



# Las Tres Taifas CAMINO DEL CID



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*This 300-kilometre ride of wild nature, history and art makes it a good cyclotourist route. You will travel in time, riding along the Muslim territories of the princedoms of Zaragoza, Toledo and Albarracín, and you will visit amazing places and unforgettable towns. Ride in El Cid's footsteps through the The Three Kingdoms.*

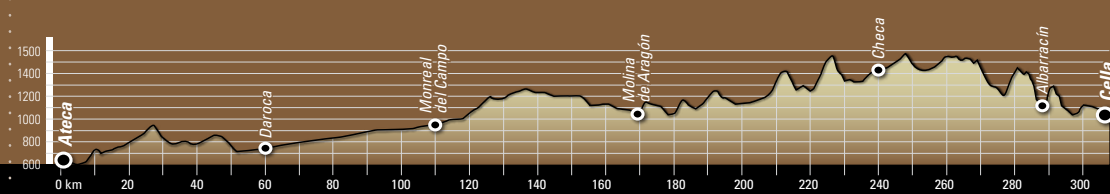
## Riding through the old Muslim kingdoms

According to El Cantar, El Cid fought his first great battle against a Muslim army in Alcocer, which is now a piece of open land in close proximity to Ateca. El Cid's victory meant a source of money, prestige and more men for the war, which allowed him to move freely along the borders of the taifas of Toledo, Zaragoza and Albarracín. There are four main places: El Poyo del Cid, in Teruel, where Rodrigo took seizure of a Roman fortress, which he used as his headquarters; Molina de Aragón, in Guadalajara, which was a manor ruled by Avengalbón—a Muslim with whom El Cid allied to have a faithful servant and seek protection for his daughters; Albarracín, in Teruel, a place where El Cid's army passed by in their way from Castile to the Mediterranean; and Cella, where El Cid called a meeting for all those who wished to help him to conquer Valencia.

▼ Patchwork of cultivated fields on the hillside of Sierra de Santa Cruz (Castejón de Alarba).

## What there is to see?

Fertile valleys, canyons and narrow river gorges; quacking bogs; hills growing holm oaks, junipers and black pines; wild mountain ranges, which are home to a wide range of rock birds, wild goats and all types of cervids. Four important fortified medieval sites: Calatayud, Daroca, Molina de Aragón and Albarracín, which are, together with Orihuela del Tremedal, Historic and/or Artistic Sites. There are outstanding samples of Mudejar architecture, which have been declared World Site Heritage. Romanesque art in Daroca. Wild nature in the stretch between Molina de Aragón and Albarracín: a stretch of 100 kilometres which crosses through five Natural Parks: Parque Natural del Alto Tajo, Montes de Picaza, Tremedales de Orihuela, Sabinar de Monterde de Albarracín and Pinares de Ródeno. The whole region is, additionally, an amazing open-air museum from the point of view of geology, containing faults, folds, stone rivers, dropstones and outstanding erosive phenomena, such as the towers at Chequilla. From Albarracín, you may visit one of the most incredible work of all Roman works of engineering: the aqueduct joining Albarracín and Cella. And in Cella, there is an artesian well, which is one of the biggest in Europe.



DATA	Distance 307 km	Cumulative ascent 4.550 m	MTB trail Yes
	Physical difficulty Medium-Low	Cumulative descent 4.100 m	Signposting Red markers and GR
	Technical difficulty High	Estimated time 6 days	IBP Degree of difficulty 72

## 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

In between Ateca and Bronchales there is more than 1.000 metres difference in height, which influences greatly the weather along the route. The route moves away from the benign Mediterranean weather to continental climate areas, where winters are very cold. This is no coincidence, for the route along the so-called "cold triangle" is located in between Calamocho, Molina de Aragón and Albarracín, where Spain's lowest temperatures are very often recorded. In general, rainfall is not very heavy and it depends highly on direction and height, to the point that noticeable differences may occur in between points that are close on the map. Snow falls frequently in the winter months, though the amount of snow can only be high in some stretches of the route in between Alto Tajo and Sierra del Tremedal.

	E	F	M	A	M	J <sub>N</sub>	J <sub>L</sub>	A	S	O	N	D
Average temperature Máx/Min	7° -3°	9° -2°	12° -1°	14° 1°	19° 5°	24° 9°	29° 11°	29° 11°	24° 8°	17° 4°	11° 0°	7° -2°
Amount of daylight hours / day	09:33	10:38	11:55	13:18	14:28	15:06	14:49	13:48	12:29	11:08	09:54	09:15
Average rainfall	43	42	31	64	88	64	44	40	41	50	44	46

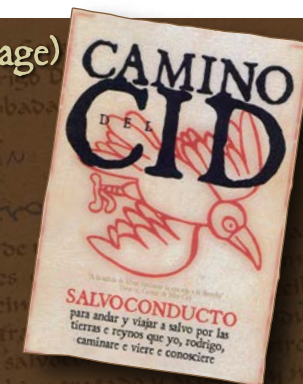
Monthly weather average for the city of Molina de Aragón, which may be used as a reference all along the journey.

