



# La Conquista de Valencia CAMINO DEL CID



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MTB route guide Camino del Cid

*This route combines technically demanding mid-mountain trails with compact or paved paths, either upon a flat or a descent. It leads all the way to Valencia, and it includes other routes, as for example Vía Verde de Ojos Negros and Vía Augusta. Embark on the conquest of the city dreamt by El Cid, but save time to go for a swim in any of the coast's beaches!*

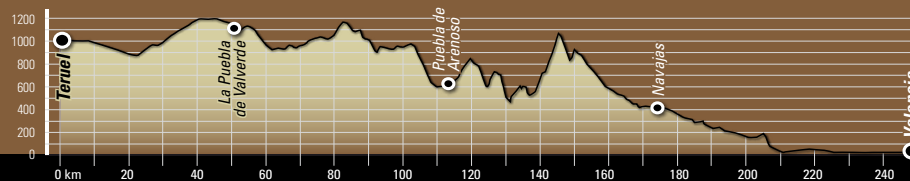
## Follow the Cid into exile

The literary route starts in Cella, the town chosen by El Cid to call a meeting for all those who wished to follow him in the conquest of Valencia. It then continues alongside the river Palancia, in whose valley is Jérica, which was conquered by El Cid. The next town in the route is Segorbe, where 3,000 Muslim knights slept after travelling to Alcocer to combat him. The route comes out to the Mediterranean Sea: first at Sagunto, where, according to El Cantar, El Cid established his military base for a period of three years; and, second, at El Puig, a strategic point 15 km away from Valencia. Available historical sources point out that El Cid conquered the city in the year 1094, after months of harsh siege. He is said to have climbed the tower of the fortress after the conquest so as to see his belongings. Complete the route climbing to the top of Miquelet and recall these lines from El Cantar: *"Sheer happiness covered the place, / when mio Cid won Valencia and he came into the city"*.

## What there is to see?

There are many charming towns with an intense medieval touch. Along the highest points of the route, you will find fascinating landscapes as well as mixed Mediterranean groves, natural pools (apt for swimming), rivers and straits. Along the lowest parts of the route, there are impressive fruit fields, marshes and the warm Mediterranean beaches. There are three World Heritage Sites: **Mudéjar Aragonés**, **Lonja gótica de Valencia** and **Tribunal de las Aguas**. There are seven towns which have been declared Historic and/or Artistic Sites: **Teruel**, **Mora de Rubielos**, **Rubielos de Mora**, **Jérica**, **Segorbe**, the millennial town of **Sagunto**, and, of course, **Valencia**. There are Natural Spaces made of **junipers at Puerto de Escandón** -in between Teruel and Puebla de Valverde-, amazing **Estrechos del Mijares** -in between Olba and Montán- and **Curso Medio del Palancia** -in between Caudiel and Algar de Palancia-, and **Marjal dels Moros**, a wetland placed in between Sagunto and Puçol.

▼ Puebla de Arenoso



DATA	Distance 250,7 km	Cumulative ascent 2.950 m	MTB trail Yes
	Physical difficulty Medium	Cumulative descent 4.010 m	Signposting Red markers
	Technical difficulty Low	Estimated time 4 days	IBP Degree of difficulty 73

## Signposting

The way is signposted with **red and white markers** in the stretches recognized as GR-160 and with a **double red marker** in the remainder of the route. In some of the stretches where cycling is tough, an alternative **MTB trail** is signposted. If you encounter a **MTB stretch**, ignore hiking signposts and follow the MTB signposts, for these markers will lead you through an easier and more comfortable trail.

	Continuity trail	Wrong direction
<b>GR 160 stretch</b> (footpath)		
<b>Non-GR stretch</b> (footpath)		
<b>MTB stretch</b>		

## Weather

You will encounter important weather changes along the stretch. In the stretch that runs along the province of Teruel and the mountain sections in Castellón, the weather is influenced by its height and the insulation ensured by the Mediterranean Sea. The temperature in the summer is mild, though there are huge temperature fluctuations, whereas winters are very cold, dry and sunny. Rainfalls occur mainly in spring and autumn. As for summers, they are not particularly dry because of storms. After reaching Caudiel, the citric fields along the meadow at Alto Palancia indicate that we have reached a region characterised by Mediterranean climate, where winters are mild and summers are dry and hot. Pay special attention to storms, especially at the beginning of the autumn, when rain falls heavily, to the point that water flows along riverbeds that remain dry throughout the year.

	E	F	M	A	M	J <sub>N</sub>	J <sub>L</sub>	A	S	O	N	D
Average temperature Máx/Min	12° / 2°	13° / 2°	15° / 4°	17° / 6°	21° / 9°	26° / 13°	30° / 16°	29° / 16°	26° / 13°	21° / 9°	15° / 5°	13° / 3°
Amount of daylight hours / day	09:38	10:40	11:56	13:17	14:24	15:01	14:45	13:45	12:28	11:09	09:58	09:20
Average rainfall	15	14	17	40	48	39	20	33	40	36	36	30

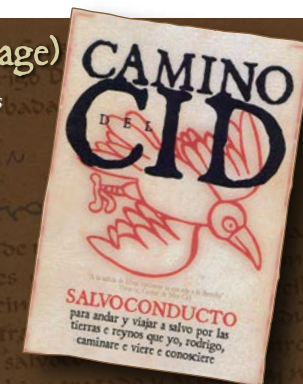
Monthly weather average for Montanejos (halfway between the mountains and the coast).

## The Passport (a modern letter of safe-passage)

The Passport is the identification used by travellers to collect stamps from the towns and villages along their way. If the identification is shown at any of the 200 accommodation facilities belonging to the route, you can get a minimum of 10% off. The Passport is free and you can get one either at a Tourist Office or at our office:



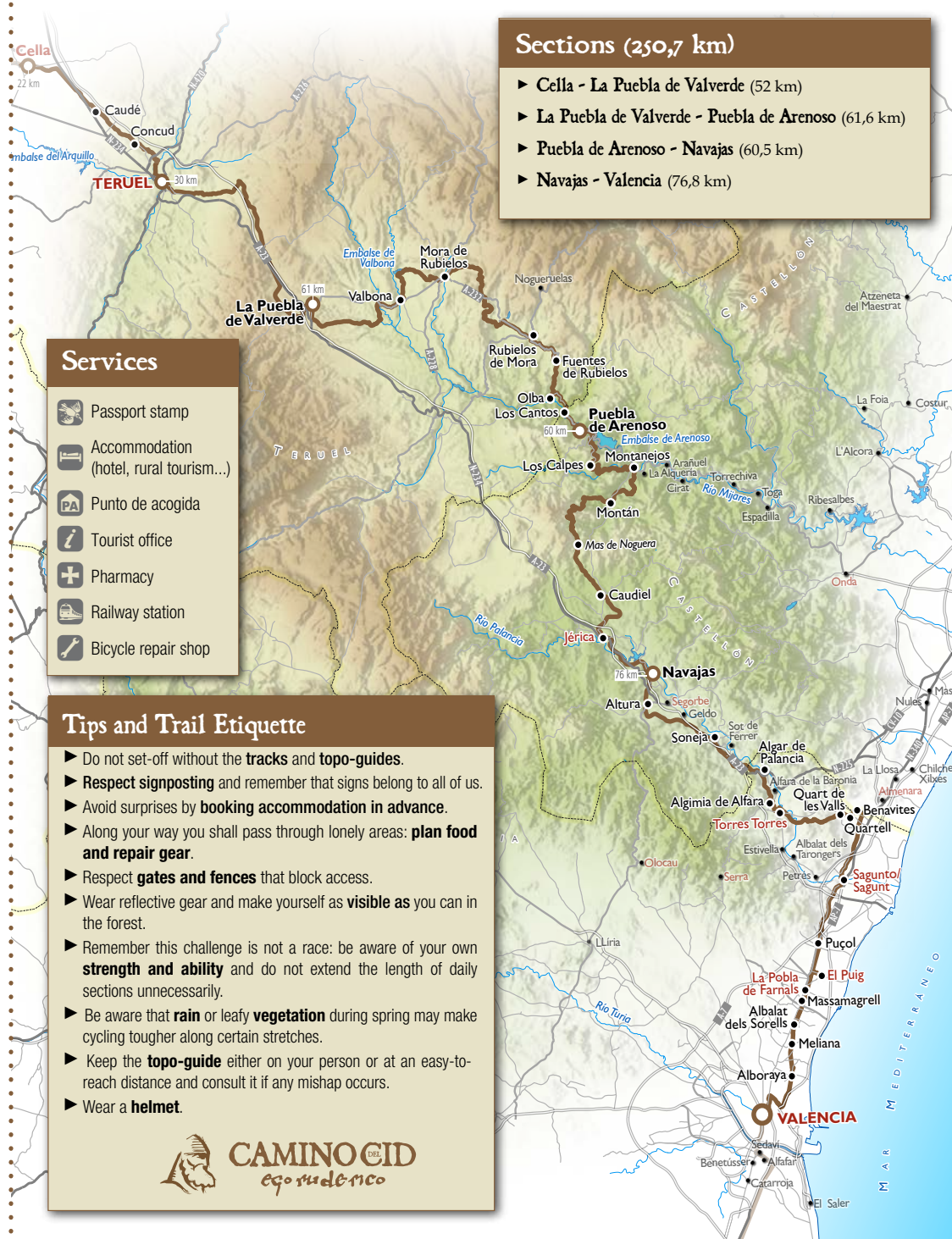
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- CENTRO DE DÍA: Av. de la Fuente, 2 - 978653045
- CR LA MASADA: C/ Camino del Cid, 2 - 978650656/ 636550232
- ALBERGUE EL RÍO: C/ Cuesta del Postigo, 1 - 637869089
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- LA PUEBLA DE VALVERDE**
- OFICINA DE TURISMO: C/ Mayor, 12 - 978670001
- AYUNTAMIENTO: C/ Mayor, 12 - 978670001
- H EL HORNO: C/ Dr. Fermín Izquierdo, 12 - 978670406
- H LA FONDA DE LA ESTACIÓN: Crta. De la Estación, s/n - 978670467
- CR LA ONTINA: C/ Extores, 8 - 606286626
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- OFICINA TURISMO CASTILLO: Ronda Martín Almagro, 1 - 978800395
- APTOS. MONTE Y PLAYA: Pl. la Raza, 3 - 630931966
- COMPLEJO LA TRUFA NEGRA: Av. Ibáñez Martín, 10-14 - 978807144
- H LA RUEDA: Crta. de Alcalá, km. 1 - 978800350
- H JAIME I: Pl. de la Villa, s/n - 978800184
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- MULTISERVICIO MIJARES: C/ Cantón,9 - 978781420
- ALB. MOLINO DE OLBA: Masía el Molino, s/n - 978031563/659081901
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- HS EL CARTERO: C/ Cuevas Puente La Reina 8 - 978620148
- HS SERRUCHI: C/ Ollerías del Calvario, 4 - 978610681
- HS CASONA: C/ Estación, 6 - 978602866
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- AYUNTAMIENTO: Pl. España, 1 - 964144049
- CR MITA: C/ Pelayo, 41 - 639110592
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- OFICINA DE TURISMO: C/ del Río, 2 - 964128004
- AYUNTAMIENTO: C/ Historiador Vayo, 19 - 964129177
- INF. TURÍSTICA: "Casilla Santa Bárbara" PK 154 Vía Verde - 659290715
- MONTÁN**
- AYUNTAMIENTO: Pl. del Ayuntamiento, 1 - 964131002
- MONTANEJOS**
- OFICINA DE TURISMO: Av. Fuente de Baños, 10 - 964131153

