

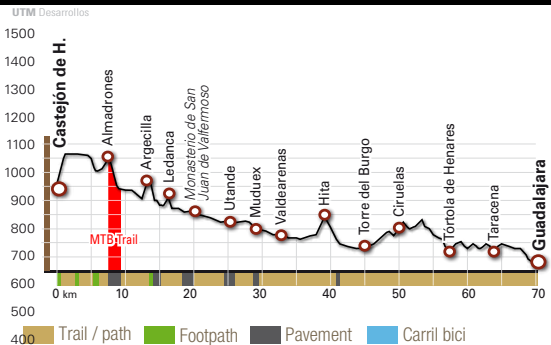


# Ramal de Álvar Fáñez

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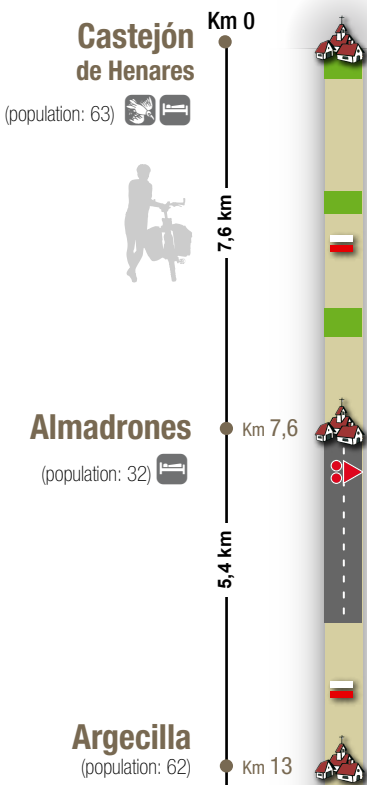
## Castejón de Henares - Guadalajara

Edition 2020



DATA	Distance 70,5 km	Cumulative ascent 850 m	MTB trail No
	Physical difficulty Low	Cumulative descent 1.100 m	Signposting GR
	Technical difficulty Medium	Estimated time 6 h 50 m	IBP Degree of difficulty 57

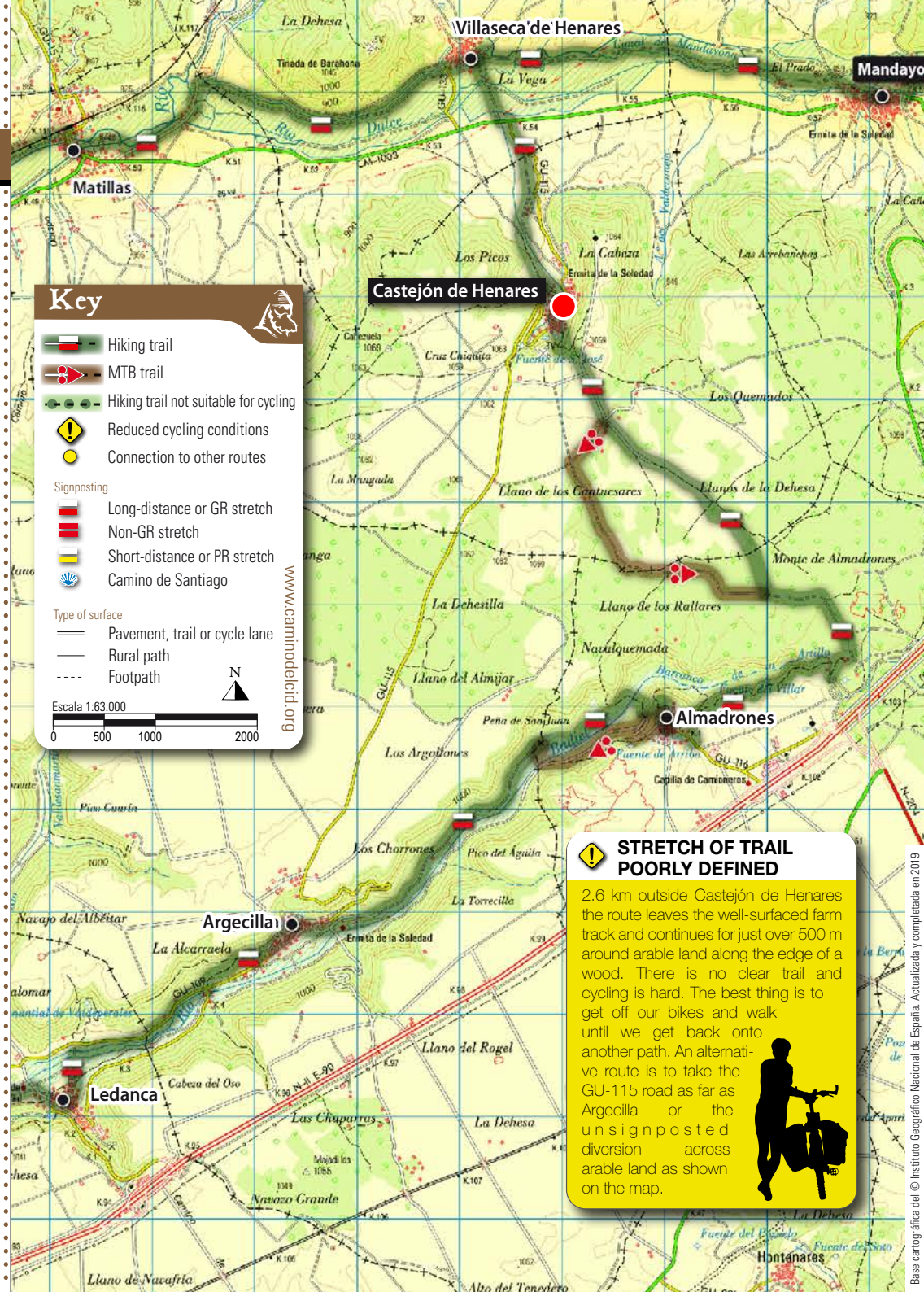
Starting at Villaseca de Henares head towards Castejón de Henares, which is the starting point of the branch line Álvar Fáñez. This route recreates the famous battle led by lieutenant El Cid, who plundered the territory of Henares. The route, which runs along beautiful landscape modelled by the river Badiel, poses hardly any difficulty, for it runs largely on rural paths in good condition.