## 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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C/ Madrid 24, 09002 Burgos  
info@caminodelcid.org  
Tel.: 947 256 240



# Passport stamp points

## ZARAGOZA

### ACERED

AYUNTAMIENTO: C/ Medio Lugar, 2 - 976896630/686585516

### ATEA

AYUNTAMIENTO: C/ Mayor, 7 - 976894137

### ATECA

OFICINA TURISMO: Pl. España, 5 - 976842005  
 HOSTAL RESTAURANTE EL BODEGÓN: C/ Goya, 32 - 976842041  
 HOTEL CASTILLO DE ATECA: C/ Castillo, 2 - 976842817/640653536

### CALATAYUD

OFICINA DE TURISMO: Plaza España, 1 - 976886322  
 H MONASTERIO BENEDICTINO: Pl. San Benito, s/n - 976891500  
 H POSADA ARCO DE SAN MIGUEL: San Miguel, 18 - 976887272  
 H MARIVELLA: Autovía Madrid-Zaragoza, km 242 - 976881237

### DAROCA

OFICINA DE TURISMO: C/ Mayor 44 - 976800129  
 POSADA DEL ALMUDÍ: C/ Grajera 7 - 976800606  
 APTO. TURÍSTICOS MELIAH: C/ Mayor 76 - 976800194 / 691483947  
 H CIENBALCONES: C/ Mayor, 88 - 976545071

### MANCHONES

AYUNTAMIENTO: Pl. España, 1 - 976800878

### MUNÉBREGA

H CASONA DEL SOLANAR: C/ Mártires, 19 - 976895121  
 CR SOL Y LUNA: Pl. Fernández Heredia, 4 - 976895034 / 608552004  
 CR RUTA DEL AGUA: Pl. Paradero, 2 - 678822967  
 CR MUNDÓBRIGA: Pl. de la Fuente, 1 - 608406364

### MURERO

AYUNTAMIENTO: Calle Mayor, 2 - 976800968

### TERRER

AYUNTAMIENTO Pl. Bajo el Olmo, 1 - 976898002  
 CR BAJO LOS HUERTOS C/ Estación, 24 - 649597287  
 LA POSADA DEL CID Avda. Constitución, 30 - 671507176

### VALTORRES

BAR MULTISERVICIO: Pl. Mayor, s/n - 642621128  
 ALBERGUE MUNICIPAL: Camino de Ateca, s/n - 642621128

### VILLANUEVA DE JILOCA

CLUB SOCIAL: C/ Marqués de Montemizo, 1 - 976800701/693005813  
 AYUNTAMIENTO: C/ Marqués de Montemizo, 1 - 976800701/693005813

## GUADALAJARA

### CASTILNUEVO

CR EL BORBULLÓN: C/ Frontón, 2 - 666849307  
 APTO. TURÍSTICO LA ÍNSULA: C/ Frontón, 1 - 608220203

### CHECA

AYUNTAMIENTO: Pl. Lorenzo Arrazola, 1 - 949836101  
 MUSEO GANADERÍA TRADICIONAL EN EL ALTO TAJO:  
 Pl. Lorenzo Arrazola, 1 - 949885300

### CHEQUILLA

AYUNTAMIENTO: C/ Mayor, 1 - 949836053  
 CENTRO SOCIAL: C/ Plaza, s/n -

### EL POBO DE DUEÑAS

AYUNTAMIENTO: C/ Constitución, 2 - 949841001  
 CR LA DUEÑA: C/ Extramuros, 172 - 949841375 / 620597656

### MEGINA

CENTRO SOCIAL: C/ Real, 1 - 646178115  
 APARTAMENTOS LAS ALIAGAS: C/ Real, s/n - 639267691

### MOLINA DE ARAGÓN

OFICINA DE TURISMO: C/ Las Tiendas, 62 - 949832098  
 AYUNTAMIENTO: Pl. España, 1 - 949830001  
 MUSEO COMARCAL MOLINA: Pl. San Francisco, s/n - 949831102  
 APTOS. TURÍSTICOS SANTA RITA: Pº de la Alameda, s/n - 949830530  
 CR LA CAVA: C/ Las Sabinas, 1 - 949830527 / 685809959  
 MOLINO DEL BATÁN: Ctra. Castilnuevo, s/n - 949831111  
 CR ASENSIO: C/ Armería, 11 - 949830052  
 H SAN FRANCISCO: Pl. San Francisco, 6 - 949832714  
 H PALACIO LOS MOLINA: C/ Martínez Izquierdo, 36 - 949831382

### OREA

AYUNTAMIENTO: Pl. Constitución, 1 - 949836001  
 C I "SEQUERO DE OREA": C/ Camino del Río, 2 - 949885300  
 P ALTO TAJO: Ctra. Tragacete, s/n - 949836268/660218308  
 H PORTÓN DE LA SIERRA: Av. de las Candelas, 63 - 638904788

## PINILLA DE MOLINA

CENTRO "EL HORNO": C/ Real, s/n - 949831862

### TERZAGA

BAR SOCIAL: C/ Real, 83 - 722492839

### VALHERMOSO

AYUNTAMIENTO: Plaza, 1 / 949872700

## TERUEL

### ALBARRACÍN

OFICINA DE TURISMO: C/ San Antonio 2 - 978710262  
 H Dª BLANCA: C/ Llano del Arrabal, 10 - 978710001  
 H ARABIA: C/ Bernardo Zapater, 2 - 978710212  
 APARTAMENTOS EL RECREO: C/ Bernardo Zapater, 2 - 978710243  
 H ALBARRACÍN: C/ Azagra, s/n - 978710011  
 H CASERÓN DE LA FUENTE: C/ Carrahuerto, s/n - 978710330

### BÁGUENA

AYUNTAMIENTO: C/ San Valentín, 2 - 978733001  
 ALBERGUE: C/ García Esteban, 1 - 978733107 / 610528649

### BRONCHALES

OFICINA DE TURISMO: C/ Clemente Pamplona s/n - 978701138  
 AYUNTAMIENTO: C/ Mayor, 19 - 978701085  
 H SUIZA: C/ Fombuena, 8 - 978701089  
 HOSTAL ISABEL: C/ Palmeiro, 7 - 978701106  
 CASA LAVADERO: C/ Clemente Fuertes, 5 - 978701107

### BURBÁGUENA

AYUNTAMIENTO: C/ Mayor, 3 - 978733217 / 638241987  
 MOLINO DE BURBÁGUENA: C/ Arrabal, 24 - 978749024

### CALAMOCHA

OFICINA DE TURISMO: Pl. España, 1 - 978730515  
 PENSIÓN CARLOS ARGUÍANO: C/ Teruel, 5 - 978730203/685901141