- H ROSALEDA DEL MIJARES: Crta. de Tales, 28 - 964131079
- APART. CAMPUEBLA: Crta. Tales, 51 - 964131074 / 629673522
- H REST. CASA PALACIO: C/ San Vicente, 40 - 964131293
- H XAUEN: Avda. Fuente Baños, 26 - 964131151
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- ALGIMIA DE ALFARA**
- CR EL SECANET: C/ Torres Torres, 27 - 962626527 / 661828245
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- HS CARLOS: Av. País Valencià, 43 - 962660902
- P AVENIDA: País Valencià, 20 - 962660003
- H B&B DOMUS ATLIA: C/ La Rosa, 14 - 629653448
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- H CONQUERIDOR: C/ Cervantes, 9 - 963522910
- H MEDIUM VALENCIA: General Urrutia, 48 - 963347800
- H PATILLA: C/ Pinares, 10 - 961830382
- CAMPING DEVESA GARDENS: El Saler, km. 13 - 961611136
- H CASUALVALENCIA DE LA MÚSICA: Padilla, 4 - 963511284
- HS EL CID: C/ Cerrajerros (Manyans), 13 - 963922323
- HS ACCOM HOSTEL PALACIOS: C/ Daoiz y Velarde, 6 - 963629689/616352548



- Sections (230,7 km)**
- ▶ Cella - La Puebla de Valverde (52 km)
  - ▶ La Puebla de Valverde - Puebla de Arenoso (61,6 km)
  - ▶ Puebla de Arenoso - Navajas (60,5 km)
  - ▶ Navajas - Valencia (76,8 km)

- Services**
- Passport stamp
  - Accommodation (hotel, rural tourism...)
  - Punto de acogida
  - Tourist office
  - Pharmacy
  - Railway station
  - Bicycle repair shop

- Tips and Trail Etiquette**
- ▶ Do not set-off without the **tracks and topo-guides**.
  - ▶ **Respect signposting** and remember that signs belong to all of us.
  - ▶ Avoid surprises by **booking accommodation in advance**.
  - ▶ Along your way you shall pass through lonely areas: **plan food and repair gear**.
  - ▶ Respect **gates and fences** that block access.
  - ▶ Wear reflective gear and make yourself as **visible** as you can in the forest.
  - ▶ Remember this challenge is not a race: be aware of your own **strength and ability** and do not extend the length of daily sections unnecessarily.
  - ▶ Be aware that **rain** or leafy **vegetation** during spring may make cycling tougher along certain stretches.
  - ▶ Keep the **topo-guide** either on your person or at an easy-to-reach distance and consult it if any mishap occurs.
  - ▶ Wear a **helmet**.







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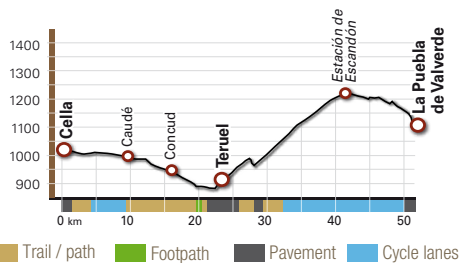
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## Cella / Teruel - La Puebla de Valverde

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Trail / path    Footpath    Pavement    Cycle lanes

This section is easy and comfortable because it runs mostly on paved or green ways. The first part involves no difficulty, so that you will have extra time to visit **Teruel**. After a pause, resume the route along *Via Verde*, which climbs gradually to the railway station *Escandón*. Ride off the route at **La Puebla de Valverde**.



### El Cid is waiting for you in Cella

It is very likely that the old Roman aqueduct in Cella was no longer feasible in the 12th century. Therefore, a new water supply method was needed: the gigantic artesian well. At that time it was a borderland territory, where mercenaries used to gather. This may be the reason why Cella was, according to *El Cantar*, the place at which *El Cid* decided to wait for the men who wished to join him in the conquest of Valencia.



### DATA

Distance 52 km	Cumulative ascent 540 m	MTB trail No
Physical difficulty Low	Cumulative descent 450 m	Signposting Markers GR
Technical difficulty Low	Estimated time 4 h 45 m	IBP Degree of difficulty 30

Km 0

### Cella

(2.818 pop.)



10,9 km

### Caudé

(201 pop.)

Km 10,9

5,4 km

### Concué

(146 pop.)

Km 16,3

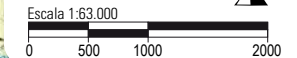
Leave from the artesian well. Continue along *Avenida de la Fuente* and *Calle de San Antonio* until reaching a crossroads (km 1.4). Continue straight on a paved path that runs towards the southeast. Pass to the left of a small industrial unit and ride away from the town on a soil path that runs amidst cultivated fields (km 1.9). You will reach a small water channel (km 2.4). Ride to its right until reaching a crossroads. Turn to your left (km 3.5). You will soon reach another crossroads. This time turn to your right (km 3.6) and continue riding to the left of the fence of a large factory. To the right you will see, some old railroad buildings, which signal the start of *Via Verde de Ojos Negros* (km 4.3). Ride along this route, on a long straight line. After crossing through a level crossing that crosses under the national road (km 9.4), ride off *Via Verde* and turn to a path to your right (before reaching an old bridge). The path comes close to the railroad and then continues to the right (km 9.7). The path runs alongside numerous farming buildings and then comes out to the road to *Caudé* (km 10.6). After crossing through the bridge over the stream *Concué*, you reach the church of **Caudé** (km 10.9).

From the washing place, continue straight until reaching *Calle Nueva*. The street moves away from the town amidst farming buildings and then turns into a soil path (km 11.4). At a crossroads (km 11.7), turn to the right. The path, which descends along a small precipice until reaching the black poplars that grow in the area surrounding the stream *Concué*, runs under the road's bridge (km 12.4). Although there is a right hand turn (km 13.5), continue alongside the bottom of the precipice and the meadow. The path comes close to the train lines (km 14.3). Ride to their left and ignore a path that crosses through the railroad. At a crossroads (km 15.3), continue straight along a crossing over *gully Rama*, where the path curves to the right. Access **Concué** riding along *Calle del Pilar* (km 15.8).

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### Key

- Hiking trail
- MTB trail
- Hiking trail not suitable for cycling
- Reduced cycling conditions
- Connection to other routes
- Signposting**
- Long-distance or GR stretch
- Non-GR stretch
- Short-distance or PR stretch
- Camino de Santiago
- Type of surface**
- Pavement, trail or cycle lane
- Rural path
- Footpath





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## 1

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**TERUEL**  
(32.671 pop.)

Km 23,1



Teruel and, in particular, its old town are a must visit. After completing the visit, head again to *Paseo del Óvalo* and then ride along the *beltway Glorieta*, until running into a pedestrian viaduct (km 23.4). Cross through the viaduct and continue along *Avenida Sagunto* until reaching the city's exit, which is next to the *conference centre* and *Dinópolis*. A directional arrow, placed close to some information boards and to the exit of the parking lot (km 26), points to a path that runs parallel to *road N-234* (together with path *PR-TE 8*). Ignore two left hand turns, continuing on the same path. At a pine grove (km 26.6), turn to the left and ride away from the road. The path descends until coming out to a small road (km 27.9). Turn left and continue until reaching the area surrounding *Fuente Cerrada* (swimming-pools, sports centre...) (km 28.8). Although the path is no longer paved, the trail, which runs amidst pine trees (*path to las Suertes*) and climbs along *gully Valdelobos*, is comfortable. Ignore several left and right hand turns and continue on the main path (to the right of the gully). Ride under the spectacular *viaduct of highway A-23* (km 32) and shortly after you will come very close to a large six-arch viaduct (km 32.5). **Vía Verde de Ojos Negros** crosses the gully through this viaduct. A climbing path to the left leads to a path to which motor vehicles are not permitted and then the path joins the route running along a peculiar stretch (km 32.7).