Leave riding along Calle José Antonio, where there is an arrow pointing towards a climbing path. **⚠️ The fact that the climb is steep and the surface irregular will force you to push your bike.** The conditions of the path get better at the top, where a trail starts (km 0.6). Turn left into the trail and ignore two crossroads (km 0.7 and 1.2). The path disappears, running into a kermes oak grove (km 2.6), so that you will have to ride along the margins of a cultivated field for a short stretch (**⚠️ there is no path**). At the end of the field (km 3.2), take a path that runs directly into the grove. Turn left into the main path (km 3.7). Continue straight until reaching a paridera (km 4.9) surrounded by tires. At that point, ride off the trail and into a path to the right of the paridera. The path descends towards the valley of Badiel and reaches the fountain of Arpilla (km 5.3). The path turns to the right, passing by a water tank, and then climbs halfway up the hill. After passing by the fountain of Villar (km 6), it turns into a path that leads to the town.

**▶▶ Start of a MTB stretch (2 km)**  
The hiking trail leaves from Almadrones running on an irregular surface path, which is hardly visible and descends steeply along the hillside. Take, therefore, a paved path, placed next to a small viewpoint. It descends to the bottom of the valley and then crosses over river Badiel and joins again the hiking trail (km 9.7).

Until reaching Argecilla, the path runs to the right of the riverbank, running in between crops and poplar groves. Ignore the path to the left (km 11), continuing straight. You will, finally, reach the cemetery and the chapel of Soledad (km 12.5), in the area surrounding Argecilla.



**⚠️ STRETCH OF TRAIL POORLY DEFINED**

2.6 km outside Castejón de Henares the route leaves the well-surfaced farm track and continues for just over 500 m around arable land along the edge of a wood. There is no clear trail and cycling is hard. The best thing is to get off our bikes and walk until we get back onto another path. An alternative route is to take the GU-115 road as far as Argecilla or the unsignposted diversion across arable land as shown on the map.

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**Argecilla**  
(population: 62)



**Ledanca**  
(population: 59)



**Monasterio de San Juan de Valfermoso**  
(accommodation)



**Utande**  
(population: 35)

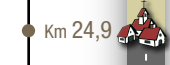


Resume the route starting at the threshing floors, where the street turns into a path (km 13.3). The main path descends towards the valley (km 13.6). Some metres further, take a cut, turning into the path to your left (⚠️ **you may continue along a path with a better surface**), that comes out to the road (km 14.1). Turn right (going in direction to **Valfermoso**). After a curve, ride off the road and turn into the path to your left (km 15), which runs along poplars (⚠️ **the surface is initially in bad condition**). Shortly after, the path turns into a trail which leads to the entrance of **Ledanca** (km 15.7), joining the road.