### CELLA

AYUNTAMIENTO: Plaza Mayor, 1 - 978650002  
 CENTRO DE DÍA: Avda. de la Fuente, 2 - 978653045  
 CR LA MASADA: C/ Camino del Cid, 2 - 978650656 / 636550232  
 LA POSADA DE CLOTILDE: C/ San Clemente, 27 - 678712253  
 ALBERGUE EL RÍO: C/ Cuesta del Postigo, 1 - 637869089

### EL POYO DEL CID

BAR PÚBLICO: Pl. Mayor, 1 - 978730963

### GEA DE ALBARRACÍN

AYUNTAMIENTO: Pl. Ayuntamiento, 6 - 978702100  
 C.I. ACUEDUCTO ROMANO DE GEA: Pl. las Perséidas, 1 - 620863077  
 H LA REALDA: C/ Mayor, 17 - 978702232  
 CR JOSEFINA: C/ González Palencia, 10 - 978702129 / 635540299

### MONREAL DEL CAMPO

OFICINA TURISMO / CASA DE CULTURA: Pl. Mayor, 10 - 978863236

### ORIHUELA DEL TREMEDAL

OFICINA DE TURISMO: Pl. del Ayuntamiento, 3 - 978714248  
 AYUNTAMIENTO: Pl. del Ayuntamiento, 4 - 978714004

### TORRES DE ALBARRACÍN

HOTEL TORRES: C/ Carretera, 29 - 978706038

## 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**.

## Services

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

## Section (307 km)

- ▶ Ateca / Calatayud - Daroca (60 / 64 km)
- ▶ Daroca - Monreal de Ariza (49 km)
- ▶ Monreal de Ariza - Molina de Aragón (60,3 km)
- ▶ Molina de Aragón - Checa (66,3 km)
- ▶ Checa - Albarracín (50,9 km)
- ▶ Albarracín - Cella / Teruel (20,7 / 44 km)





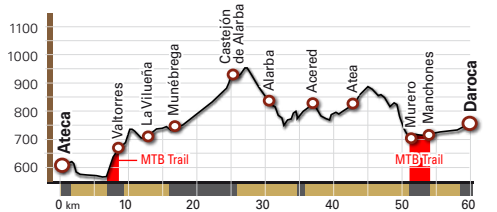
# Las Tres Taifas 1

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## Calatayud / Ateca - Daroca

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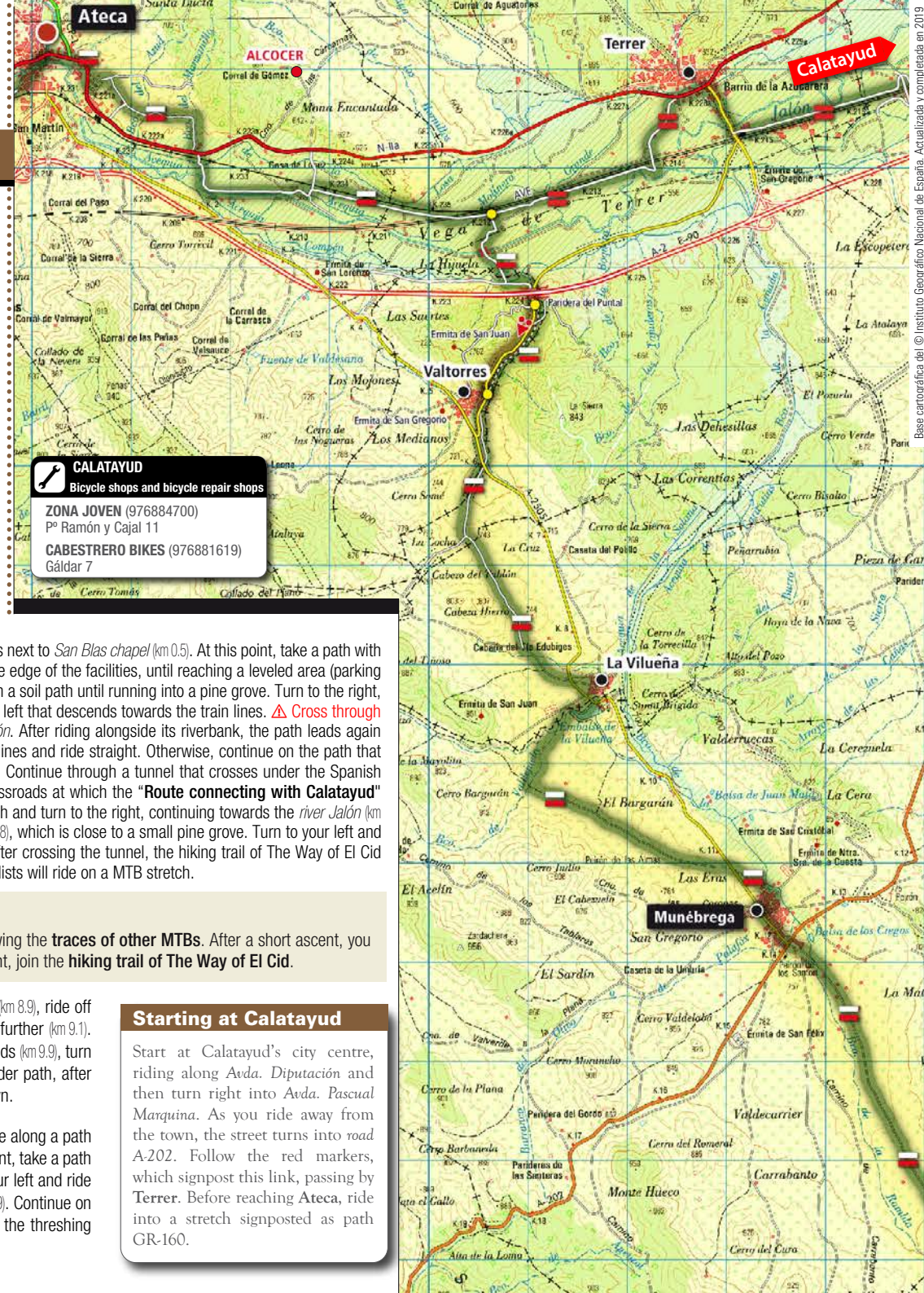