**Concud**  
(134 pop.)

Km 16,3



Leave from the church riding along *Calle Horno* and *Calle Larga* and continue until reaching a turn to the right (end of a handrail) (km 16.7), which descends away from the town along a slope. The path runs in between the precipice and the meadow at the *stream Concud*. When coming out to a road (km 17.9), cross and continue straight on a paved path. At *Masia de Chantre*, turn right (km 18.7) and ride towards the buildings. Pass by a road (km 18.8), which leads to **Teruel**. The pavement turns into soil, in spite of which ride straight and cross the tunnel under *road N-420* (km 18.9). After coming out of the tunnel, turn right at the crossroads (km 19) and continue until reaching a black poplar grove (km 19.4). The path runs parallel to the stream until reaching a crossroads. Pay attention so as to turn right and cross the riverbed through a ford (km 19.8). The path climbs some metres and then turns to a path that runs on the limits of a field, following the precipice. The path turns into a trail (km 20.2) that turns to the right and crosses through a tunnel under the railroad (km 20.4). After the tunnel, turn to a path to the left that runs southwards and comes out to the road to **Teruel** (km 21.5). Turn left to the road, which crosses the *river Alfambra*. Access the town riding along *Avenida de Zaragoza* (km 22) and head to *Paseo del Óvalo* (km 23.1).

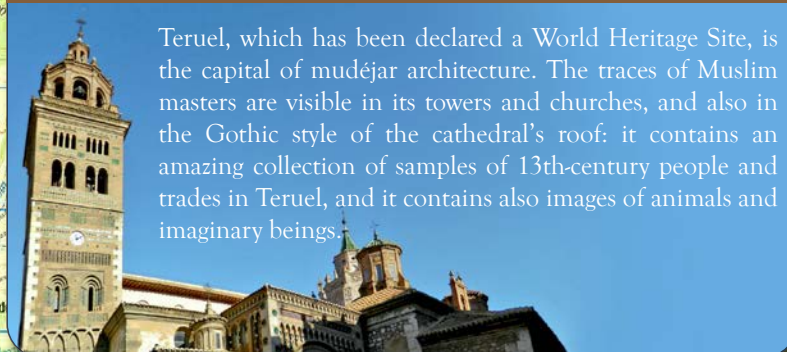
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Km 23,1



### Teruel, a mudéjar city

Teruel, which has been declared a World Heritage Site, is the capital of mudéjar architecture. The traces of Muslim masters are visible in its towers and churches, and also in the Gothic style of the cathedral's roof: it contains an amazing collection of samples of 13th-century people and trades in Teruel, and it contains also images of animals and imaginary beings.



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**TERUEL**  
Bicycle shops and bicycle repair shops

**Ciclos Mudéjar** (978610445)  
C/ San León Magno, 5

**Sólo Bici Teruel** (978612371)  
C/ Dublin, 1 Polígono La Paz

**Motos Casa Marco** (978612068)  
Av. Sagunto, 112

**Biciate** (622106012)  
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Cross the viaduct and continue along **Vía Verde de Ojos Negros**, riding amidst large pine groves and spectacular *cuttings*, carved on the rock. The route comes close to the highway (km 11.9) and then crosses through several short tunnels. The pine landscape gradually turns into large groves of junipers. In the area next to *house Puerto de Escandón*, the route **Vía Verde** is cut off (km 40.4). Take a paved path to the right, which crosses through a tunnel under the highway. Ride straight along the path, parallel to the service road until reaching the area surrounding the **railway station of Puerto de Escandón** (km 41.5), where old steam locomotives used to rest and cool after the steep ascent to the top of the pass. At present, the buildings serve as a passenger station, where regional trains stop.

Continue on the signposted service road that connects with **Vía Verde de Ojos Negros**, which is opposite to the **railway station of Puerto de Escandón** (km 41.5). The road moves gradually away from the highway, running parallel to the new railroad line. The route runs along large high moorlands covered with junipers and close to amazing cuttings, carved on the rock. When coming out to the road to **Camarena de la Sierra** (km 49.6), cross and continue straight some metres, riding towards *Estación de la Puebla de Valverde*. Before reaching the station, turn left to a paved path (km 49.8), which is situated in close proximity to *Fonda de la Estación*. Ride off the stretch of **Vía Verde de Ojos Negros** that runs along the *province of Teruel* (you will join this route again in *Castellón*). In front of the *cold meat factory*, turn to the road to your right (km 50.1), which reaches a huge roundabout placed next to the highway service area. Cross the *highway A-23* through a bridge (km 50.7) that connects two roundabouts. Continue carefully along *road A-232*, which descends until reaching a roundabout that connects with the *national road 234* (km 51.5), in the area surrounding **La Puebla de Valverde**. Continue straight (*road A-232*) towards the town, climbing along *Calle Balsillas* (next to the fountain), and then turn to *Calle Loreto*. Continue until reaching the city centre, which is next to the church (km 52).

18,4 km

Km 41,5

10,5 km

Km 52

**Puerto de Escandón station**

(building without services)

**La Puebla de Valverde**

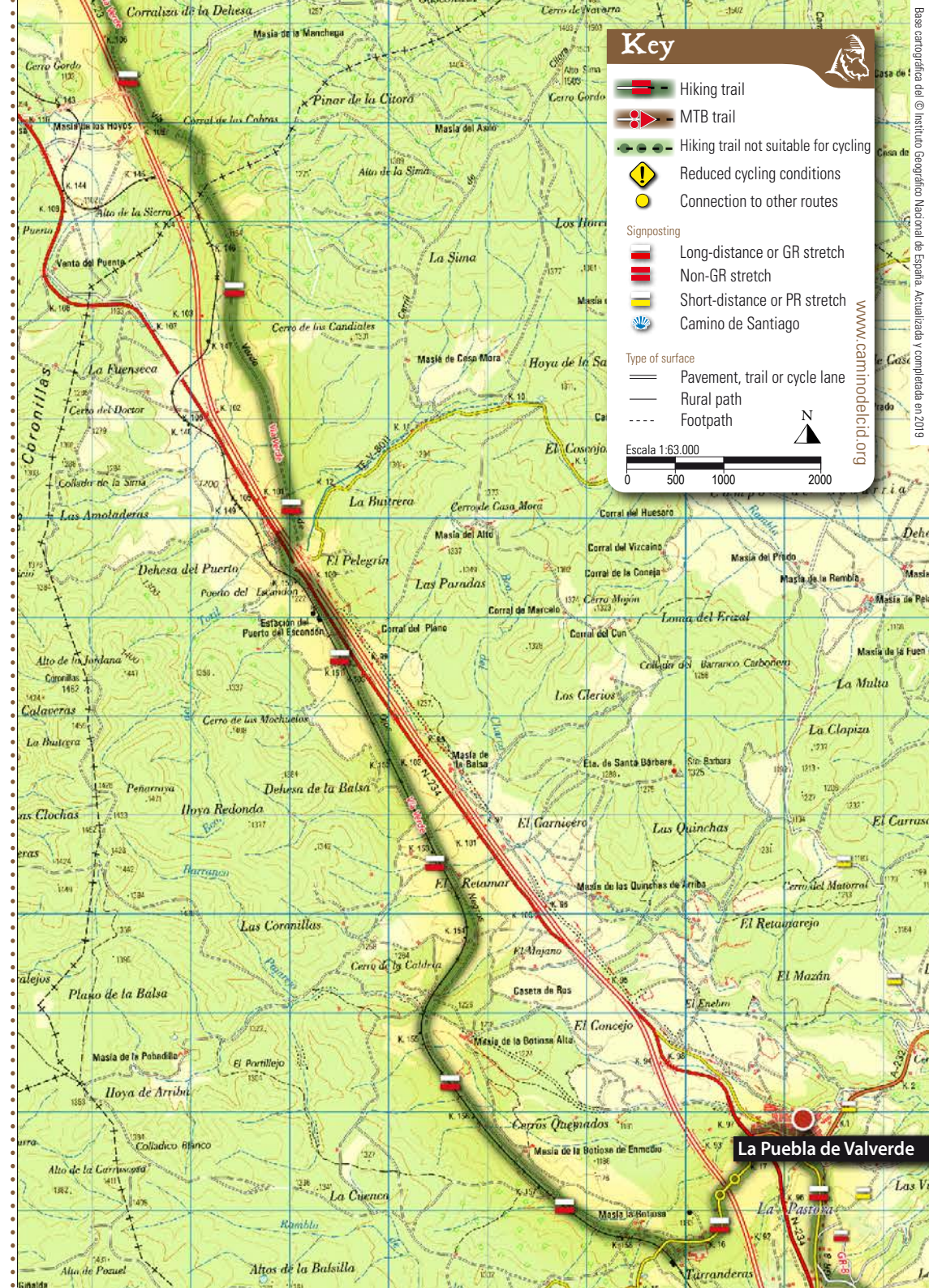
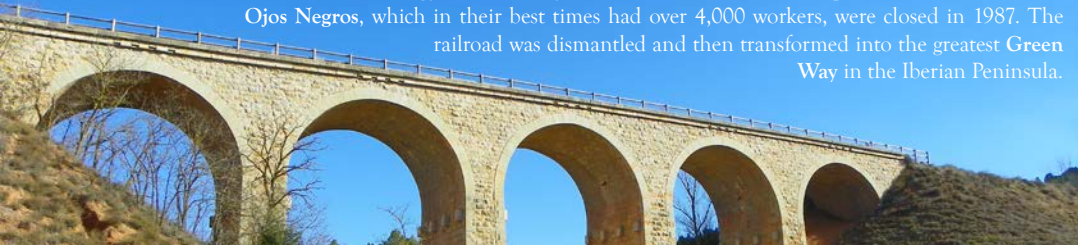
(391 pop.)



### The old railroad at Ojos Negros

In the year 1904 the *Compañía Minera [Mining Company] of Sierra de Menera* built a 204 km-narrow gauge railway line, extending between the mines of Ojos Negros (Teruel) and Sagunto, where a large pass and blast furnaces were built to transform mineral. This railroad line worked until the year 1973, when it was decided to use the *central train line of Aragón* so as to reduce costs. The energy crisis of the year 1974 caused a decrease in production. The mines at Ojos Negros, which in their best times had over 4,000 workers, were closed in 1987. The

railroad was dismantled and then transformed into the greatest Green Way in the Iberian Peninsula.







