdecañas reservoir.

The route begins and ends next to the old Convento de Santa Ana (Convent of St. Anne), also known as Henera de Santa Ana. The two main landmarks of the route are:

- The Convent of Francisco del Berrocal, constructed in 1505, which enjoys an excellent location protected from the northern winds and situated close to a stream and other sources that ensure constant availability of water. It is quite famous because this is where the 12 friars who were responsible for the evangelisation of New Mexico in 1524, known as “The Twelve Apostles of Mexico or New Mexico”, came from.
- Chapel of Nuestra Señora del Berrocal, a 15th-century building that received numerous renovations until the 18th century. Outside the building, the most outstanding feature is the huge sculpture of a friar and the magnificent panoramic views of the Valdecañas reservoir and Las Villuercas.

Once the Walk is completed, you can take the opportunity to appreciate the rich historic-artistic heritage of the Belvís de Monroy town, especially its Castle-Palace.

“SENDA DE LOS FRAILES”

CAMPO ARAÑUELO



Map legend

- Walk
- Alternative walk
- Local road network
- Path

- ✗ Start - End
- 🏰 Religious monument
- 🏰 Panoramic views
- 🌲 Recreational area
- 📍 Tourist information
- 🏊 Bathing area
- 🏰 Castle

Please note:

MIDE

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1	1	1	1

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

1. Less than one hour of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 3 Km.

Time: 1:00 hours.

Unevenness: 27 m.

Track:



With this Country Walk, we propose a tour of the main monuments and sites of the historical complex of Alcántara and its surrounding areas.

The tour begins at the Arco de la Concepción and proceeds towards the Convent of San Benito, Casa de la Clavería, Hospital de la Piedad, the Interpretation Centre of the Tagus International Nature Reserve, the church of Almocóvar, the church and monument of San Pedro de Alcántara, the Convent of las Comendadoras and the Church of the Encarnación. From this last point, descend towards the Roman temple and bridge.

After admiring the extraordinary Roman bridge, begin your ascent to see the Balcón del Mundo (Balcony of the World) where you can enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the Tagus river, the Roman bridge and the Alcántara dam.

Next, head back to the town of Alcántara, crossing its fortified stronghold, one of the largest fortified precincts in Extremadura. Until your final destination, in this new urban area, you can observe the Topete-Escobar Palace, Mansion of the Marquises of Torreorgaz, Mansion of the Roco-Campofrío, Chapel of the Encarnación and the Chapel of San Antón, finishing the tour at the Arco de la Concepción.

"BALCONY OF THE WORLD"

TAJO - SALOR - ALMONTE



Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 1 to 3 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 6,2 Km.

Time: 3:00 hours.

Unevenness: 143 m.

Track:



Map legend

- Walk
- Alternative walk
- Basic road network
- Start - End

- Path
- Path
- Engineering monuments
- Panoramic views

- Religious monument
- Bastion/walls
- Civil monument
- Tourist information

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The main attraction of this route is the visit to the Basilica of Santa Lucía del Trampal and its interpretation centre.

Start your Walk at the Avenida de la Constitución Park and proceed towards Plaza de España. From this plaza, continue on Fuente del Castaño street that will take you directly to the route of Santa Lucía del Trampal. About 3 kilometres down the route, you will find the Interpretation Centre and, just a little farther, the Basilica of Santa Lucía del Trampal, nestled in the gorgeous foothills of the Sierra de Centinela.

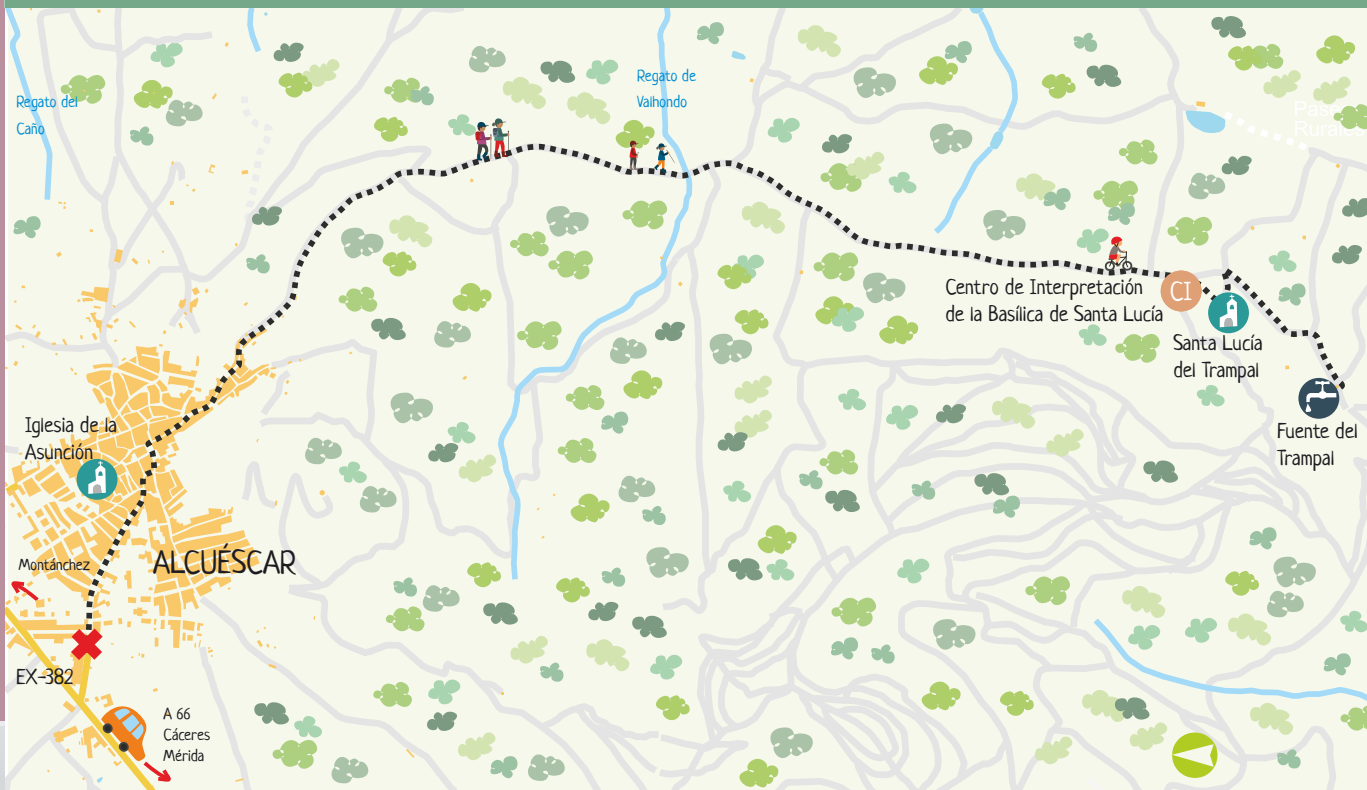
This basilica is one of the finest examples of the Visigothic architecture in Spain and is declared a Cultural Heritage Site. It is a 17th-century Visigothic monastic church with three naves, a transept and three independent apses. Various archaeological remains indicate that this place was extensively used before the arrival of Visigoths. At the interpretation centre, you can find detailed information on the basilica, its history and its surrounding areas.

The route leads to the Fuente del Trampal. The abundant water from this spring was used to water a meadow especially dedicated to orange trees, now abandoned. Today, this place gives us a sense of the agricultural, livestock and natural wealth that these areas must have possessed in ancient times.

Along the way, you will be able to admire a magnificent landscape composed of cork oaks, holm oaks and olive trees.

"SANTA LUCÍA DEL TRAMPAL"

SIERRA DE MONTÁNCHEZ Y TAMUJA



Map legend

- Walk
- Local road network
- Path
- Path

- ✗ Start - End
- 🏛️ Religious monument

- 💧 Water source
- CI Museum

Please note:

MIDE

⚠️	🔥	🌿	🏠
1	1	1	3

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

3. From 3 to 6 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

- Return trip.

Distance: 10 Km.

Time: 4:00 hours.

Unevenness: 45 m.

Track:



This Walk takes you into the fields of Madroñera village, where you will find an excellent Mediterranean forest and picturesque views of the Trujillo peneplain, Las Villueras and the Cerro de Pedro Gómez hill.