Trail / path    Footpath    Pavement    Cycle lanes

### DATA

- Distance 60 / 64 km
- Physical difficulty Medium
- Technical difficulty Low
- Cumulative ascent 850 / 820 m
- Cumulative descent 690 / 700 m
- Estimated time 6 h / 6 h 15 m
- MTB trail Yes
- Signposting GR and Btt
- IBP Degree of difficulty 82 / 85

The section, which joins the valley of Jalón and the valley of Jiloca, runs along the foothills of the Cordillera Ibérica, offering travellers a wide variety of landscapes. Cereal fields are no longer the key feature, but rather vineyards. The route runs along trails and paths in good condition, so that pedalling is easy. The stretches on paved lonely roads make cycling easy, giving you a break from the rigors of the terrain. You may start your journey either from Ateca or from Calatayud, following a signposted link.



**CALATAYUD**  
Bicycle shops and bicycle repair shops

ZONA JOVEN (976884700)  
Pº Ramón y Cajal 11

CABESTRERO BIKES (976881619)  
Gáldar 7

**Ateca** (1.780 pop.)

**Valtorres** (68 pop.)

**La Vilueña** (75 pop.)

**Munébrega** (370 pop.)

Km 0

4,5 km

7,6 km

12,1 km

4,4 km

16,5 km

Leave from **Ateca** riding along *road N-II* to **Terrer**. On your way out of the town, pass next to *San Blas chapel* (km 0.5). At this point, take a path with a wooden handrail that ascends towards the *football field*. Ride to your left, along the edge of the facilities, until reaching a leveled area (parking space) (km 0.8). Take a paved path until reaching a crossroads (km 1.2). Ride straight on a soil path until running into a pine grove. Turn to the right, descending towards *road N-II* (km 2.4). Cross the road and then turn to a path to your left that descends towards the train lines. **△ Cross through a level crossing without barriers.** At this point, you will come close to the *river Jalón*. After riding alongside its riverbank, the path leads again towards the railroad (km 4). If you wish to visit **Alcocer** (see below), cross the train lines and ride straight. Otherwise, continue on the path that runs parallel to the train lines, the final stretch of which runs into a paved bridge. Continue through a tunnel that crosses under the Spanish high-speed railroad (km 5.5) and then turn to a path to the left, until reaching a crossroads at which the **"Route connecting with Calatayud" [Enlace de Calatayud]** starts (km 5.9.) (see information). At this point, ride off the main path and turn to the right, continuing towards the *river Jalón* (km 6.4). Cross through a bridge and continue straight until riding into a crossroads (km 6.8), which is close to a small pine grove. Turn to your left and then cross through a tunnel (km 7.2) that crosses under the highway. Immediately after crossing the tunnel, the hiking trail of The Way of El Cid moves off the road onto a path (running on the same route that path SL-Z 20). Cyclists will ride on a MTB stretch.

**▶ Start of a MTB stretch (1,2 km)**

Pass by the turn to the **hiking trail** and continue riding on the road, following the **traces of other MTBs**. After a short ascent, you reach an old washing place, which is close to **Valtorres** (km 8.4). At this point, join the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid**.

Starting at the washing place, continue the route on a paved stretch. In a curve (km 8.9), ride off the pavement onto a path in front of you that joins the road again some metres further (km 9.1). Cross the train lines and continue along a path on the opposite side. At a crossroads (km 9.9), turn to your left and ride along *Camino de la Concha*. Turn to your left (km 11.3) to a wider path, after which you will come out to the road (km 11.9), which is in close proximity to the town.

Ride some metres further on the road until reaching a small reservoir (km 12.4). Ride along a path that runs along the edge of the reservoir and leads to its source (km 12.6). At this point, take a path that runs along the bottom of *gully Valdejuela*. At a crossroads (km 13.6), turn to your left and ride on the *path to Carenas*. Keep riding on this path until coming out to the road (km 15.9). Continue on a path which is on the other side of the road and which, shortly after, reaches the threshing floors of **Munébrega**. Access the town through its lower part (km 16.3).

**Starting at Calatayud**

Start at Calatayud's city centre, riding along *Avda. Diputación* and then turn right into *Avda. Pascual Marquina*. As you ride away from the town, the street turns into *road A-202*. Follow the red markers, which signpost this link, passing by **Terrer**. Before reaching Ateca, ride into a stretch signposted as path GR-160.

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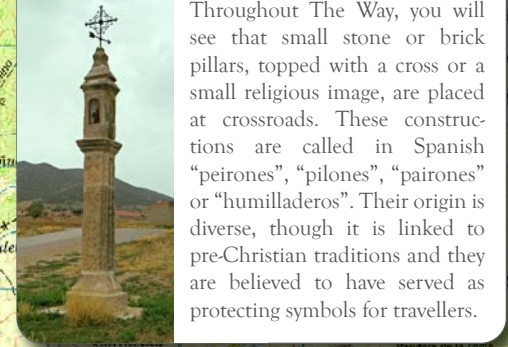
Climb until reaching *Calle Tajadilla*, which crosses through the town and then runs into *road A-202* (km 17.1), next to the cooperative and the bus station. Continue riding on the paved path which is on the opposite side and next to path *PR-Z 92*. The route is easy to follow, for it runs along this path all the way to **Castejón**. The route, which runs along a large depression, is placed in the area of *gully Rambla* and is covered by fields of fruit trees. At a crossroads (km 21.7), you meet with the path leading to **Olvés**, which runs along the same path than path *PR-Z 92*. Do not ride off the paved path. After a short ascent, pass by *San Fabián y San Sebastián chapel* (km 24.8) and ride comfortably until reaching a *pillar* (km 26.4), situated in the entrance to **Castejón de Alarba**.