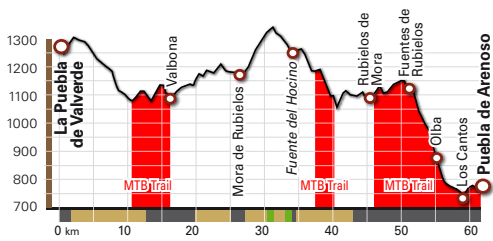
# La Conquista de Valencia 2

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## La Puebla de Valverde - Puebla de Arenoso

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UYM Distribution



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This stage runs mainly along paths in good condition and tarmacked tracks. The only exception is the stretch between Mora de Rubiello and Fuente del Hocino, which includes several highly taxing sections where you will have to get off your bike, giving you an authentic taste of the adventurous spirit of the Way. The final MTB stretch avoids the hiking route and includes a number of challenging paths, following roads that preserve the essence of the landscape that lines the river Mijares.

DATA	Distance 61,6 km	Cumulative ascent 700 m	MTB trail Yes
	Physical difficulty Medium	Cumulative descent 1.200 m	Signposting Markers GR and Btt
	Technical difficulty Medium	Estimated time 6 h 25 m	IBP Degree of difficulty 69

### La Puebla de Valverde (391 pop.)



Km 0



16,2 km

Descend along *Calle Bajada los Santos* until coming out to *road A-232* (km 0,7). Turn to the right, riding along the pavement for some metres. At the crossroads (km 0,8), turn to a road to your left and cross over a bridge. After 1 km, turn to a path to your left (km 1,9) (path *GR-8* continues straight). Although you will reach a crossroads at which path *PR* (km 2,7) joins the route, go straight. Pass by a kermes oak grove and to the right of a *farmyard*; shortly after, you reach a crossroads (km 3,4). Turn left to a *path called de los Estancos*, riding off the *PR*. The path descends gradually, running alongside cereal fields and kermes oaks. It connects old scattered buildings: *Molinero farmyard* (km 6,3), *Gordo house* (km 7,6) and *Gálvez country house* (km 8,7). After the country house, there is a crossroads. Take the path to your right and cross through a gully (km 8,9) and a kermes oak grove. Two paths to the right join the main path (km 9,2 and 9,9). Continue until reaching the bottom of the *gully Cubillo*. At this point, ride off the *hiking trail* so as to ride into a *MTB stretch* (km 10,3).

### Valbona

(168 pop.)

### Mora de Rubielos

(1.525 pop.)

16,2 km

10,4 km

Km 16,2

Km 26,6

### Start of a MBT stretch (5,5)

When reaching the gully (km 10,3), ride off the *hiking trail of The Way of El Cid* and path *GR-8* and continue straight on the trail. 200 m after, there is a right hand turn and, shortly after, there is one to the left; ignore both. Cross the gully again (km 10,7) and start climbing alongside the kermes oak grove. Continue straight until reaching a crossroads on the high part (km 12,3). Turn to a path to your right, leading to *Mas del Señor*. When coming out to *road A-232* (km 12,8), turn left and ride for 3 km so as to reach **Valbona**.

Leave from the park that is placed next to the road riding along *Calle José Ibáñez Martín*, which crosses the town. When reaching the church, continue straight along *GR-8* until coming out to *Loreto chapel* (km 16,5). At this point, turn to a small road to the left, which leads northwards. Keep riding until reaching *the dam of Valbona*. Before descending to the dam, take a path to your right (km 16,4). The path runs along scrubland, moving away from the dam until reaching a trail (km 20,3). Cross the trail and continue on a path in front of you, which shortly after joins again the *path to Cava* (km 20,5). Cross through an area of cultivated fields (km 21,7) and return to the scrubland (km 22,8). The path traces a large curve so as to avoid *gully Ciego* (km 24,1), close to an industrial area. When coming out to *road A-232* (km 25,1), cross and continue on a paved path in front of you. The path eventually comes out to *road A-228* (km 25,5), which runs alongside houses. Continue on the road until reaching the entrance to **Mora de Rubielos**, placed next to *Soledad chapel* (km 26). Turn to a street to the right which leads to the *bridge over the river Mora* (km 26,6), placed next to *Avenida de Ibáñez Martín*.



### Key

- Hiking trail
- MTB trail
- Hiking trail not suitable for cycling
- Reduced cycling conditions
- Connection to other routes

### Signposting

- Long-distance or GR stretch
- Non-GR stretch
- Short-distance or PR stretch
- Camino de Santiago

### Type of surface

- Pavement, trail or cycle lane
- Rural path
- Footpath

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## MTB route guide Camino del Cid

**Mora de Rubielos**  
(1.525 pop.)



Km 26,6

7,5 km



**Fuente del Hocino**

(área recreativa sin servicios)

Km 34,1

10,9 km

**Rubielos de Mora**

(618 pop.)

Km 45

Leave from *Plaza de la Villa* riding along *Calle J. A. Belloch* and *Calle Regajo* and passing to the right of the ascent to the Stations of the Cross. Ride towards the northern part of the town, along a small exit path (km 27.2) that coincides with paths *PR-TE 7* and *PR-TE 32* and climbs along *gully Perales*. At this point, you reach the area surrounding *Mas de Perales*, where there is a turn to the left (km 28.2). Ignore it and continue riding along the gully. **▲ Surface gradually becomes rougher, turning into a stony horse track with a steep climb that occasionally will force you to get off your bike and walk over a stretch of more than 2 km.** Pass to the right of *Mas del Royo* and a little further turn right to a trail in better condition (km 29). 100 m further, turn to the right to a climbing path with an irregular surface that leads to *Mas del Pozo* (km 30.2). Continue comfortably along a path in good condition that crosses the head of *gully Perales* and then reaches a crossroads (km 31.6). At this point, turn right and ride off path *PR-TE 7*. Shortly after, you reach another crossroads (km 32), at which the path turns sharply to the left and reaches the door of a fence (remember to close the door). After passing to the right of *Mas de Villar de Abajo*, you will encounter another fence (km 32.9). The trail continues southwards until disappearing (km 33.6) and transforming into a 300 m-long path. **▲ This final stretch, until reaching gully Cubillo, is complex because of the difference in height, which is why you should hop off and push your bike.** Ride some metres further until reaching *Fuente del Hocino* (km 34.1), where you may rest for a while.

Turn left to the old road and continue until coming out to the new road (km 34.7) (the road comes sharply to an end). Cross *road A-232* and continue on a trail in good condition, which runs together with path *PR-TE 32* and descends towards a leafy pine grove. Pay attention so as to turn left to a trail in worse condition (km 35.6), riding off the PR path. Climb some metres until reaching the *top of the hilllock Hoya Marín*. At this point, you reach a crossroads (km 35.7). Turn left and continue until reaching a hidden country house called *Hoya Marín* (km 36.6). The trail, whose surface is in better condition, descends to a crossroads (km 36.9) that connects with a **MTB stretch**.

### ▶▶ Start of MTB stretch (3,1 km)

Ride off the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid** and turn right to take a MTB trail, following MTB traces. The trail, which is comfortable and pleasant, descends along a pine grove. Ignore several left and right hand turns and continue until reaching a small grassland (km 40), where cattle (harmless), which you should not bother, grazes. At this point, turn left to join the **hiking trail**.

Continue on the trail, which descends to the bottom of the gully, and then turn to a path to your right (km 40.5). Cross through the gully, in the area close to the country house of *Tejería* (km 40.6). At this point, the path turns left and climbs along the hillside until reaching the countryside house of *Balagueras* (km 41.7), which is situated next to *road A-232*. Continue on a path to the right that descends and crosses *stream Palomarejos* (km 42) and then runs alongside cultivated fields. Immediately after passing by *Mártires chapel* (km 43), the path comes out to the road (km 43.6). The final stretch until reaching **Rubielos de Mora** runs along the road, which is why you should take extreme care. Access the town riding close to *San Antonio chapel* (km 44.8) and head to the *gate of San Antonio*, which is located in *Calle Muro*.



### Attention: cattle

This stretch of the route runs on right of ways that cross through pastures and grasslands where you may come across peacefully grazing livestock. In order to access these rights of way you may need to open a **gate** or cross through **electric fences**: remember to leave the gates exactly as you found them. If you do not close a gate which was closed, you may cause an unnecessary problem for its owners, who are the ones that ensure through their work that the paths are clean and usable. When passing close to animals, **ride slowly and do not bother them**: you never know how a scared animal may react.



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### Rubielos de Mora

(618 pop.)



Km 45



6 km



### Fuentes de Rubielos

(91 pop.)



Km 51



4.5 km



### Olba

(67 pop.)



Km 55,5



6.1 km



### Puebla de Arenoso

(75 pop.)



Km 61,6



Teruel  
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Castellón

Leave from *Portal del Carmen*. Ride away from **Rubielos**, pedalling along a promenade until reaching a crossroads (km 45.5). Turn to the right but avoid *road A-232*, taking a path that runs to the right of a wall. The path comes out to the road's bridge (km 45.9) over the *river Rubielos*. Cross the river and then continue riding on the pavement, ignoring a trail to the left. Shortly after, you reach an arrow (km 46) indicating a **MTB stretch**.

#### ▶ Start of a MTB stretch (5,1 km)

The **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid** runs off the road and climbs along the hillside, through non-cycable paths. Cyclists should continue straight along *road A-232* (pay attention to the narrow shoulder). After 1 km, you reach the *viewpoint Cruz* and then continue until riding into a crossroads (km 50.2). At this point, take a new road to your right (heading to **Olba**). After a descent, you reach **Fuentes de Rubielos** (km 51), where there is a directional arrow pointing towards a **hiking trail**. Ignore the sign.

#### ▶ Start of a MTB stretch (4,4 km)

Resume the route leaving from the exit to **Fuentes de Rubielos**, where there is a directional arrow (km 51). The **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid** passes along a difficult path for cyclists, which is why this stretch runs on the road. **▲ The road descends dizzily until reaching Olba (270 m in height in little more than 4 km), so that you should slow down and enjoy the beautiful landscape of the river Mijares.** The road comes to an end at a crossroads in the high part of the town (km 55.5), next to the cemetery.