Descend along *Calle de la Soledad* and continue until reaching *Soledad chapel*, which is next to a fountain and a picnic area (km 16.6). Take the path to your left, which runs alongside the valley's left margin, amidst crops and small poplars. Pay attention. At a crossroads (km 17.9), ride off the path and take a turn to the right, which crosses the river and comes out to a road (km 18). Turn left, riding along the pavement for 1.8 km until reaching the *monastery* (km 22.7).

After visiting the monastery and **Valfermoso de las Monjas** (which is only 1 km away), resume the route. Ride along a path that starts in the area next to the monastery's wall and that leads to the *river Badiel*. Cross through a bridge (km 20.1). Continue to the right, riding along a path that penetrates into a black poplar grove. Shortly after, the surface's path, which runs alongside fields and low scrubland, gets better. The path divides into two. Continue to the right (km 21.2). You will soon come out to the main path (km 21.6). Turn right to this path and pay attention. 70 m further, turn to the left (before crossing the bridge). Continue on the path, riding close to the meadow at the *river Badiel*. Ignore several turns and continue towards **Utande**. In an area close to the *cemetery* (km 24.4), turn right so as to cross over the river through the bridge and reach the road (km 24.6), which is placed close to the *oil windmill*.

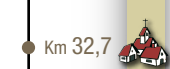
**Utande**  
(population: 35)



**Mudux**  
(population: 99)



**Valdearenas**  
(population: 74)



Leave the town riding along a paved path and head towards the scales *apparatus* (km 25.1), which is opposite to a large farming unit. Continue on the path until coming out to *road GU-107* (km 25.5). Ride for 300 metres until reaching a crossroads that meets with *road CM-1000*. At this point, ride straight on a soil path (km 25.8). The path, which is in good condition, runs easily alongside fields and to the left of the *river Badiel*. After passing by a hillock, you reach the *cemetery* (km 28.1) and the *bullring* of **Mudux**, situated on the outskirts of the town.

Leave from the church (km 28.5) riding along a street that moves away from the town and passes by a small playpen and a fountain. Cross through the bridge (km 28.9) over the river, which leads to a pleasant park where there is a fountain. Turn right into a road and continue riding some more metres. After, ride off and turn left into a road that leads to a *pelota court*. At this point (km 29), you will run into a crossroads. Turn to a path to your right. The path runs along the *valley of the river Badiel*. Ignore all left and right hand turns (kms 29.3, 29.8 and 31.2), which, as you will notice easily, lead to the fields in the surrounding area.

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**Passport stamp points**

**CASTEJÓN DE HENARES**  
 AYUNTAMIENTO: Pl. de José Antonio, 1 - 949305341  
 CR LOS CHORRONES: Huertos del Casquero, 16 - 949897756 / 649337793

**GUADALAJARA**  
 OFICINA DE TURISMO: Glorieta Aviación Militar Esp., s/n - 681235234  
 H\*\*\*\* AC GUADALAJARA: Avda. del Ejército, 6 - 949248370  
 H TRYP GUADALAJARA: Av. Edu. Guitián, 7 - 949209300/949226410  
 H\* CAN-VIC: C/ Zaragoza, 51 - 949255028/949210961  
 P OTERO: Avda. Barcelona, 27\* - 949253810  
 H IRIS GUADALAJARA: C/ Trafalgar, 74 - 949202080

**HITA**  
 OFICINA DE TURISMO: C/ San Pedro, 2 - 949852763  
 CR LA OLMA: C/ Garay, 8 - 676241772

**MUDUX**  
 BAR EL BADIEL: C/ Real, 4 - 949323500

**TÓRTOLA DE HENARES**  
 AYUNTAMIENTO: Pl. España, 1 - 949323020  
 BIBLIOTECA: C/ Real, s/n - 949323046

**UTANDE**  
 AYUNTAMIENTO: Pl. Mayor, 2 - 949323422  
 CASA RURAL LA NURI: C/ Castillo, 8 - 615064494

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**Valdearenas**  
(population: 74)

Km 32,7



6,3 km

**Hita**  
(population: 208)

Km 39



6 km

**Torre del Burgo**

(population: 502)