The “Lagares and Serranías” Country Walk is well signposted and runs along the SL-CC 249 hiking trail.

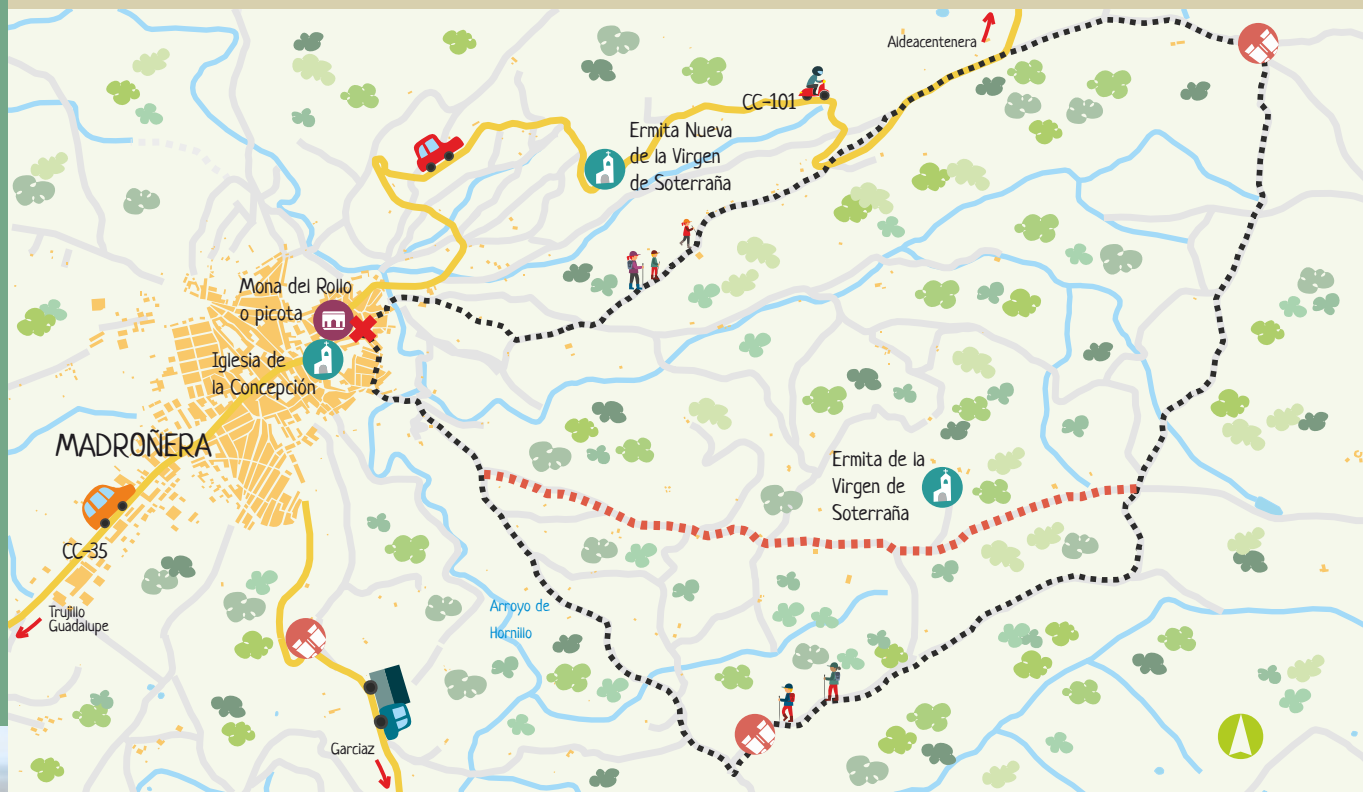
The route starts from the Plaza del Rollo where a 16th-century “picota”—a column usually made of stone with a cross or a ball on its capital—popularly known as “Mona del Rollo”, still stands tall in the centre. In the same plaza, you can observe the “Casa Palacio de los Santa Cruz” mansion with its Renaissance facade and a coat of arms.

As you go higher on the route towards the olive groves, you will be able to enjoy extraordinary views of the Madroñera city, the Trujillo peneplain and the town of Trujillo. From the location known as Dehesa del Aguijal, you will be able to see a fascinating image of the Sierra de las Villueras mountain range.

About 75 km from the initial point, near an old barrack, you can appreciate some spectacular views of the Cerro de Pedro Gómez mountain (1,002 metres) and its slopes packed with oak trees. This panoramic view reveals how the vegetation is distributed on different levels according to the height: holm oaks and thickets occupy the lower part, whereas the highest part is dominated by an oak grove.

The tour ends at the beautiful and unique Plaza del Rollo, the starting point of the Walk.

“LAGARES AND SERRANÍAS”



Map legend

- Walk
- Alternative walk
- Local road network

- Path
- Path
- Start - End

- Civil monument
- Panoramic views
- Religious monument

Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 1 to 3 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 9,7 Km.

Time: 3:00 hours.

Unevenness: 245 m.

Track:



The Rucas river runs embedded in a deep gorge flanked by the tall quartzite ridges of the surrounding mountains. It is a natural encasing caused by the constant carving of the river on a long tectonic fault.

The Desfiladero de Rucas gorge is one of the many Geosites of the Villuercas Ibores Jara Geopark.

The proposed tour is suitable for everyone as it is quite simple and offers other important attractions such as a visit to the Chiquita Cave or Álvarez Cave, a prehistoric sanctuary of schematic rock art, and the Charco de la Nutria, one of the most beautiful locations in Las Villuercas.

The starting point of the route is located close to the Road EX102, together with a set of various information panels that coincide with the beginning of the famous route "Ruta de Isabel La Católica" (PR-CC 242). Descend towards the channel of Arroyo de Valbellido surrounded by cork oaks, Pyrenean oaks and cypresses. You will then arrive at Laguna del Molino where you will find a recreational area at the banks of the Rucas river and the Molino de Valbellido mill which still preserves the original machinery inside. Follow the route towards the natural pool and the Charco de la Nutria. On the way back, you can visit the Chiquita Cave or Álvarez Cave nearby.

An interesting alternative is to climb up to the "Cancho del Fresno" dam along the "Ruta de Isabel la Católica" route.

"DESFILADERO DEL RUECAS"



Map legend

- Walk
- Alternative walk
- Basic road network
- Path
- Local road network
- Start - End

- Civil monument
- Reservoir
- Interesting landscape
- Panoramic views

- Recreational area
- Environmental education
- Bathing area
- Cave

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Please note:

MIDE

1	1	2	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

2. Bridleways and well made footpaths.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 1 to 3 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Return trip.

Distance: 3 Km.

Time: 1 h 30 hours.

Unevenness: 66 m.

Track:



It is a circular route that starts and ends in Valencia de Alcántara and has a diversion halfway that leads to the Molino de la Negra, the southern limit of the Tagus International Nature Reserve. It is a very comfortable route as it goes through a wide track which is in fairly good condition, except for the round trip to the Molino de la Negra that involves a certain degree of slope and in which the track turns into an alley.