#### ▶ Start of a MTB stretch (6 km)

Signposting for **The Way of El Cid** points towards the city centre, though cyclists should continue along a road to their left. The road, which descends gradually alongside the river Mijares, passes by several scattered towns, which have survived over the years: **Dines** (km 56.3), **Los Lucas** (km 57.5), **La Monzona** (km 58.7) and **Los Cantos** (km 59.3). The road runs into the *province of Castellón*, after which the surface's condition improves rapidly. Shortly after, there is a bridge that crosses over the *dam Arenoso*, leading easily to **Puebla de Arenoso** (km 61.3).

### Truffles and country houses

The large plots of land (equipped with trickle irrigation) where scattered kermes oaks grow will probably impress you. They are used to cultivate truffles, a valuable tuber which grows in association with tree roots. This exquisite delicacy is also valued by wild boars, which is why these plot of lands are fenced; otherwise unwelcome surprises may occur.

From Albarracín onwards, you may have noticed that there are a good number of scattered buildings. These country houses, which are a remarkable feature of this region's landscape, are known in Spanish as "masas" or "masías". Along the route, you will see these buildings of extremely grand appearance, which may be built together but are placed at a distance from towns. Over the centuries, these buildings, whose origin and function is diverse (defensive, cattle, agricultural and livestock, etc.), have witnessed modes of life that are currently on the verge of extinction: *masoveros* (typical farmers from the area).







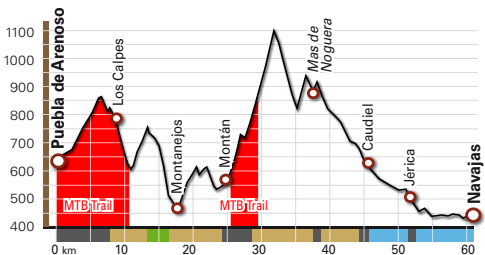
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MTB route guide Camino del Cid

## Puebla de Arenoso - Navajas

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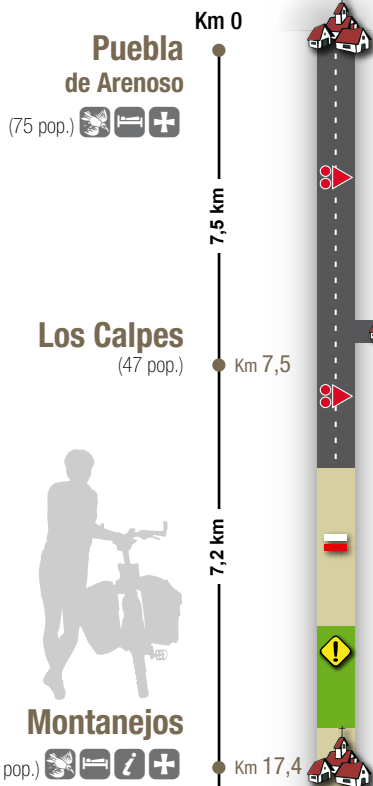
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Trail / path Footpath Pavement Cycle lanes

DATA	Distance 60,5 km	Cumulative ascent 1.500 m	MTB trail Yes
	Physical difficulty Very High	Cumulative descent 1.700 m	Signposting Markers GR and Btt
	Technical difficulty High	Estimated time 7 h 15 m	IBP Degree of difficulty 164

The steep slope, tough ride and stunning natural landscapes undoubtedly make this the most challenging section of the MTB route. An experience that is not suitable for everyone, as it includes a number of taxing stretches that require patience, skill and excellent physical shape. Before embarking on this stage, read this guide, assess your abilities, the weather and other easier alternatives that you can take at various points along the way. The toughest sections end before you reach Caudiel, from where you will begin the descent along the former railway line known as the Ojos Negros Via Verde as far as Navajas.



### Start of a MTB stretch (10,2 km)

Ride towards the arrow indicating the exit from **Puebla de Arenoso**, which is situated next to the *path to Calvario*. At this point, ride off the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid** and continue on *road CV-20* along a **MTB stretch**. After 2 km, turn to a path to the right (km 2.2) and ride on *road CV-207* (towards **Los Calpes**). Continue for 7.5 km on the road, which climbs alongside a pine grove. Ignore signposts for the **Btt8 route**, organized by the *MTB centre at Alto Mijares* (km 5.6). Pay attention when riding down the path. As soon as you see the town of **Los Calpes** and before you reach the curve (km 7.5), ride off the pavement and turn to a trail to your left. From here you may ride to the town, which is only 500m away.

Ride into a trail that is in good condition and runs into the pine grove. 80 m further, turn to the left. Shortly after, the trail descends rapidly. At a curve (km 8.6), **route Btt8** joins the trail (in the opposite direction). Continue straight on the main trail until reaching the bottom of the *gully* (km 10.3), where the cycling route joins the **hiking trail**.

The trail passes by a right hand turn (km 10.6) and shortly after crosses through *gully La Maimona* (km 10.8). After a stretch that passes close to the riverbed, the path climbs gradually along the hillside. **The stony surface and the steep climb will probably cause cyclists to hop off their bikes at some point**. When reaching a curve (km 13.5), turn to a path to your left that runs together with path **GR-7** and **route Btt3**. This beautiful path is 2.8 km long and runs alongside the spectacular *cuttings of La Maimona*. **Be careful; this is a very difficult stretch for knapsack cyclists (see card on the map)**. After a challenging descent down a stony track that will force you to get off your bike at several points, the path reaches a track next to the *Montanejos reservoir* (km 16.4), which will take us into the town centre.



### A STRETCH ALONG A SPECTACULAR PATH

The stretch that runs between the **La Maimona** precipices and **Montanejos** is a narrow path with several demanding sections that will require pedalling along uneven ground and at considerable heights. We therefore advise you to get off your bike for this 2.8 km stretch, enabling you to admire the breathtaking scenery with complete peace of mind and in total safety, as it runs down along a flat path.

Cyclists interested in routes offering **better cycling conditions**, should continue along the trail. Follow the signposts for the **GR-7** path and for the **Btt3 route**, which have been prepared by the MTB centre of Alto Mijares (note that there are no markers of The Way of El Cid, for this route is not part of The Way of El Cid). After a climb of 5.6 km and 160 m in height, join the **MTB stretch**, running from **Montán** to **Caudiel** (see map).



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### Montanejos

(503 pop.)



Km 17,4



7,6 km



### Montán

(357 pop.)



Km 25



12,8 km



### El Mas de Noguera

(Building with services; call ahead)

Km 37,8



7,6 km

### Caudiel

(621 pop.)



Km 45,4



Ride towards San José bridge (km 17.7). Cross the bridge and continue on a path that runs together with path GR-36, which climbs until reaching a crossroads (km 18). Turn sharply to your right and continue, riding to the right of the river Montán, on a trail that climbs to a point halfway up the hillside. Ignore a left hand turn (km 19.9), riding straight. You will reach another crossroads, placed on a curve (km 20.7). At this point, path GR-36 turns to a path to the left. The path runs into a pine grove and the surface becomes stony, running along the edge of rock Cinglo and descending again to the area surrounding the river. Join a descending path (km 23.3). Some metres further, ignore a left hand turn, continuing straight. At a dumping site (km 24.1), there is a turn to a path to the right. Ignore it and continue straight. You will soon see Montán. Pay attention so as to turn to a short path to the right (km 24.6) which runs into the river. **▲ Hop off your bike.** Cross the river Montán through a cement ford and climb along a path until reaching the road (km 24.7). Cross the road and continue on a paved path; pass by a fountain and climb towards the town (km 25).

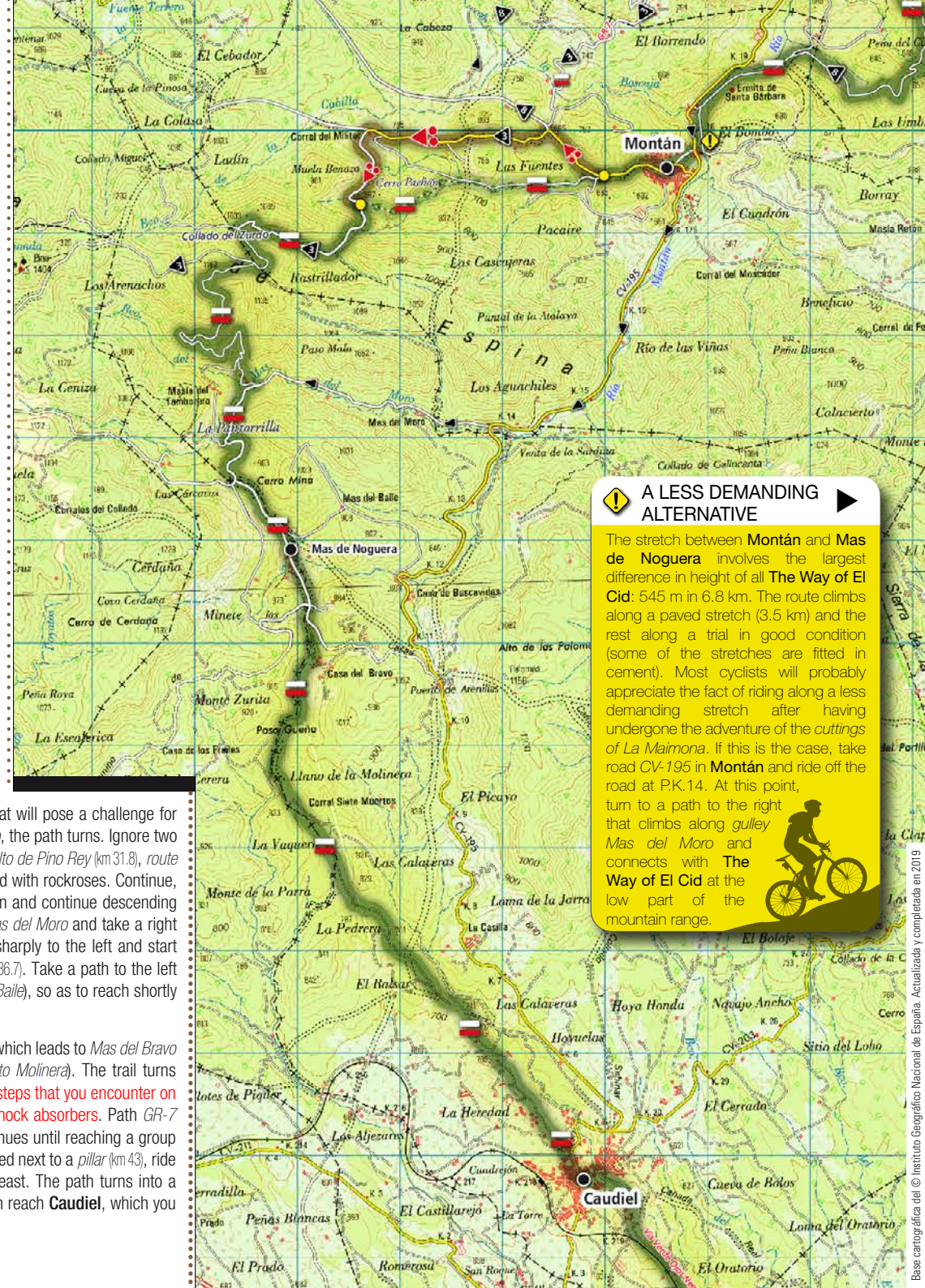
Starting from Convento Servitas (km 25.3), leave Montán riding along Calle Tejería, which turns into a road. You will soon reach a crossroads next to the fountain of Tejería (km 25.9). Ride off the hiking trail to ride on a MTB stretch.