Leave from the pillar placed at the town's entrance. Take a path heading northwards, to the left of a group of farming buildings. After a short ascent along the bare hillside, you reach a crossroads, which is placed on top of a small *hillock* (km 27.3). Take the path to your right, which descends gradually and passes by a plain *chapel built to honour San Roque* (km 27.8). The path runs alongside the gully, amidst fields of fruit trees. Several paths join the path (kms 28.1, 28.5 and 29.6), whose surface gets better and better. At this point you reach the remains of an old reservoir (km 30) that was recently repaired. Immediately after, you come out to the road (km 30.2). Cross the road and continue on a path that leads into **Alarba**, passing by its nice fountain (km 30.3).

Starting at the fountain, head towards the town's exit, where there is a weighing apparatus. Opposite to the weighing apparatus, there is a path in cement that runs along the southern part of the town. After reaching *Calle Baja* (km 30.6), continue on this path that turns into a soil path. The path leads into a water tank, placed next to a crossroads (km 30.8). Continue along the road to your right, which runs amidst vineyards and crosses through *gully Carracered* (km 31.1). The path, which at times becomes a stony path, runs along cultivated hillocks and forks into smaller branch paths, though you should continue along the main path. Cross through three small gulleys (km 32, 32.8 and 33.6) so as to reach, after a short ascent, a small road (km 33.9). From there, it is possible to visit the interesting *Virgen de Semón chapel* (km 34.3). Continue some metres further along the road and then ride off, turning left into a path (km 35.1). Although several paths join the main path, ride straight. Pass by the cemetery (km 37.2) after which you will reach a nice *pillar*, from which it is possible to have a view of a farmhouse in **Acered**. Shortly after, you come out to the road (km 37.5), which is very close to the town.

From **Acered** continue the journey riding along *Calle de la Fuente*, which starts at the old washing place. Descend until coming out to the road. Turn left (to **Atea**) and ride 200 m. Just before the bridge over the *gully of Acered* (km 37.9) take a path to your left. The path crosses the gully and then reaches a crossroads (km 39). Turn right. Cross through the *gully of river Seco* (km 39.3) and shortly after ride off the path, turning sharply to your right (km 39.5). You will gradually come closer to the road. Turn, however, to your left to another path (km 40.2). This path descends along gully **Atea**. Cross carefully through a crossing (km 40.9). The path runs along the riverbed of the gully until reaching the cemetery of Atea (km 42.7). Access the town through a small bridge.

## Pillars: the guardians on the way



Throughout The Way, you will see that small stone or brick pillars, topped with a cross or a small religious image, are placed at crossroads. These constructions are called in Spanish “peirones”, “pilones”, “pairones” or “humilladeros”. Their origin is diverse, though it is linked to pre-Christian traditions and they are believed to have served as protecting symbols for travellers.

### Munébrega

(370 pop.)

Km 16,5



9,9 km

### Castejón de Alarba

(85 pop.)

Km 26,4



3,9 km

### Alarba

(133 pop.)

Km 30,3



7,2 km

### Acered

(165 pop.)