Km 45



5,2 km

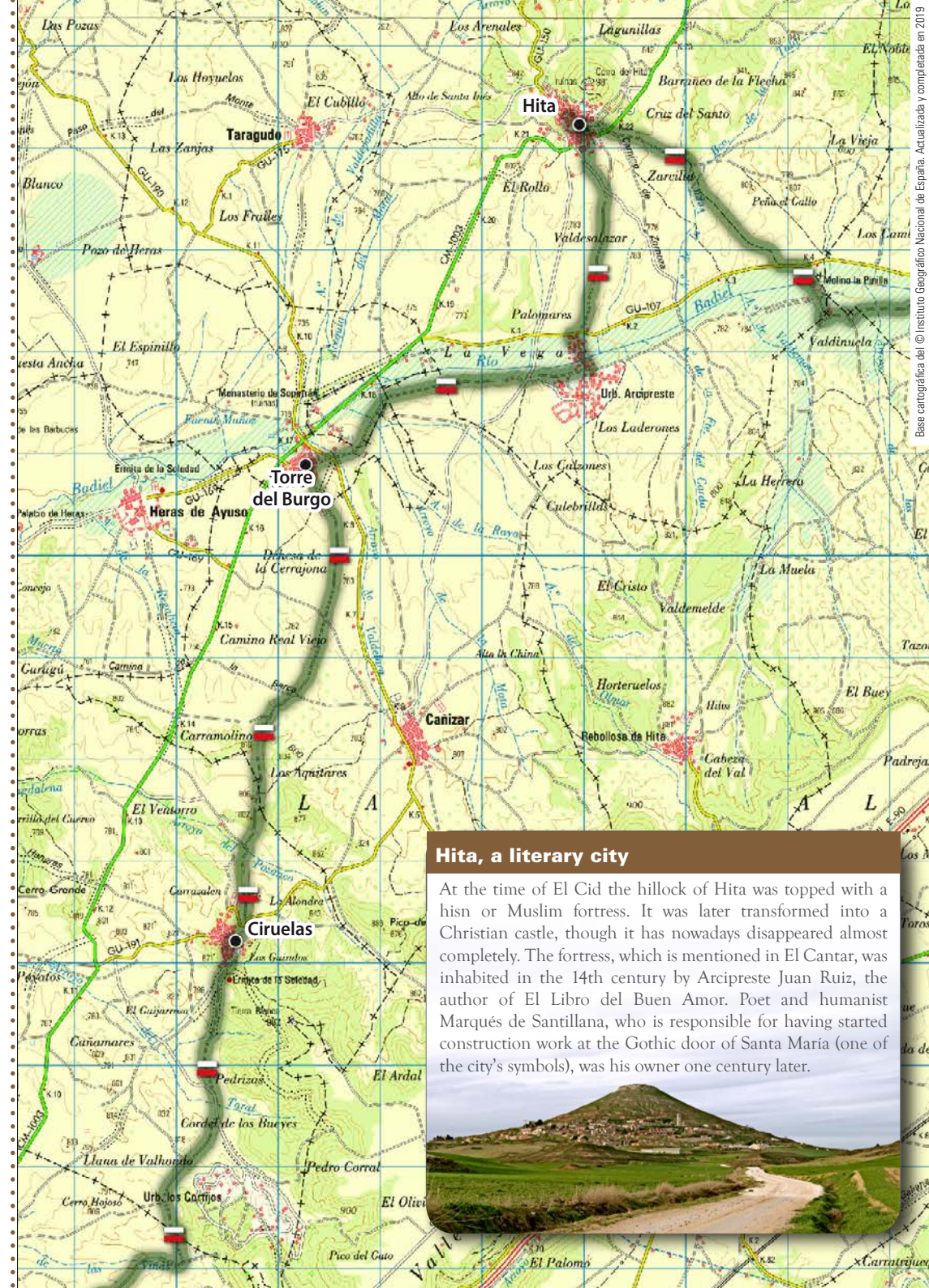
Km 50,2



Head to the remains of the *old church in Valdearenas* and then continue towards *Plaza del Olivar* (km 32.9). At this point, take a descending path that moves away from a country house. You will see the outline of **Hita** in the horizon. The path comes out to a main path (km 33.2). Turn left and ride again alongside the *valley of the river Badiel*. You will come across several left hand turns (kms 33.3, 33.8 and 35), though you should ride straight, always to the right of the river. After a curve (km 35.4), ignore a left hand turn. Immediately after, you reach the *windmill of Pinilla* (km 35.7). A little bit further cross through the *river Badiel* and shortly after you will come out to the road (km 36). Turn left and ride along the road for 200 m. Now turn to the right into a path that climbs gradually alongside cultivated mounds, heading to **Hita**. The path comes out to road *CM-1003* (km 38.5), which is at the entrance of the town.