### ► Start of a MTB stretch (3,6 km)

Ride off the hiking trail of The Way of El Cid and path GR-8. At a turn (km 25.9), continue straight on the road. At a crossroads (km 26.6), route Btt3 joins the road. Continue straight until passing by Corral del Militar (km 28.4), where the pavement comes to an end. Turn left to a climbing trail. The trail, which is in good condition, joins the hiking trail and path GR-8 at a crossroads (km 29.5).

Climb along this trail in good condition, though there are very steep stretches that will pose a challenge for your legs. Continue riding straight on the main path. At the top of the hillock Zurdo, the path turns. Ignore two right hand turns (kms 31.1 and 31.3). When reaching the top of the spectacular hillock Alto de Pino Rey (km 31.8), route Btt3 takes a different route and path GR-7 takes a short cut through paths covered with rockroses. Continue, however, on a descending trail. At a sharp curve (km 33.6), ignore a right hand turn and continue descending until reaching a country house called Tío Guerrillo (km 35.1). Cross through gully Mas del Moro and take a right hand turn (km 35.3). At a fence (giving access to Mas de Tamborera) (km 36), turn sharply to the left and start descending until reaching a crossroads, which connects with path PR-CV 62 (km 36.7). Take a path to the left that runs alongside the gully. Ignore a left hand turn (km 37.3) (leading to Mas de Baile), so as to reach shortly after Mas de Noguera (km 37.8).

Continue on a paved path. Some metres further turn to a path to the right (km 38.3), which leads to Mas del Bravo (km 38.8). Ride away from Mas, continuing on a trail that runs southwards (path to Molinera). The trail turns gradually into a descending path. **▲ Pay attention to the motocross facilities and steps that you encounter on your way: they are technically challenging and may cause problems for bikes' shock absorbers.** Path GR-7 leaves along a path to the right (km 39.6). The path crosses a trail (km 40.4) and continues until reaching a group of cultivated fields, where it continues on a farm route (km 41). At an open field, placed next to a pillar (km 43), ride straight. At a crossroads (km 43.8), go straight and keep riding towards the southeast. The path turns into a paved path, in the proximity of the leisure area of the windmill (km 44.5). You will soon reach Caudiel, which you access through the northern part of the town (km 45.1).



### ▲ A LESS DEMANDING ALTERNATIVE

The stretch between Montán and Mas de Noguera involves the largest difference in height of all The Way of El Cid: 545 m in 6.8 km. The route climbs along a paved stretch (3.5 km) and the rest along a trail in good condition (some of the stretches are fitted in cement). Most cyclists will probably appreciate the fact of riding along a less demanding stretch after having undergone the adventure of the cuttings of La Maimona. If this is the case, take road CV-195 in Montán and ride off the road at P.K.14. At this point, turn to a path to the right that climbs along gully Mas del Moro and connects with The Way of El Cid at the low part of the mountain range.





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### Caudiel

(621 pop.)



Km 45,4



6,8 km

### Jérica

(1.390 pop.)



Km 52,2



8,1 km

### Navajas

(696 pop.)



Km 60,3



Resume the route starting at the *monastery Carmelitas* (km 45.4), located in *Avenida Valencia*. Ride down *Calle Benilde Perce*, passing to the left of a religious building. At the end of the street, turn to the left and continue until running into the bridge over the stream. Cross and continue until reaching a fountain and the *old washing place*. At this point, ride again along a stretch of **Vía Verde de Ojos Negros** (km 45.8) that runs through **Castellón**. The route is easy to follow, for it runs entirely along **Vía Verde**. Half-way through the route there is a *leisure area*, called *Novales* (km 50.2). Pass through a viaduct over *gully Cascajar* (km 50.4). A little bit further, before crossing through the tunnel under the road to *Jérica*, you will see that the road has carved an impressive trench on the land, after which it penetrates into the *tunnel of Jérica* (km 50.7). This tunnel is 520 metres long, but it is safe because it has good lighting. At the other side of the tunnel you will see another trench and a small tunnel under the railroad (km 51.5). At the entrance to **Jérica**, ride off **Vía Verde**, turning right to a tunnel that crosses under the national road (km 52), and go straight until reaching the centre of the town (km 52.2).

Cross through the town, following the signposts for **Vía Verde**, and continue until reaching the *cemetery* (km 52.7). Starting at the cemetery, ride away from **Jérica**, using the road's shoulder (*old national road*). After passing by the *sewage treatment plant*, ride again into **Vía Verde**, which is to your right; i.e. next to the *old hut of the crossing keeper* (km 53.7). Descend along a long trench until reaching the bridge over the *river Palancia* (km 55.1). Some metres further, next to the *old station of Jérica* (km 55.9), there is a *leisure area*. Cross under the highway (km 56.4) and the national road (km 57.4). At the other side of a small tunnel (km 58.3), there is a nice view of a *reservoir called Regajo*. The *quarry of Navajas* and a *leisure area* are placed at the other side of the last tunnel (km 58.9). At a left hand turn, next to the *campsite of Navajas* (km 60.3), there is a **MTB centre, called Alto Palancia**. Take the turn that descends to the entrance of the campsite. From there, you may head to the town.

### Alto Palancia and Alto Mijares MTB centres

A MTB centre is a free access area, especially equipped for mountain bike users (MTB or Mountain bike). These centres are fitted with a network of signposted routes and with a series of bike facilities and services.

The route of The Way of El Cid coincides with two MTB centres:



**Alto Mijares MTB centre**  
Campuebla Apartamentos & Spa  
Avenida Fuente de Baños, 14  
12448 Montanejos (Castellón)  
Tel.: 629 673 522 / 964 131 074

**Alto Palancia MTB centre**  
Camping Altomira  
Carretera CV-213, km 1  
12470 Navajas (Valencia)  
Tel.: 964 713 211







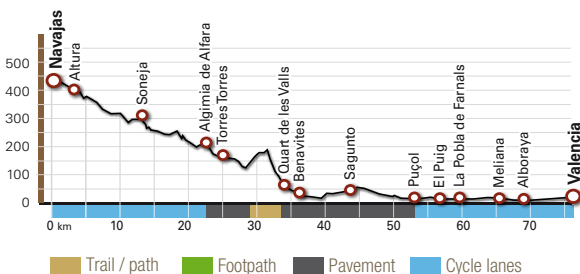
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MTB route guide Camino del Cid

## Navajas - Valencia

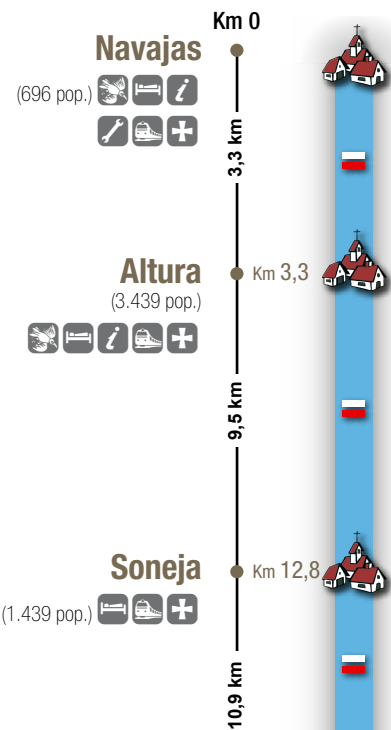
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Section 4 is an easy section, whose profile is either flat or in descent. The sea is reached in this section, so that there is a reward for the effort made in the previous days. The greatest part of the route runs on stretches of **Green Way** or **cycle paths**. This will make for the length of the section and will also give a break to the bikes' shock absorbers, following the previous tough stretch.