Km 37,5

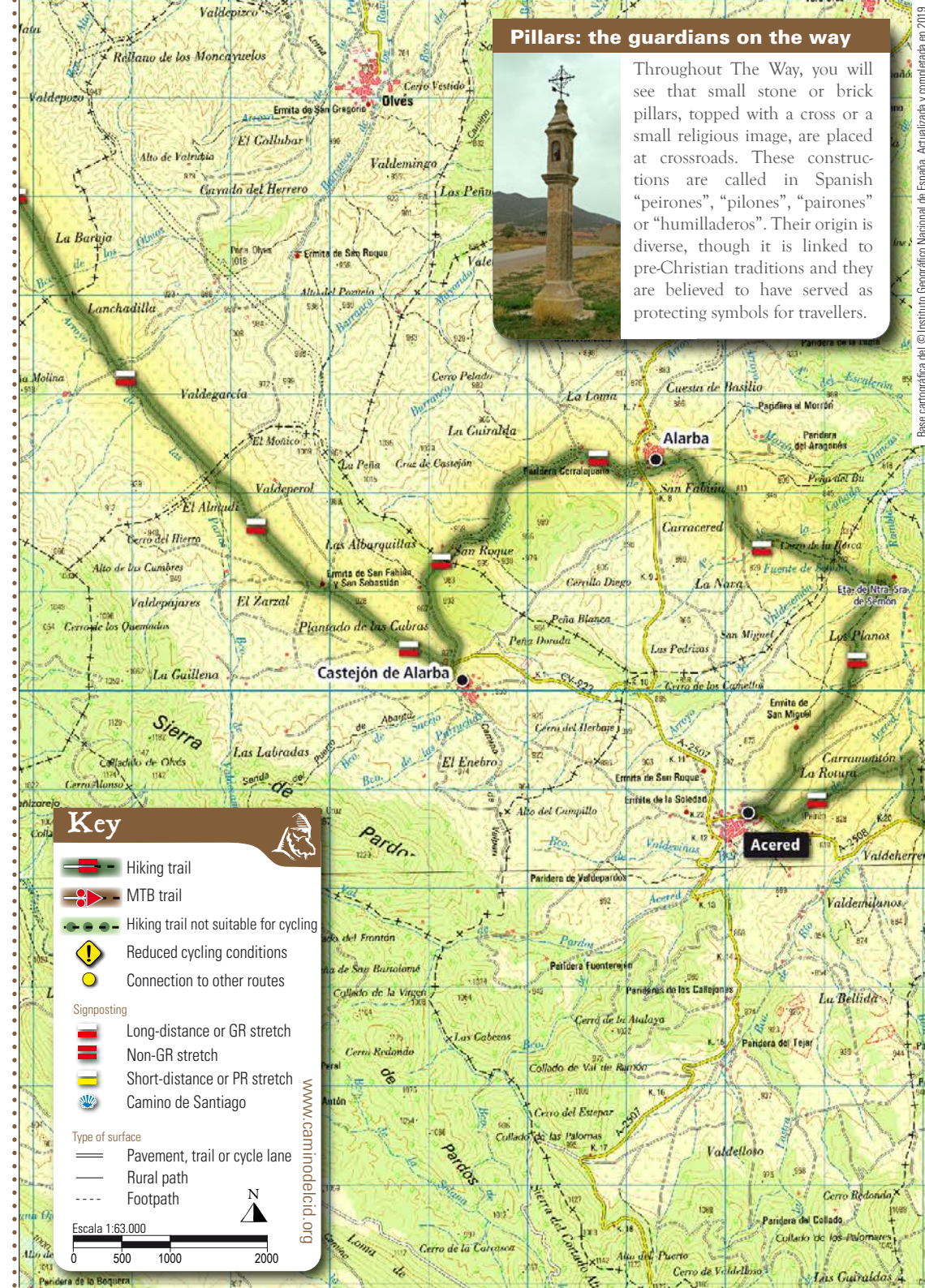


5,6 km

### Atea

(156 pop.)

Km 43,1



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**Atea**  
(156 pop.)

Km 43,1

Ride along *Calle Mayor* until reaching the church (km 43.2). At this point, turn right to a street leading to the way out of **Atea**. Cross the gully (km 43.3) and continue on a paved path to your right. When coming out to the road (km 44.1), turn left and ride 200 metres, until reaching a *pillar built to honour Virgen de los Mártires* (km 44.3). Take a path to your right, which passes close to *Mártires chapel* (km 46.5) and crosses through a small gully, placed close to a black poplar grove (km 46.7). At a crossroads (km 47.2), continue straight, descending shortly after until reaching the *valley of Jiloca*. The route runs towards the northeast on a path alongside the riverbed of several gulleys. It eventually comes out to a road (km 50.6). Cross the road and continue on a paved stretch until reaching the cemetery. Now take a road, which is opposite to the cemetery and leads to the old train station (km 51). Ride off the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid**.

▶ **Start of a MTB stretch (2 km)**  
Pass by a turn to the **hiking trail**, remaining on the road and following the **traces of other MTBs**. Cross the *river Jiloca* and after 200 m you reach **Murero**.

**Murero**  
(106 pop.)

Km 51,4

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(106 pop.)

Km 51,4

**Manchones**  
(98 pop.)

Km 53,1

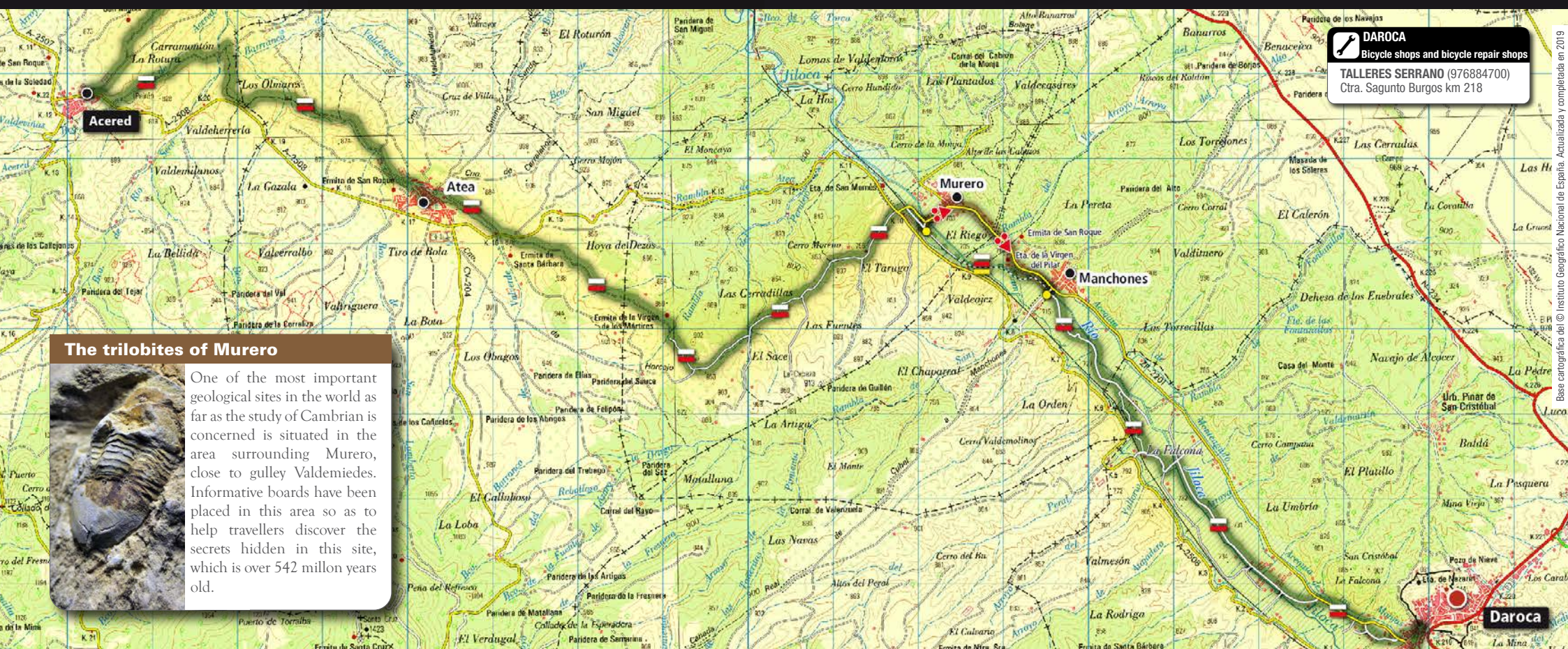


**Daroca**  
(1.978 pop.)

Km 60,1

▶ Refresh yourself at the fountain placed in *Plaza Aragón* and then ride out of the town, along *Avenida de Daroca*. The stretch to **Manchones** runs along the road and coincides with the stretch of **The Way of El Cid designated for motor vehicles**. When approaching **Manchones**, pay attention so as to ride off the road, turning to a small bridge to your right (km 53.1) that crosses over the *river Jiloca*. On the other side of the bridge, join again the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid**, which is next to a directional arrow.