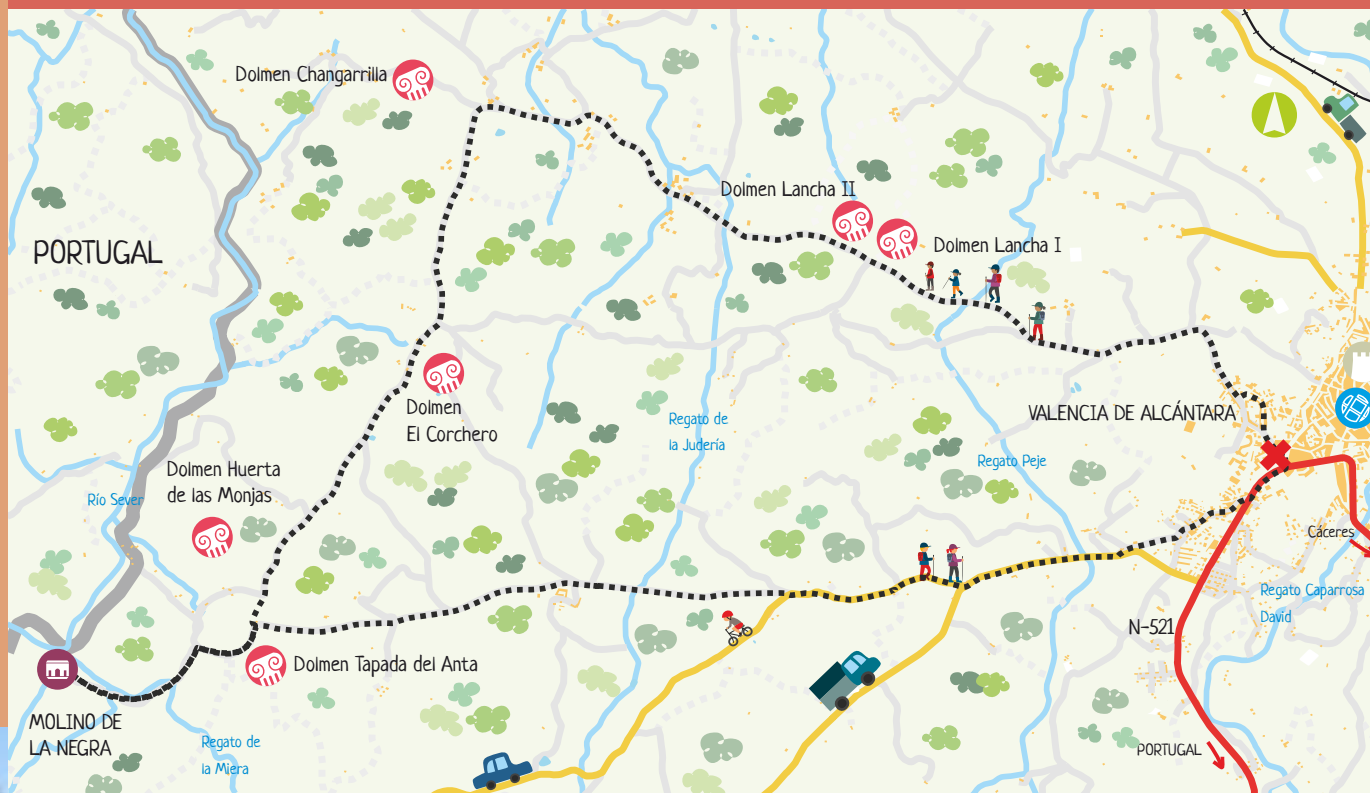
It passes through an area where the granite batholith of the Valencia de Alcántara countryside appears at numerous spots, resulting in a very distinctive landscape dotted with cork oaks and Pyrenean oaks. This is further enhanced by a magnificent gallery forest of the Miera river and the Sever river, where the remains of the Molino de la Negra mill can be observed and where alders and ash trees abound, along with lush riparian vegetation. What truly makes this location exceptional is the presence of some scarce species of our fauna, such as the Iberian emerald lizard, otter and, found in abundance until recently, the white-clawed crayfish. You can also observe numerous forest and riparian bird species such as grey wagtail, Eurasian kingfisher and Eurasian golden oriole.

Another great attraction of this route is its fascinating megalithic heritage. It passes very close to the dolmens of the Lanchas, Changarrilla, El Corchero, Huerta de las Monjas and the Tapada del Anta, which is 200 metres from the route and is one of the largest that can be seen in the region.



"MOLINO DE LA NEGRA"

SIERRA DE SAN PEDRO-LOS BALDÍOS



Map legend

- Walk
- National road network
- Local road network
- Path
- Path
- Railroad

- Civil monument
- Castle
- Collection of historic buildings
- Archaeological zone

Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	3

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

3. From 3 to 6 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 16 Km.

Time: 4:00 hours.

Unevenness: 92 m.

Track:



We invite you to take a stroll through a unique space where nature and history have lived together for centuries. Above all, the Cornalvo Nature Reserve is an excellent example of a well-preserved “dehesa” or pasture, with a smooth and slightly undulating orography—very pleasant for walking.

This “Country Walk” runs along a road around the Cornalvo Reservoir, coinciding with the Ruta Azul route of the Reserve. You will begin the Walk next to the Roman dam and its water catchment tower, used to supply water to the city of Emerita Augusta (present-day Mérida), which continues to be in use today. Its name originated in the Roman era when they called it Cornus Albus (white horn) since they saw it as horn-shaped and because of the white colour of its waters. The dam is 20 metres high and almost 200 metres long, built with large granite ashlars reinforced with mortar.

Along this Walk, you can spot various water birds, such as the great crested grebe, the little grebe, ducks, seagulls, herons, vultures, kites and the black stork. On the river banks: lesser whitethroats, nightingales and melodious warblers, among others.

As for the vegetation in the area, the most prominent examples are the pasture formations, holm oak and cork oak forests and thickets, such as rock roses, heather, bushes and Retama broom.

Before starting the Walk, we recommend visiting the Interpretation Centre of the Nature Reserve located in Trujillanos.

“THE CORNALVO RESERVOIR”

LÁCARA



Map legend

- Walk
- Local road network
- Path
- Path

- Start – End
- Civil monument

Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 1 to 3 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 6 Km.

Time: 2:00 hours.

Unevenness: 10 m.

Track:



This Country Walk takes you to Medellín, one of the most famous towns of great historical significance in Extremadura as it is home to important archaeological remains, structures and monuments of exceptional artistic value.

Medellín was founded by the Roman consul Quintus Caecilius Metellus Pius under the name of Metellinum in 79 BC.

Start your journey at the plaza of the Town Hall that features a Torre del Reloj (Clock Tower) and the statue of Hernán Cortés. From here, you will proceed to the 13th-century Iglesia de Santiago (St. James' Church) which houses the Interpretation Centre of the Archaeology Park of Medellín.

Next to this, you will find the Roman theatre of Medellín. This monument is quite grandiose and in an excellent state of conservation. It could once host up to 3,200 spectators.

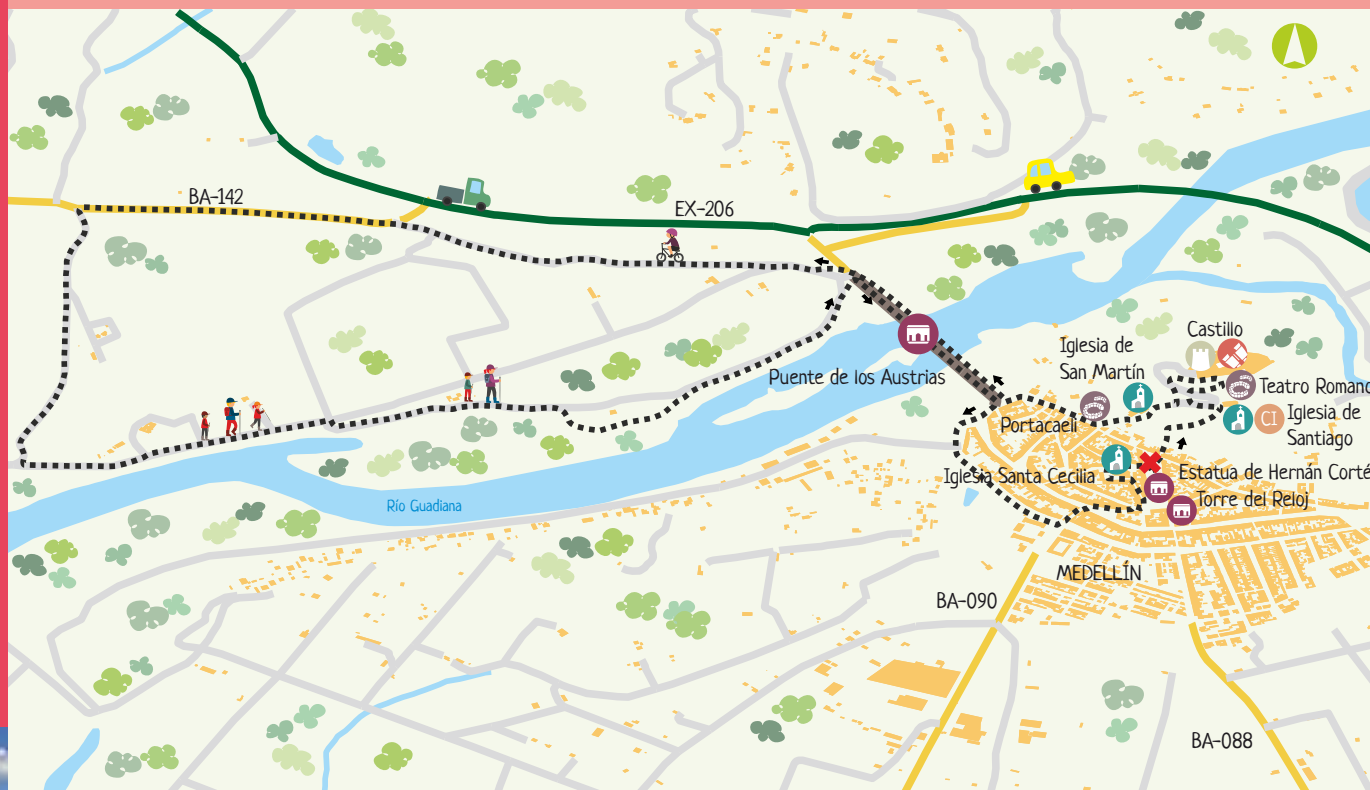
The next landmark is the magnificent castle called Castillo de Medellín which offers the best panoramic views of Medellín and Las Vegas del Guadiana region. Following this, you will pass by the Church of St. Martin and the ruins of Portacaeli.