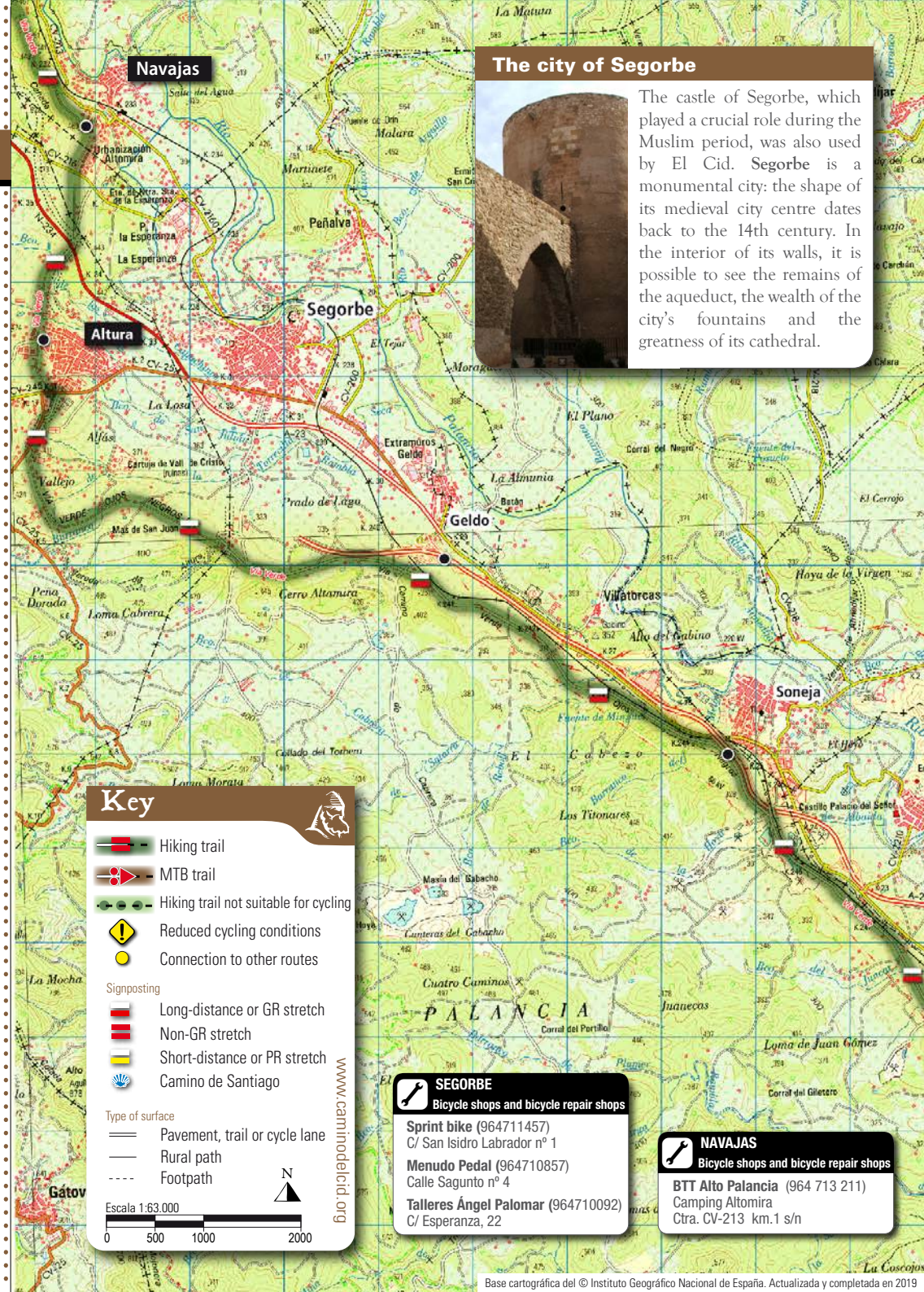
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Physical difficulty	Low	Cumulative descent	650 m
Technical difficulty	Low	Estimated time	6 h 25 m
		MTB trail	No
		Signposting	Markers GR
		IBP	Degree of difficulty 30



Resume the route on **Vía Verde**, starting in an area in close proximity to the *campsite*. Cross the road to **Navajas** (km 0.7) and then ride under a road (km 1.1). Cross under the highway (km 1.4) and continue until reaching a crossroads (km 1.6). At this point, there are two options: 1) turn to the left and ride around the streets of the city centre; 2) turn to the right and ride along **Vía Verde**, which is used also by motor vehicles. Both options are signposted and meet at the town's exit, at a park situated next to the *campsite* (km 3.3).

Continue the route on **Vía Verde de Ojos Negros**, leaving from an area in close proximity to the *campsite*. At this point, you reach a dry *riverbed* called *Monteros* (km 5.3), close to a leisure area. On the bridge over the dry riverbed, there is a sign that points to the old *Cartuja de Vall de Crist*, which is to your left. You reach a pine grove, which is located close to a country house called *Valero* (km 6.7). Further on, you come close to *highway A-23* and then you reach the *old station*, which is next to another leisure area. Cross a bridge over the dry *riverbed of Rovira* (km 11.3) and then ride close to the railroad line. Continue riding parallel to the train lines until reaching a small signpost. Turn to a path (km 12.8). If you are interested in visiting **Soneja**, ride along this path, under the highway.

Starting at the turn to **Soneja** (km 12.8), continue on **Vía Verde**. The highway has caused the route of the **Vía Verde** to disappear, which is why you should continue along a signposted service path. The path reaches the railroad line (km 13.8) and then ends at a plaster quarry. The original traces of the *railroad of Ojos Negros* have also disappeared. Continue on a different path, which runs parallel to the railroad line and is free of motor vehicles. Pass by the quarry and ride into the original traces of the railroad line, along **Vía Verde** (km 14.9). You will soon reach a *leisure area with a viewpoint* to **Sot de Ferrer** (km 15.1).



### The city of Segorbe



The castle of Segorbe, which played a crucial role during the Muslim period, was also used by El Cid. Segorbe is a monumental city: the shape of its medieval city centre dates back to the 14th century. In the interior of its walls, it is possible to see the remains of the aqueduct, the wealth of the city's fountains and the greatness of its cathedral.

### Key

- Hiking trail
  - MTB trail
  - Hiking trail not suitable for cycling
  - Reduced cycling conditions
  - Connection to other routes
- Signposting
- Long-distance or GR stretch
  - Non-GR stretch
  - Short-distance or PR stretch
  - Camino de Santiago
- Type of surface
- Pavement, trail or cycle lane
  - Rural path
  - Footpath

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**Vía Verde** runs again into the highway (km 17.7). Cross through a subterranean path, where several roads meet. Join again **Vía Verde** (km 18), which now runs on a paved stretch. When coming out to the road to **Algar de Palancia** (km 19.5), cross under the bridge. Some metres further cross again, riding under the road (km 20.1). Cross a gully through a bridge (km 21), after which orange trees become the dominant feature of the landscape. In the area surrounding **Algimia de Alfara**, ride off **Vía Verde**. Turn to a path to the left (km 23.3), which crosses under the train lines (km 23.5) and leads to the town.

Continue along *Calle Muntanya*, which crosses through *Calle de Futur* (road) and then descends. It comes out to a rural path, running alongside citric fields (km 23.9) at the meadow of the *river Palancia*. 20 metres before the exit, take the first turn to the right, riding on a path that runs southwards. The path curves several times and then reaches an irrigation channel (km 24.6). Ride to its left, until the channel disappears in an area close to **Torres**. Ride into the town (km 24.9), turning to your left to *Calle Mayor*. Continue until reaching a small square, placed next to a fountain (km 25.3).

## Torres Torres

(381 pop.)



Km 25,3



Ride away from the town, pedalling along *Calle de la Iglesia*. Continue straight on a paved path, passing to the right of the road and close to the *ruins of the old Arab baths* (km 25.4). The path runs alongside citric fields in zigzag, creating a labyrinth of paths. Cross an irrigation channel and then ignore a left hand turn (km 25.5). At a crossroads (km 25.7), turn to the right. Go straight until reaching another crossroads (km 26.1), where you should take the path to the right. When reaching another crossroads (km 26.2), turn to the left. There is one more crossroads (km 26.6); this time turn right. Once you reach *road CV-320* (km 27.4), turn left and ride along it very carefully (narrow shoulder). The road crosses through the *river Palancia* (km 28.5). After passing by a pine grove, turn right to a soil path (km 29.5). The path runs to the left of the pine grove, but does not turn into it. After passing by the pine grove, you reach a crossroads (km 30.1). Turn right. Cross through a residential area and you will ride into another pine grove. Some metres further, turn right to a wide trail (km 30.8) (*path to Povitxo*). The trail, which climbs slightly, crosses through the pine grove. At a crossroads placed on the top of a *hillock* (km 31.6), turn left along a path that coincides with path *PR-CV 319*. The cycling route continues in descent along the pine grove, to the right of *gully Codoval*. At the end of the slope the path turns into pavement and comes out of the pine grove (km 33.2), continuing alongside citric fields. **You can see the sea in the distance**. Continue straight on the path, until coming out to *road CV-320*. Cross the road through a subterranean level crossing (km 34.1). A pedestrian path leads to the entrance of **Quart**, where there is a fountain and a winery (km 34.2).

Cross through the town and ride away along *Avenida de los Valles*. At the exit (km 34.5), it is already possible to see the houses of **Quartell**, for the two towns are only 300 m away. The avenue connects with a roundabout, through which **Quartell** is accessed (km 34.9). Ride along *Calle del General Abriat*.

Leave **Quartell**, riding along *Avenida de Benavites*, and continue until reaching a bridge over the stream (km 35.5). After crossing through the bridge, turn to the right and ride along a small industrial area that belongs to **Benavites**, for it is part of the town. You will immediately after reach *Avenida de Benicalaf* (km 35.7).

## Quart de les Valls

(957 pop.)



Km 34,3



## Quartell

(1.561 pop.)



Km 35,2



## Benavites

(594 pop.)



Km 35,7



## Algimia de Alfara

(946 pop.)



Km 23,7



## Torres Torres

(381 pop.)