Continue on a pleasant path that runs alongside the river and several black poplar groves. At a crossroads (km 53.7), take a path to your left, which, after a curve, joins again the bank of the *river Jiloca* (km 16). The route runs alongside the river until reaching a crossroads (km 54.7), where it turns to a path to the right. ▶ **Its borders may be blurred because of vegetation and cyclists may have to hop off their bikes at some stretches**. Ride towards a black poplar grove, where the path is more visible and cross through a channelled gulley (km 55.4). Ride along the edge of a field, heading to the fence of an *old farmhouse*. At this point, ride straight along a wider path (km 55.6). At the crossroads, which is placed next to a black poplar grove, turn left (km 56). After crossing over the *river Jiloca* through a bridge (km 56.1), turn right and ride 2 km through a comfortable path. It runs alongside the river until coming out to a road (km 58.7). Continue on this road until reaching **Daroca**. Turn to your right (km 59.2), riding along the lower part of **Daroca**, following *Calle Rodadera* (km 59.8).



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### The trilobites of Murero



One of the most important geological sites in the world as far as the study of Cambrian is concerned is situated in the area surrounding Murero, close to gully Valdemiedes. Informative boards have been placed in this area so as to help travellers discover the secrets hidden in this site, which is over 542 million years old.



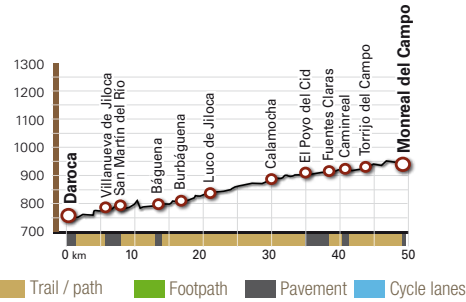
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## Daroca - Monreal del Campo

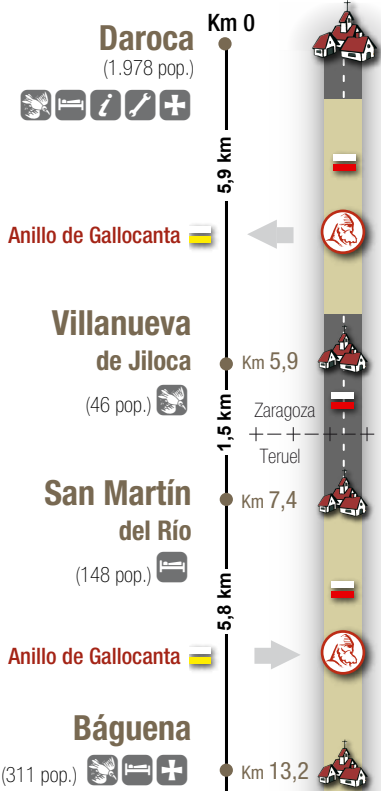
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DTM Description



Bicycle lovers will particularly enjoy this section, which starts climbing gradually alongside the *river Jiloca*. It runs on comfortable paths until reaching **Calamocha**, where the valley opens into a never ending cultivated plain. While you ride alongside the route's numerous lakes, which are a unique home for birds, set your mind on discovering the true source of the *river Jiloca*.

DATA	Distance 49 km	Cumulative ascent 270 m	MTB trail No
	Physical difficulty Low	Cumulative descent 60 m	Signposting GR
	Technical difficulty Low	Estimated time 5 h	IBP Degree of difficulty 30



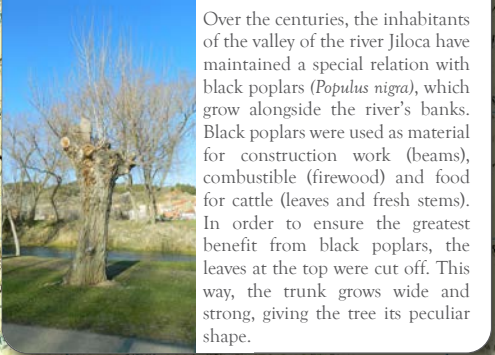
Leave from **Daroca** riding along *Avenida Madrid* and then along the road to **Gallocanta**. Pass by the *river Jiloca* (km 0.7). Shortly after, you reach the old train station (km 1). At this point, turn to a path to your left that runs together with path *PR-Z 20*. Ride some metres along a channelled gully, and then turn to your left to a path that runs close to a black poplar grove (km 1.2). At a crossroads (km 1.7), turn to the right and continue on the main path without diverting. At a sharp curve turn to your right (km 3.8), passing by a brick hut. After a long straight line, the path leads to a crossroads, where the **Anillo de Gallocanta** starts (km 4.3). Ignore the turn and continue on a path that turns 300 degrees. The rest of the path is easy, running alongside low scrubland and orchards until reaching **Villanueva de Jiloca** (km 5.8).

The route runs along the town's highest part (km 6) and then continues on a paved path (km 6.2). The path connects directly with **San Martín del Río**, moving definitely away from the territory of Zaragoza. Ride into **San Martín** through *Calle Eras Altas* (km 7.2).