Leave from *Plaza del Arcipreste* riding along *Calle Real* and continue until reaching *Palenque*. Then descend until coming out to *road CM-1003*, which is next to the *headquarters of Guardia Civil* (km 39.4). Cross the road and continue riding on the path to *Palomares*, passing to the left of the headquarters. The path runs southwards, alongside large cultivated areas. At a crossroads (km 39.9), turn right. Continue easily until reaching *road GU-107* (km 41.4), which is situated next to the entrance to a residential area called *Urbanización Arcipreste de Hita*. Continue on the main path of the residential area and then cross over the *river Badiel* through a bridge (km 41.8). After 100 metres (plot number 42), turn right into a path that leads out of the residential area. Turn left into a major path (km 42.5). After 15 metres, take a right hand path and ride westwards along the *valley of Badiel*. At a crossroads (km 44), go straight. In the background, you can see the remains of the *monastery of Sopetrán*. After a short climb, you reach **Torre del Burgo**, which you access through a promenade to the sides of which there are trees. Cross the road (km 44.8) and then ride into the town.

Leave the town riding along the path to the cemetery, which runs into a crossroads. Go straight (km 45.3), passing to the right of the cemetery. The path, which is comfortable, runs southwards until the end. You will come across several crossroads (km 46.6, 47.4 and 47.8). Ignore all of them, riding straight until reaching the bridge over the *river Arroyo del Pozanco* (km 49.2). At this point, the town can be seen in the horizon. Continue until coming out to *road GU-191* (km 50). Cross the road in order to access **Ciruelas**, passing by a *water basin*.



### Hita, a literary city

At the time of El Cid the hillock of Hita was topped with a hisn or Muslim fortress. It was later transformed into a Christian castle, though it has nowadays disappeared almost completely. The fortress, which is mentioned in *El Cantar*, was inhabited in the 14th century by Arcipreste Juan Ruiz, the author of *El Libro del Buen Amor*. Poet and humanist Marqués de Santillana, who is responsible for having started construction work at the Gothic door of Santa Maria (one of the city's symbols), was his owner one century later.



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## Ciruelas

(population: 84)

Km 50,2



7,2 km



## Tórtola de Henares

(population: 1.010)

Km 57,4



6,6 km



## Taracena

(population: 564)

Km 64



6,5 km



## GUADALAJARA

(population: 82.637)