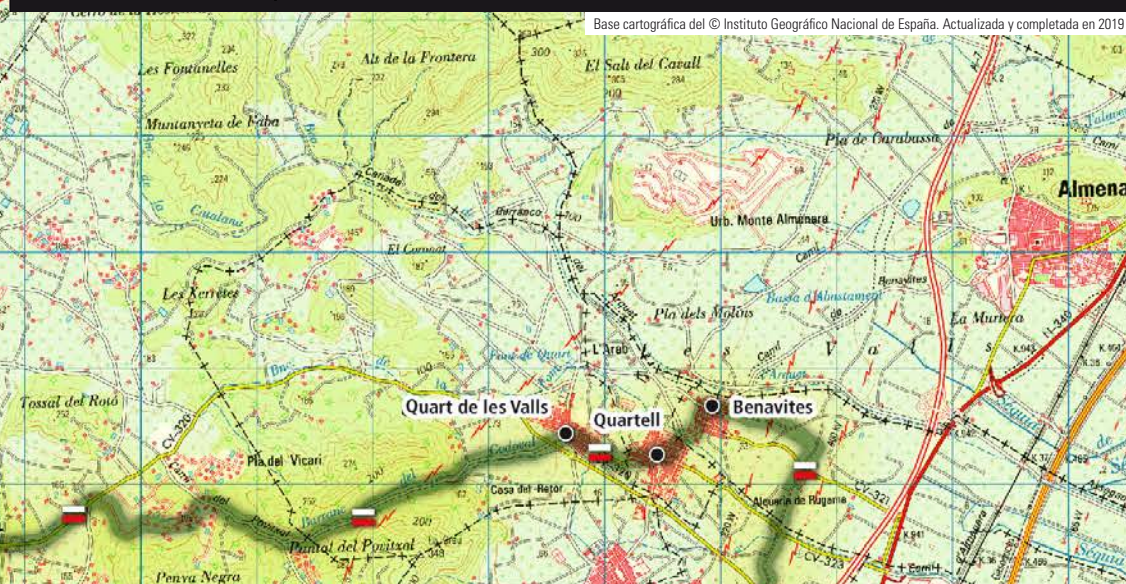
Km 25,3



## Fields of orange trees



The landscape of Valencia is tightly linked to the scent and the colour of the evergreen leaves of orange trees. Orange trees were initially nothing more than a decorative tree, for the bitter taste of their fruit was not appetizing. It was not until the 18th century that Spain started to commercialize oranges as a sweet fruit, which was when experiments with Carcaixent varieties were firstly made.



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### Benavites

(594 pop.)

Km 35,7



8,8 km

### Sagunto / Sagunt

(19.188 pop.)



Km 44,5



8,5 km

### Puçol

(15.866 pop.)



Km 53



3,8 km

### El Puig

(7.280 pop.)



Km 56,8

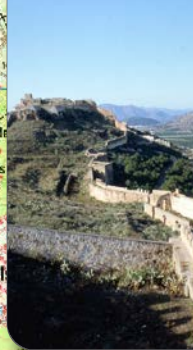


Leave **Benavites** riding along *Calle Ramón Berenguer* and continue until reaching a square (km 36.1). Take a paved path that leads to the *church of Benicalaf*. The path reaches a crossroads, situated close to the church (km 37). Turn to the right, following the signposts for **Via Augusta**. Shortly after, you will come out to *road CV-321* (km 37.2). Continue straight along *Camí d' Uixó*. At a crossroads, which connects with *road CV-323* (km 37.7), turn to the left and ride straight for 50 m. Then turn to the right and ride on a paved path (km 37.8). At the *morgue* (km 38.4), go straight until reaching a roundabout. Cross so as to continue on the other side of *camí d' Uixó* (km 38.7). Turn left (km 39.7) to take another paved path. Ride straight and then turn left (km 40.5) to a small road. There is a roundabout (km 41.1) that crosses under *highway A-7*. Some metres further cross through a tunnel (km 41.4) under *highway AP-7*, which comes out to another roundabout. Turn to the first road to the right and ride along *camí de les Valls* (km 37.8). Ignore a right hand turn (km 41.7) and continue straight on the paved path until reaching the outskirts of Sagunto (km 43.2). Cross through three roundabouts and then cross through the bridge over the *river Palancia* (km 44), which leads to the city centre.

Leave from the *tourist information office*, which is located in *Plaza Cronista Chabret*, and ride, heading to the cemetery, along *Calle Real*, *Calle Valencia* and, finally, *Calle de la Paz*. In an area next to a stone cross (km 45.6), ride into a pedestrian path, which coincides with the start of path *SL-CV 108* and **Via Augusta**. Continue on the road, which runs alongside the cemetery's wall (*camí de Liría*), ignoring a left hand turn at the end of the cemetery (path *SL-CV 108* takes this turn). Continue straight and cross, shortly after, under the railroad line (km 46.2). Cross again under another railroad line (km 46.6). Some metres further, cross *highway A-23* through a bridge (km 46.8). At a crossroads (km 47), go straight along the road (*camí de Liría*). The road runs alongside the orchards in the large plains, to the right of a fenced wall. Pass by a right hand turn to *Racó de Gausa* (km 47.9) and continue straight at all other left and right hand turns. Cross *highway AP-7* through a bridge (km 50). Further on there is a crossroads (km 51). Turn to the left and cross through the tunnel under *highway AP-7* and *road V-23*. Shortly after, you reach the outskirts of **Puçol** (km 51.7), where there is a newly built residential area. Continue riding along a wide promenade, which leads to *Calle Picaio* (km 52.4) and from there to the city centre.

Leave **Puçol** riding along *Avenida Vicente Ros*, at the end of which there is an area of cultivated fields. **Via Churra**, a **cycle lane** that connects with **Valencia** and crosses through all the orchards placed to the north of the city, starts at this point (km 53.7). The **cycle path** is perfectly equipped and is easy to follow. Pass to the right of an elevated water deposit (km 53.9). Cross *gully Puig* through a bridge (km 54.7) and then cross a road (km 54.8). Continue riding along **Via Churra** for one kilometre until coming out to the road that gives access to **El Puig** (km 55.9), which is situated next to *Cartuja de Ara Christi*. From here you may ride to visit **El Puig** (a town linked to *El Cantar del Mio Cid*), by turning to a road to the left and away from **Via Churra**. Ride on a wide shoulder alongside the road, which crosses the train lines through a footbridge and leads to a roundabout at the town's entrance (km 56.8).

### The one thousand stories of Sagunto



Sagunto has a valuable artistic heritage, largely made of its impressive walls. The fact that the city has been peopled over the last 2,000 years can be explained on the grounds of its importance as a port city in commercial operations in the Mediterranean. In the Middle Ages it was called "Murviadro". El Cid conquered the city in the year 1098.

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#### ⚠ Paved agricultural paths CAUTION

The route along the territories of Castellón and Valencia runs through heavily populated areas, whose rural paths are mostly paved. Pay attention, for most of these paths are narrow paths, where traffic is heavy.



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### El Puig

(7.280 pop.)



Km 56,8



2,9 km



### La Pobla de Farnals

(4.998 pop.)



Km 59,7



1 km



### Massamagrell

(15.749 pop.)



Km 60,7



3,2 km



### Albalat dels Sorells

(3.940 pop.)



Km 63,9



1,7 km



### Meliana

(10.304 pop.)



Km 65,6



3,6 km



### Alboraya

(17.236 pop.)



Km 69,2



7,6 km



### VALENCIA

(754.891 pop.)



Km 76,8



Resume the route starting at the directional arrow where you turned in order to visit El Puig: ride until reaching **Vía Verde Xurra** (km 57.6). This way will lead you all the way to **Valencia**. **Vía Verde** continues until coming out to **road CV-300**. The way crosses through a subterranean crossing (km 58.2) and then runs parallel to the road. You reach an industrial area. Pass by a roundabout where road **CV-300**, which connects **El Puig** with **Rafelbunyol**, joins (km 58.6). Some metres further **the cycle path comes to an end**, so that you will have to ride on the shoulder until reaching the next roundabout (access to **Rafelbunyol**). At this point, a new **cycle path** starts (km 59.2). Ride along a newly built residential area until reaching another roundabout, giving access to **La Pobla de Farnals** (km 59.5).

The route runs parallel to **road CV-300**. At the town's exit, there is another industrial area. Cross again through a roundabout (access to **Massamagrell**) (km 60). To your right you can see a group of little houses while to the left you can see Valencia's green orchards and the sea in the background. You reach another roundabout, where there is a signpost pointing to the access to **Massamagrell** (km 60.7).

Continue on **Vía Verde Xurra** (cycle path), which runs along **Calle de la Via Augusta** and to the left of **road CV-300**. Cross through the town. You will shortly after reach a roundabout (km 61.3) (access to **Musseros** and **Massalfassar**) and then an industrial area. Cross through two roundabouts (km 61.7 and 62.3), following which the orchard landscape becomes again the dominant feature. Continue in this manner until reaching the roundabout through which **Albalat de Sorels** (km 63.9) is accessed, which leads to **Calle del Mar**.

Resume the route riding along **Vía Verde Xurra** (cycle path). After 600 m, you reach the last roundabout of this stretch (km 64.6). At this point, ride off **road CV-300**. From this point onwards, **Vía Verde** runs on a compact surface, which crosses a road (km 64.8) and then runs into **Meliana** along **Calle Blasco Ibáñez** (km 65.3).

The route crosses through Meliana, running along **Calle Aragón**, where it joins **Vía Augusta**. At the end of the street, at the town's exit (km 66), the route joins again the cycle path of **Vía Xurra**. Take the lane and ride along it until reaching **Alboraya**. The path crosses through a bridge (km 66.4) and through two roads (kms 66.8 and 67.5). It eventually reaches the **gully of Carraixet**. Cross through the bridge over **road CV-311** (km 68.3). The cycle lane runs into **Alboraya** and reaches a roundabout (km 69). It then continues along a large gardened promenade, which crosses through the town.

Continue on the cycle lane, which runs along **Calle Ronda Este**, crossing the town from north to south. At the end of the street (km 69.9), the cycle lane rides away from the town and crosses through the orchards in **Valencia**. You will reach **Valencia** shortly after. Ride into the city, crossing through a roundabout, placed in **Avenida Cataluña** (km 71.1), which is close to **Universidad Politécnica**. **Vía Xurra** comes to an end at this point. The city route around **Valencia** runs mostly along the city's network of cycle lanes: it runs along **Avenida de Cataluña** and **Avenida de Aragón** and then **alongside the old riverbed of the river Turia**. When reaching **Torres de Serranos**, head to **Valencia's city centre**, passing close to the Cathedral and finishing at **Plaza España**, where there is an **equestrian statue of El Cid** (km 76.8).

### Valencia: the dreamt city

Valencia was the reward to the efforts made by El Cid and it is a reward too for cyclists riding along The Way of El Cid. Starting at Sagunto, the route runs parallel to the coast along paved paths and residential areas: you may go and rest for a while at any of these beaches, some of which remain quite all year through, by turning to your left and diverting 2 or 3 km.

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