When leaving the town, you will cross the splendid 17th-century bridge Puente de los Austrias. It is 400 metres long and has a series of 20 arches. In its centre, there is a small temple bearing the Austrian coat of arms and an inscription alluding to its construction during the reign of King Philip IV.

After crossing the bridge, you will enter the irrigated fields, widely spread across the region, and walk along the Guadiana river. The last milestone will be the Gothic-style Iglesia de Santa Cecilia (St Cecilia's Church).

"METELLINUM"

VEGAS ALTAS DEL GUADIANA



Map legend

- Walk
- Local road network
- Secondary road network
- Path
- Path
- ✗ Start - End
- ⛪ Religious monument
- 🏰 Castle
- 🏛️ Civil monument
- 🏛️ Archaeological zone
- 🏛️ Museum
- 🏛️ Panoramic views

Please note:

MIDE

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1	1	2	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

2. Bridleways and well made footpaths.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 1 to 3 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 75 Km.

Time: 2 h 30 min.

Unevenness: 73 m.

Track:



This Country Walk offers an opportunity to visit to the main attractions of the city of Herrera del Duque.

Starting your journey from the Plaza de Toros, proceed to the picturesque Real street, followed by the Convent of la Concepción.

From there, walk towards the Sierra del Chamorro mountains and the Castle of Herrera del Duque.

The castle sits atop the live rock acquiring an octagonal layout to adapt to the morphology of the terrain. Its external stonework is especially remarkable with its solid masonry, a 15-metres-tall and about 4-metres-thick structure.

You can enjoy spectacular views of Herrera del Duque and La Siberia region from the castle.

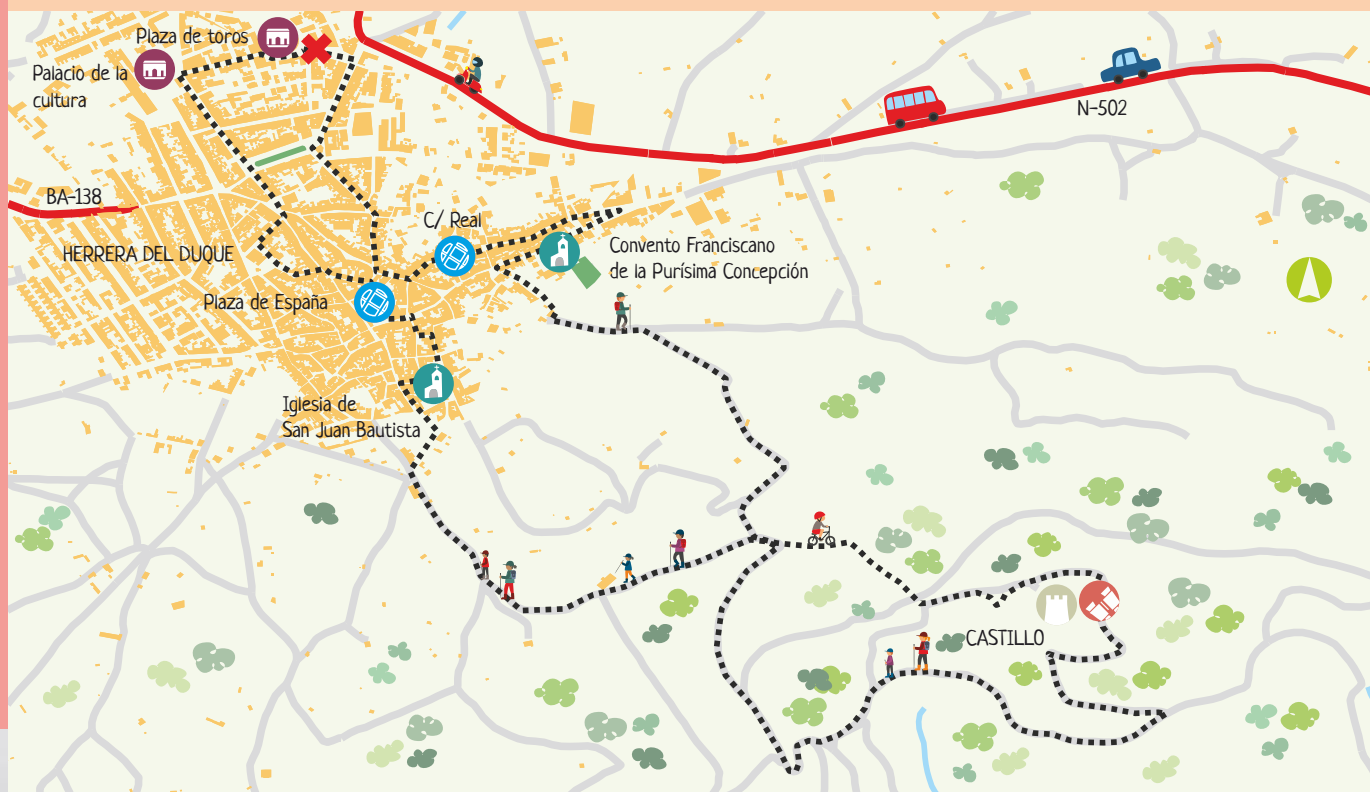
The great wealth of its fauna and the landscapes make this Country Walk even more delightful.

From the castle, head back to the Herrera where you can visit the Iglesia de San Juan Bautista (St. John the Baptist's Church) and the Plaza de España. Continue your walk through Altozano, a very popular neighbourhood, until you reach the Town Hall, proceed on La Carrera street and head towards the cultural centre Palacio de la Cultura.

For the children, once the tour is over, we recommend a visit to the Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente Park, where they can observe animals in a semi-natural environment, such as white-tailed deer, red deer, and roe deer.

"THE CASTLE OF HERRERA DEL DUQUE"

LA SIBERIA



Please note:

MIDE

2	1	2	2

Severity of environment:

2. More than
1 risk factor.

How easy is the route
to follow:

1. Paths and junctions
well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

2. Bridleways and
well made footpaths.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 1 to 3 hours
of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 8 Km.

Time: 3:00 hours.

Unevenness: 280 m.

Track:



Map legend

- Walk
- National road network
- Path
- Path

- Start - End
- Religious monument
- Singular street
- Panoramic views
- Civil monument
- Castle

Situated 6 kilometres away from Olivenza is the Sierra de Alor, close to the town of San Jorge de Alor, that has been declared a Special Area of Conservation (ZEC) owing to its great ecological significance and a good state of conservation.

The itinerary that we have created includes numerous attractions (viewpoints, small huts, springs, the refuge of the bandit Diego Corrientes, etc.). Several interpretive panels along this Country Walk describe their environmental significance and rich heritage.