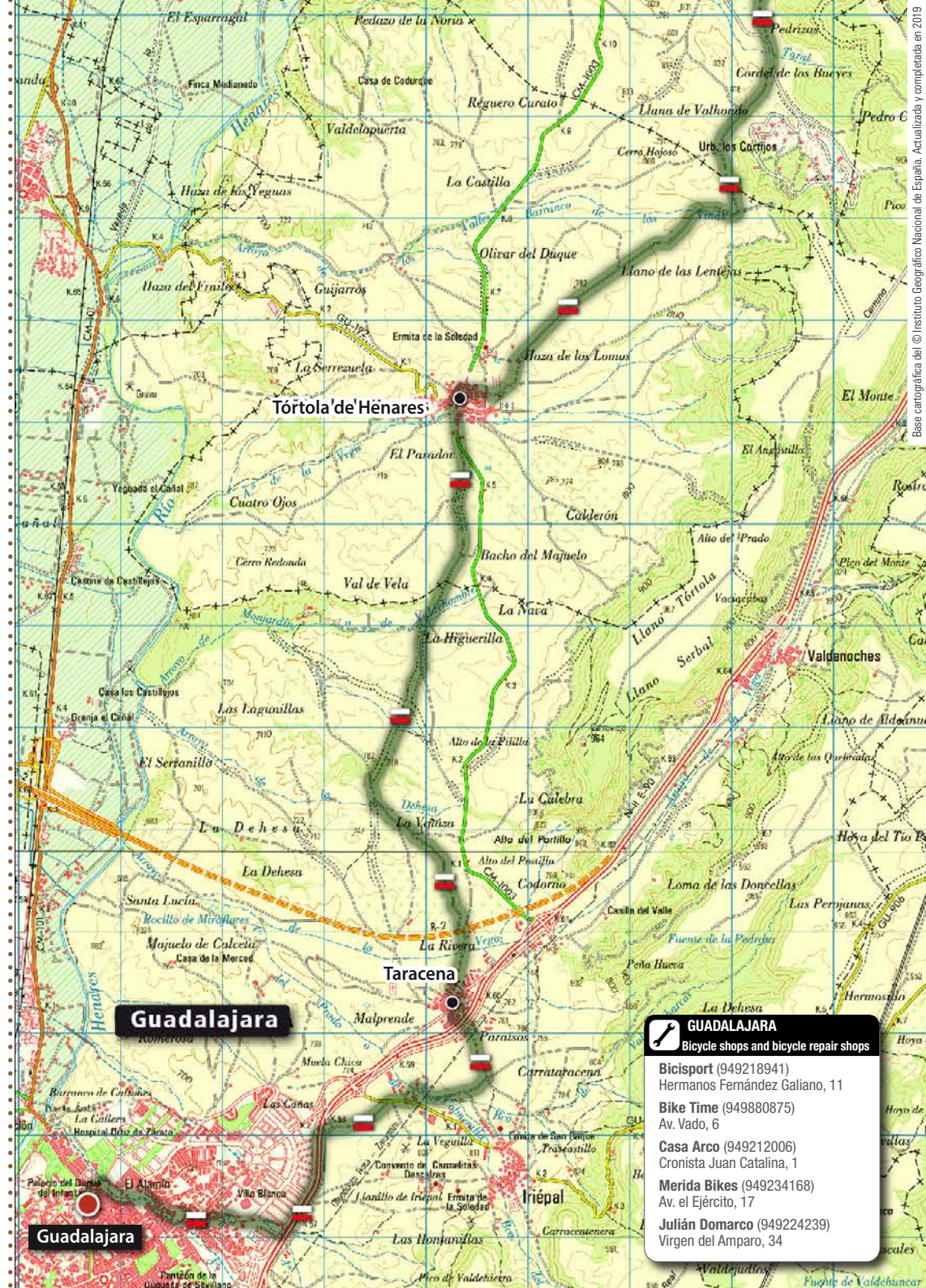
Km 70,5



After visiting the town, head southwards and ride away on a path. You will soon reach a path that divides into two (km 50.5). Take the path to the left and continue straight until coming out to a small road (km 51.8). Turn to the left and ride for 200 metres. Then turn right into a path (km 52) that climbs alongside fields and olive trees and to the left of a pine grove, which belongs to the residential area Cortijos. After crossing over the stream Viñas (km 53.7), the path turns to the right. Ride some metres and shortly after you reach a long straight line, to the sides of which there are almond trees. You will gradually come closer to **Tórtola de Henares**, which you access through an area close to a group of agricultural units (km 56.5). From this point, head to the cemetery (km 56.9). Access the town.

Resume the route starting at *Calle Guadalajara* (road CM-1003), which crosses through the town and then turns into a road. At the town's exit, after passing by a slight curve, ride off the road and into a path to the right (km 57.8). Ignore a right hand turn (km 58). Further on, when running into several crossroads, continue straight on the main path, which runs southwards. Ride into a major path (km 61.35) and continue for 250 metres, passing by a narrow left hand turn (km 61.6). At a crossroads (km 61.9), take the path to the left and later, at another crossroads (km 62.1), turn to the right. At the crossroads next to *highway R2* (km 63.2), ride straight through a tunnel. At the other side, continue straight on the same path, which leads to **Taracena**, after crossing *stream Vega* (km 63.5).

Leave riding along *Calle Camino de Iriépal*. Cross through a bridge under *highway A2* (km 64.3) and pass by the service road. Continue until reaching a crossroads (km 64.3). Go straight on a soil path in good condition. 500 m after, turn into a path to the left (km 64.9). Cross a small stream (km 65.7), after which you will soon reach the *road to Iriépal*. Turn right to this road and ride for 200 m. Then turn into a path to the left (km 66.1). The path leads towards *highway A2*, which you should cross through a subterranean crossing (km 66.9). You come out in **Guadalajara**, in an area next to *Avenida de Aragón*. Continue along the garden path, which runs parallel to *highway A2*, until reaching the park of the stream *Olmeda del Conde* (km 68). Afterwards continue until reaching the city centre.



**GUADALAJARA**  
Bicycle shops and bicycle repair shops

- Bicisport** (949218941)  
Hermanos Fernández Galiano, 11  
Av. Vado, 6
- Bike Time** (949880875)  
Av. Vado, 6
- Casa Arco** (949212006)  
Cronista Juan Catalina, 1
- Merida Bikes** (949234168)  
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Virgen del Amparo, 34