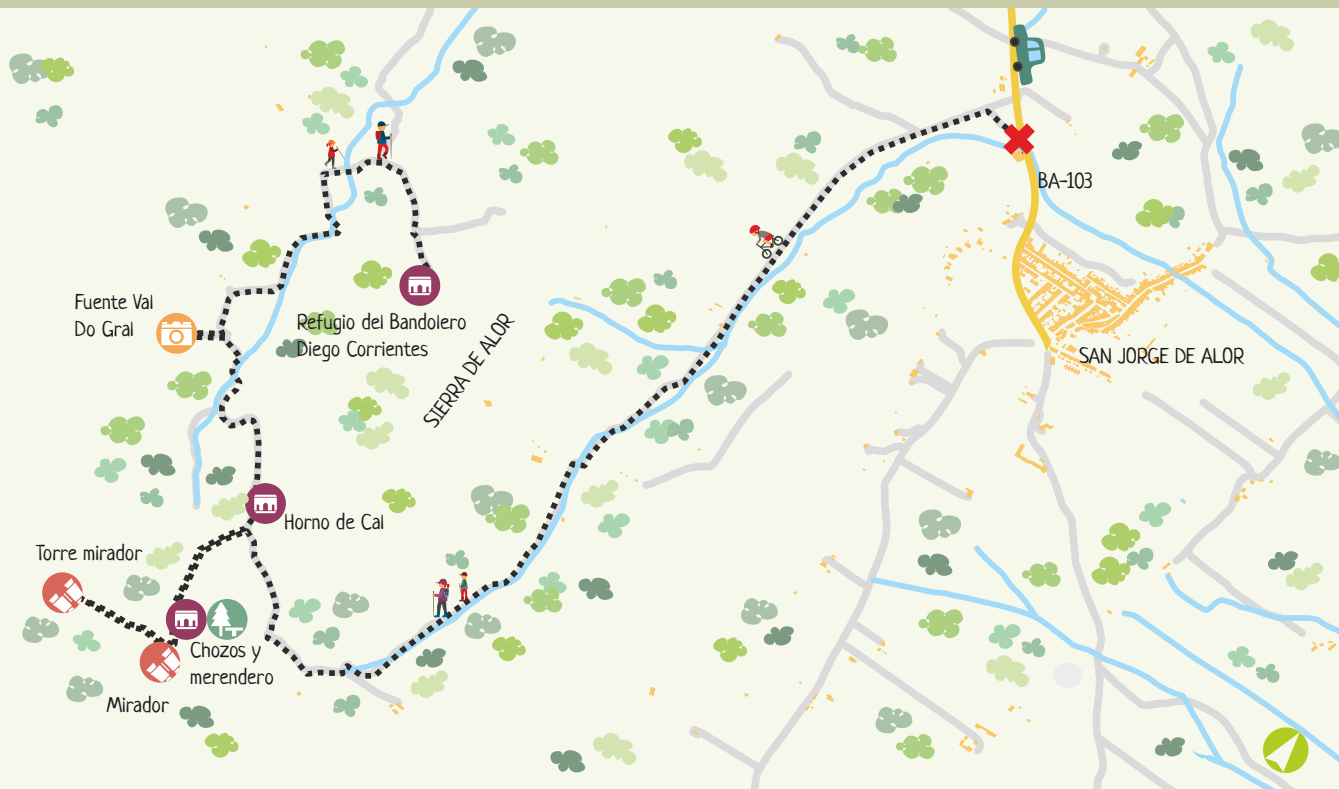
Depending on the time of the year, you can observe some of the natural wonders of this area, such as the orchids and the peonies—also known as “Rosa de Alejandría” or “Rosa de los Montes”. The best time to walk this route would be from mid-March to the end of May.

Taking the exit towards the esplanade of the cemetery of San Jorge de Alor, you will find yourself surrounded by olive groves on both sides of the trail. As you move forward, you will be able to see the lovely orchids and peonies. Once at the viewpoints of the Sierra de Alor, you can enjoy the splendid views and observe a wide variety of birds, plant species, etc.

Continue on the route to arrive at the beautiful Fuente de Val do Gral spring. The final visit will be the last refuge of Diego Corrientes, a bandit who was generous to the poor and was captured in 1781 in the surrounding areas.

“SIERRA DE ALOR”

OLIVENZA



Please note:

MIDE

1	1	2	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

2. Bridleways and well made footpaths.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 1 to 3 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Return trip.

Distance: 12 Km.

Time: 3:00 hours.

Unevenness: 286 m.

Track:



Map legend

- Walk
- Local road network
- Path
- Path

- Start - End
- Panoramic views

- Civil monument
- Interesting landscape
- Recreational area

Hornachos has two prominent features that you will discover with this Country Walk: its Mudéjar and Moorish legacy and its natural and scenic wealth.

Starting from the Plaza de España, the route takes you to the Gothic-style Iglesia de la Purísima (Immaculate Conception's Church), a Mudéjar work par excellence in the entire province of Badajoz.

On your way to the Sierra de Hornachos mountain range, you can visit El Pósito, an old mosque which currently houses the Interpretation Centre of the Moorish Culture.

Going up the Valley of los Cristianos through the Senda Moruna path, you will reach the Castillo de Hornachos castle that offers excellent panoramic views.

After this, move towards the Sierra de Hornachos, home to a wide variety of flora and fauna and declared Area of Regional Interest (ZIR), Site of Community Importance (LIC) and Special Protection Area for Birds (ZEPA). Here, you can see holm oaks, cork oaks, kermes oaks, rock roses, junipers, Retama broom, arbutus, thyme and rosemary. Its diverse fauna exceeds 220 vertebrate species that include raptors, such as the Bonelli's eagle, Iberian imperial eagle, golden eagle, griffon vulture and black stork.

The route will then take you along the rocky area of "Peñón del Carrascal" from where you can enjoy the views of "Valle de Los Corraletes" valley with the Pico Hornachos peak in the background.

Descending from the Los Moros valley, you will walk by the Fuente de los Moros and the Pilar de Palomas observing a beautiful aqueduct and the Coat of arms of Charles V.

"SIERRA DE HORNACHOS"

SIERRA GRANDE - TIERRA DE BARROS



Please note:

MIDE

2	1	2	2

Severity of environment:

2. More than
1 risk factor:

How easy is the route
to follow:

1. Paths and junctions
well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

2. Bridleways and
well made footpaths.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 1 to 3 hours
of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 7 Km.

Time: 2 h 30 min.

Unevenness: 329 m.

Track:



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Map legend

- Walk
- Local road network
- Path
- Path

- Start - End
- Panoramic views
- Religious monument

- Museum
- Civil monument
- Castle

This “Country Walk” runs between the municipalities of Peñalsordo and Capilla, through the Sierra del Palenque mountains, combining cultural heritage, history, nature and landscapes. This route is marked with the PR-52-BA sign (Peñón de Pez Trail).

The starting point of this route is the “Octava del Corpus” Museum in Peñalsordo, dedicated to the festival of the same name and declared a Site of Regional and National Tourist Interest. Continuing on the journey, proceed towards the Castillo de Capilla through the Umbria del Pez, where you will walk along the highest peak of the mountain range, the Peñón del Pez. The majestic castle offers spectacular views of La Serena Reservoir and the town of Capilla.

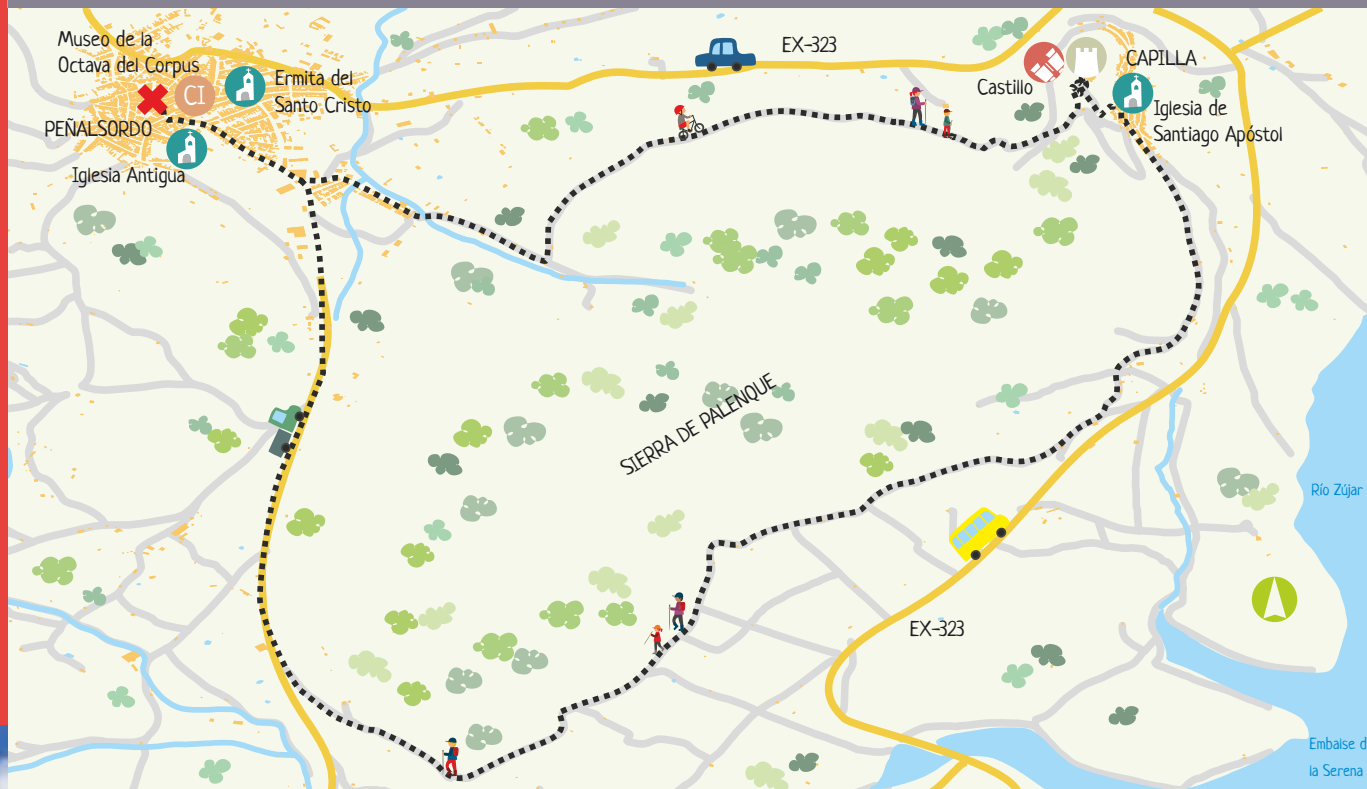
Following this, walk to the town of Capilla where you can visit the Mudéjar-style of Santiago Apóstol (St. James the Apostle's church), which has been declared a Historic-Artistic Monument.

Proceed towards the Sierra de Palanque mountains through the Vereda de la Hornia path. Here, you can see traditional orchards, rock roses, junipers, cork oaks, lentisks and holm oaks, along with all kinds of fauna that accompany this type of vegetation.

The tour concludes in the town of Peñalsordo.

“SIERRA DE PALENQUE MOUNTAINS”

LA SERENA



Please note:

MIDE

1	1	2	3

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

2. Bridleways and well made footpaths.

Amount of effort required:

3. From 3 to 6 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 11,14 Km.

Time: 4:00 hours.

Unevenness: 300 m.

Track:



Map legend

- Walk
- Local road network
- Path
- Path

Start - End

Religious monument

Panoramic views

Castle

Museum

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Our “Ruta del Temple” Country Walk will allow you to delve into the history and heritage of Jerez de los Caballeros, a city with some of the best monuments in Extremadura.

The route starts next to the Ciudad Deportiva. After entering the historic centre through the Puerta de Burgos, you will cross important points of interest, such as the Iglesia de San Bartolomé (St. Bartholomew's Church), the Casa Museo Vasco Núñez De Balboa museum, the Iglesia de San Miguel (St. Michael's Church), the Plaza de España, the Arte Sacro (religious art) museum and the Iglesia de Santa Catalina (Church of St. Catharine). We recommend checking the opening hours of each of these before starting your journey.

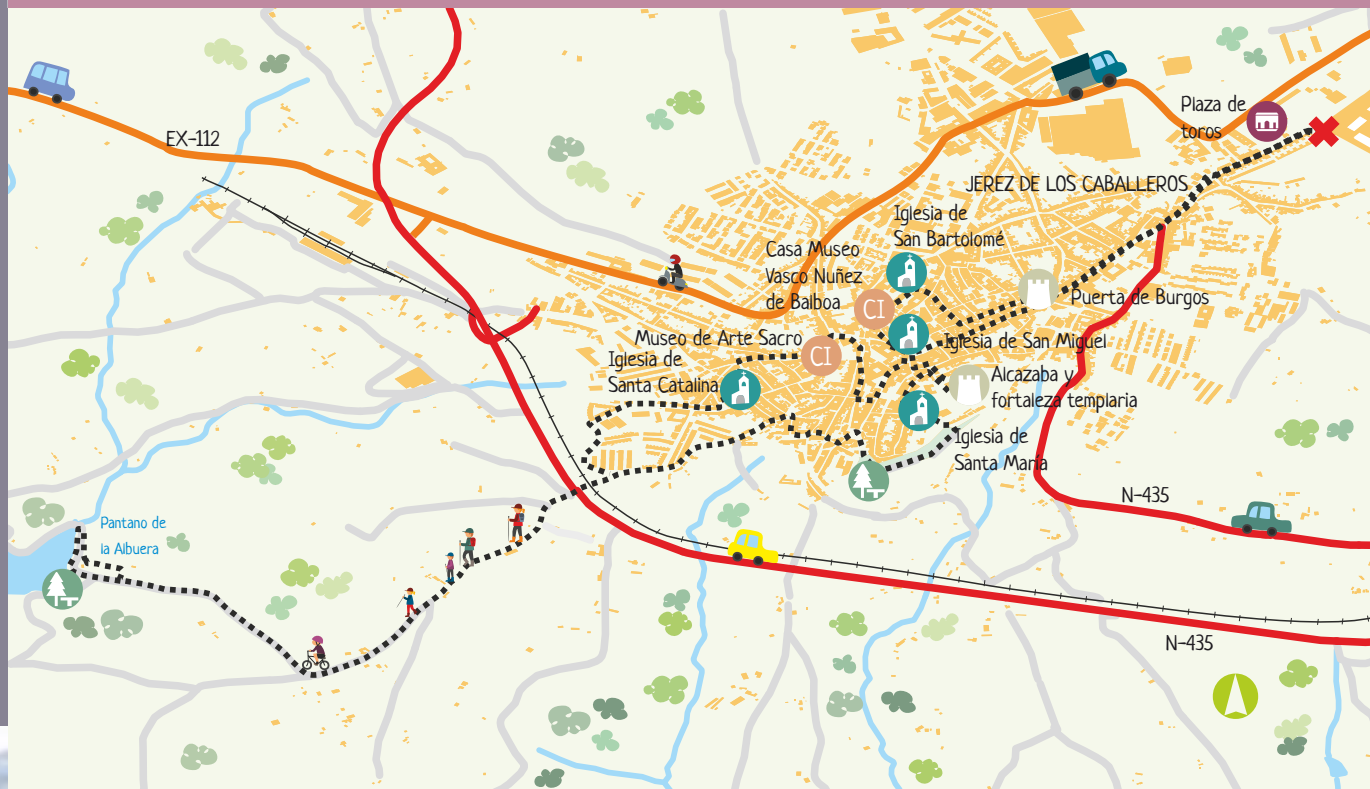
Moving on from the city centre, take the path that leads to La Albuera Reservoir, where you can admire the gorgeous landscapes of the area, dotted with the small cultivation fields of the residents and the Refugio de los Pescadores.

Head back to the town to take the Ruta Templaria (Templar Route), crossing the Santa Lucía Park, the Iglesia de Santa María (St. Mary's Church), followed by the Alcazaba and Fortaleza Templaria fortifications, where you can see the castle's outstanding keep, known as Torre del Homenaje or Torre Sangrienta. Head back to the starting point through the Arco de Burgos. Just before reaching the final destination, you can slightly deviate from the route and observe the Plaza de Toros.

The entire Walk is marked by numerous stately mansions and palaces. The defensive wall of Jerez will be an almost constant companion during this Country Walk.

“RUTA DEL TEMPLE”

SIERRA SUROESTE



Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	3

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

3. From 3 to 6 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 9 Km.

Time: 3:00 hours.

Unevenness: 173 m.

Map legend

- Path
- Walk
- National road network
- Basic road network
- Path

- Civil monument
- Walls
- Recreational area
- Museum
- Religious monument
- Start - End

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Track:

The Country Walk “Ducado de Feria” runs mostly through the town of Feria, declared a Historic-Artistic Complex.

One of the most important points of this route would be its Castillo or castle, winner of the “best corner of Extremadura 2017” title, where you can visit the Interpretation Centre of the Señorío de Feria and enjoy the magnificent panoramic views of the former Señorío de los Feria.

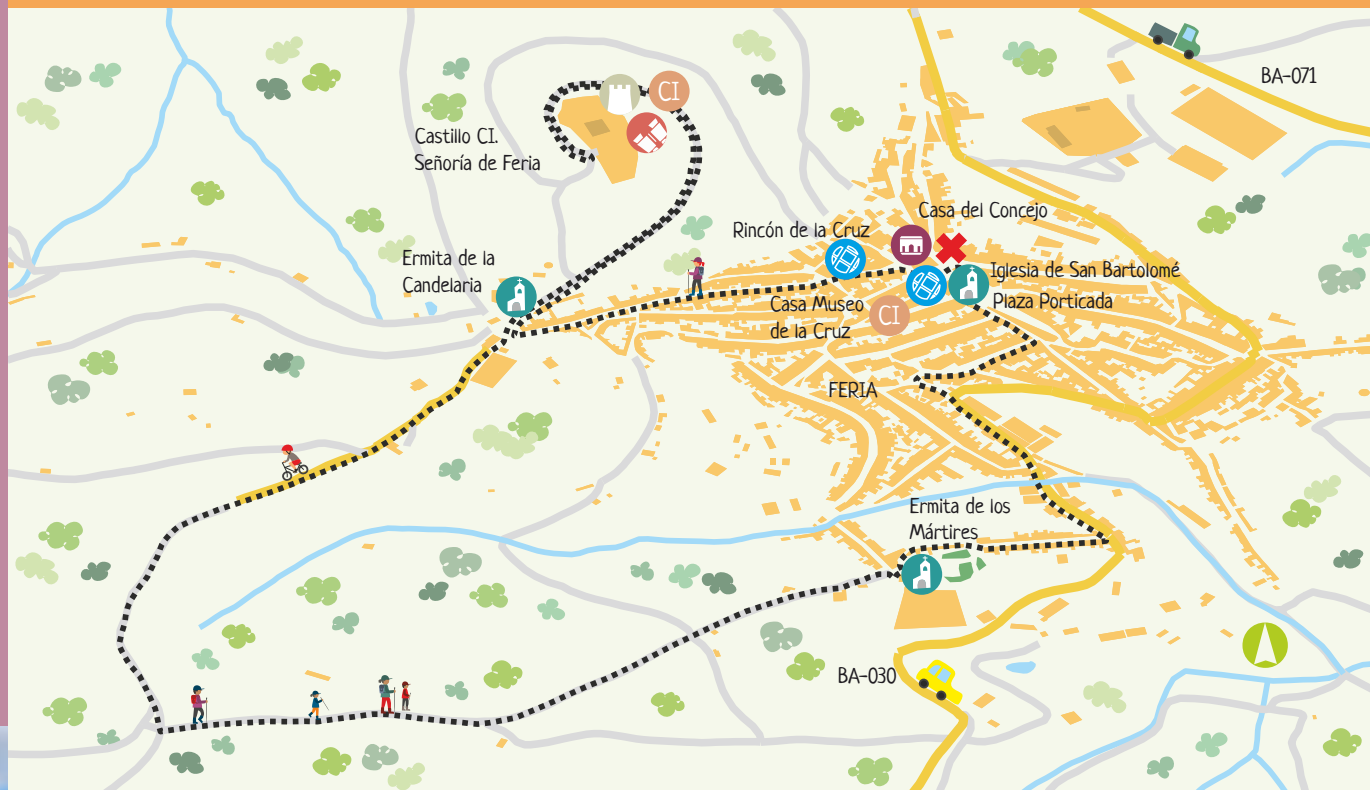
This Country Walk begins at Plaza Porticada next to the Town Council and the Iglesia de San Bartolomé (St. Bartholomew's Church), and proceeds towards the castle by the Mesones street, where you will find the Rincón de la Cruz (Corner of the Cross). On the way, you will cross the Ermita de la Candelaria chapel on your left.

The Castle of Feria was built in 1460 by Don Lorenzo Suárez de Figueroa (the first Count of Feria). The 40-metres-tall and 18-square-metres-wide keep, known as Torre del Homenaje, is the most prominent structure of this location. It is a Gothic-style military tower that features interestingly rounded corners. It is divided into four parts with Gothic windows, a Gothic-style entrance door and is influenced by the Portuguese Manueline style, where the Coat of Arms of the House of Feria, the fig leaf, can be seen.

After visiting the castle along with its Interpretation Centre and admiring the panoramic views, descend towards the town centre of Feria, surrounded by charming olive groves, and cross the Chapel of the Martyrs to finish the journey at Plaza Porticada.

“DUCADO DE FERIA”

ZAFRA – RÍO BODIÓN



Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 1 to 3 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Circular route.

Distance: 4 Km.

Time: 2:00 hours.

Unevenness: 144 m.

Map legend

- Walk
- Local road network
- Path
- Path

- Start - End
- Castle
- Museum

- Religious monument
- Civil monument
- Singular street
- Panoramic views

Track:



This “Country Walk” is designed to be completed only one way as the route is quite long. However, the experienced or physically trained individuals can complete the round trip as it is a comfortable route.

The journey starts at the Museum of the Jamón Ibérico of Monesterio, where you can learn more about this emblematic product of the town.

Next, stroll through the typical streets of the town until you reach the 15th-century Iglesia de San Pedro (St. Peter's Church).

While walking in the direction of the Monastery of Tentudía, leaving the town behind, you will observe a rather diverse landscape: “dehesas” or pastures of holm oak and cork oak mainly intended for pig farming; and woods such as olive groves, fig orchard, almond orchard, vineyards etc. You can also see coniferous forests and reforestation, combined with the indigenous Pyrenean oak forests.

During the entire stretch between the town and the Monastery, you will be able to enjoy the unmatched views of the Sierra de Tentudía mountain range.

“MONASTERY OF TENTUDÍA”



Map legend

- Walk
- National road network
- Secondary road network
- Local road network

- Path
- Path
- ✗ Start - End

- CI Museum
- Panoramic views
- Religious monument

Please note:

MIDE

1	1	1	3

Severity of environment:

- The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

- Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

- Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

- From 3 to 6 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Return trip.

Distance: 10 Km.

Time: 2 h 50 min.

Unevenness: 384 m.

Track:



The Chapel of Virgen del Ara is located in the foothills of Sierra Morena mountain range, by the Sierra de la Jayona mountains, in a location of great scenic and historical value.

The construction of the sanctuary dates back to the 14th century and it is adorned with a beautiful Mudéjar arcade and a bell gable. It has a single-nave interior, covered with a barrel vault. The main highlight are the extraordinary wall paintings from various eras that decorate the entire nave, the high altar and the shrine, which is why it is known as the "Sistine Chapel" of Extremadura. These paintings are what make this holy place truly unique.

The starting point of this walk is next to the Iglesia de la Asunción church in Fuente del Arco.

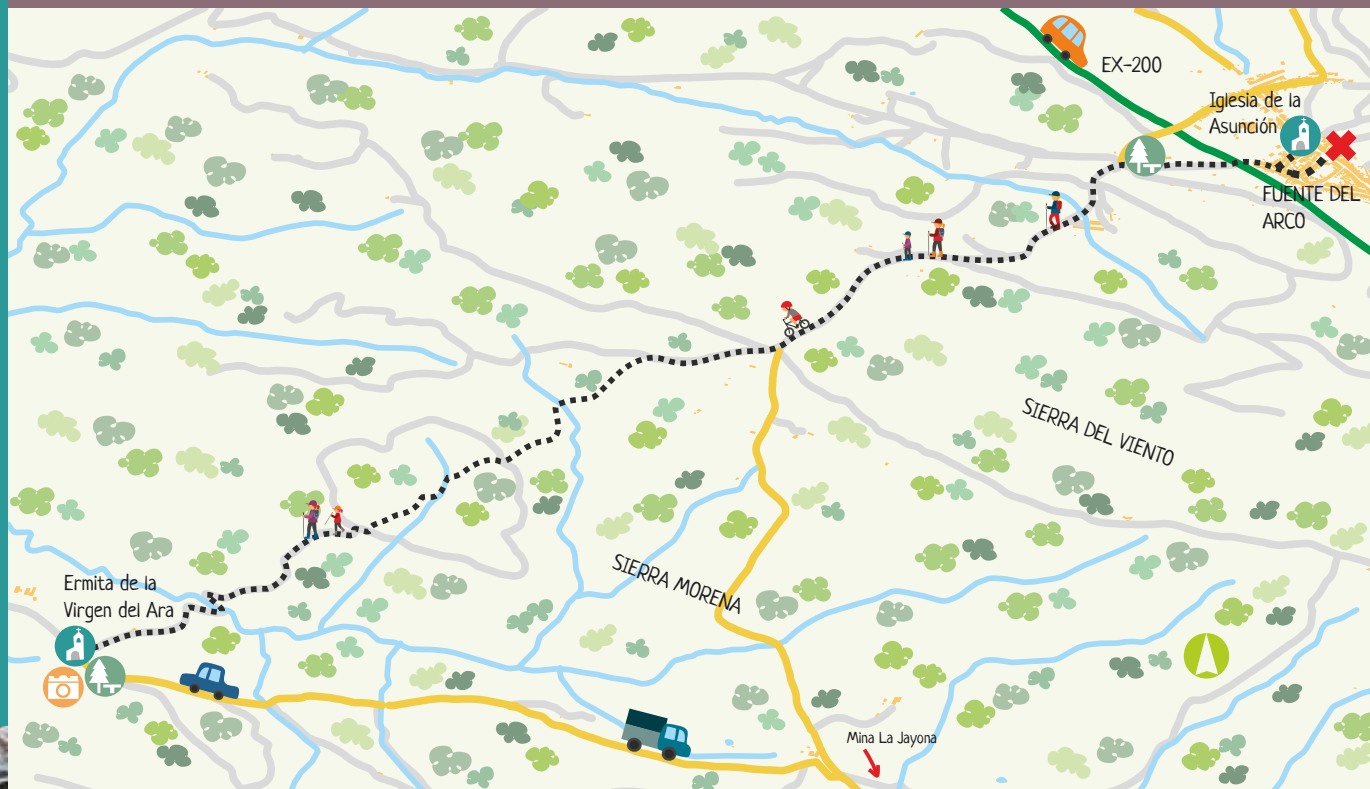
Throughout the tour, you can enjoy the picturesque landscapes of this area, such as its endless valleys and the mountains silhouetted on the horizon. Landscapes—dotted by the "dehesas" or pastures, olive groves and Mediterranean scrub—of the northern foothills of Sierra Morena mountain range that contrast with the vast grain-producing plains of the neighbouring town of Campiña, located further north.

A rather diverse fauna can be observed throughout the tour, such as the European jackdaw, spotless starling, red-billed cough, Eurasian eagle-owl, short-toed eagle and the black stork.

Please bear in mind that some distance will have to be covered along the main road and, therefore, you must be extra cautious with the children.

"VIRGEN DEL ARA"

CAMPIÑA SUR



Map legend

- Walk
- Secondary road network
- Local road network
- Path
- Path
- ✗ Start - End
- ⛪ Religious monument
- ⛶ Recreational area
- 📷 Interesting landscape

Please note:

MIDE

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1	1	1	2

Severity of environment:

1. The environment is not risk free.

How easy is the route to follow:

1. Paths and junctions well signed.

Difficulty of terrain:

1. Easy walking.

Amount of effort required:

2. From 1 to 3 hours of continuous walking.

Type of route:

Return trip.

Distance: 11 Km.

Time: 3:00 hours.

Unevenness: 382 m.

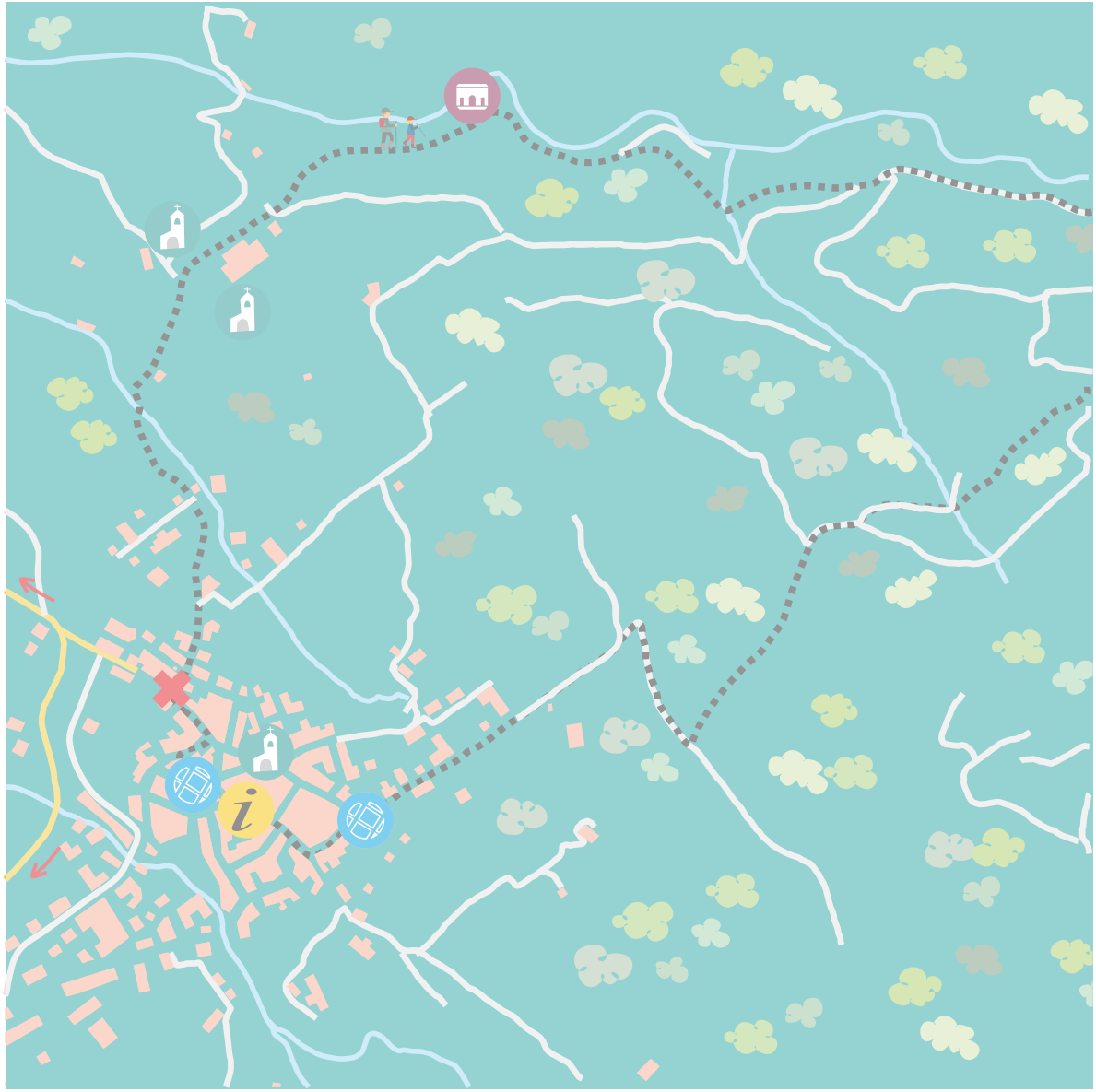
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