Leave from the nice Mudéjar church riding along *Calle de la Iglesia*, which leads out of the town and then reaches a crossroads (km 7.8), close to *gully de la Parra*. At this point, turn left to a soil path. After 80 m, ride off this path and take a right hand turn, which runs southwards along the *meadow at the river Jiloca*. Although there is a crossroads that marks the end of **Anillo de Gallocanta** (km 8.4), continue straight, without diverting. At a crossroads (km 9.6), the path turns to the right, climbing along *gully Falcona*. Pay attention so as to turn to a small path to your left (km 10). This path climbs alongside a quarry and then joins the meadow (km 10.7). Continue until reaching a path that runs alongside *gully Val* (km 12.4) and then cross over the *river Jiloca* through a bridge (km 12.7) that leads to the entrance to **Báguena**, along *Calle Rambla*.



### A headboard made of black poplars



Over the centuries, the inhabitants of the valley of the river Jiloca have maintained a special relation with black poplars (*Populus nigra*), which grow alongside the river's banks. Black poplars were used as material for construction work (beams), combustible (firewood) and food for cattle (leaves and fresh stems). In order to ensure the greatest benefit from black poplars, the leaves at the top were cut off. This way, the trunk grows wide and strong, giving the tree its peculiar shape.

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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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**Báguena** (311 pop.)

Km 13,2

3,1 km

**Burbáguena** (243 pop.)

Km 16,3

4,9 km

**Luco de Jiloca** (73 pop.)

Km 21,2

8,6 km

**Calamocha** (3.706 pop.)

Km 29,8

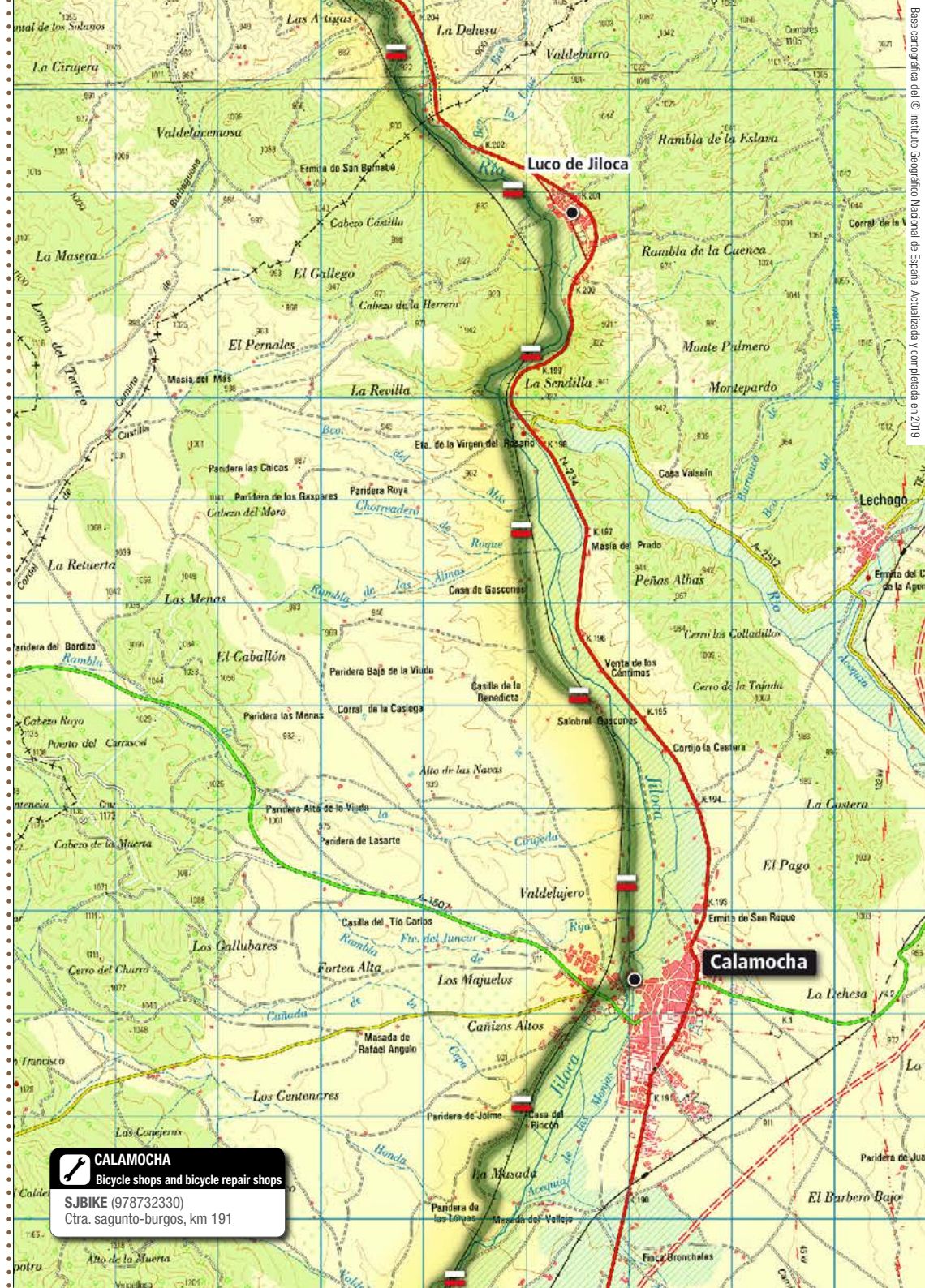
Leave the town riding along *Calle Italia*, which turns into a paved path. At a crossroads, run off the paved path and turn to a soil path (km 13.8), which, after crossing a stream, leads to a bridge over the *river Jiloca* (km 14.1). Cross the bridge and turn left. At the crossroads (km 14.3), continue straight, riding towards the southeast amidst cultivated fields and black poplar groves. **△ The surface along this stretch of surface is in good condition, though there are times of the year when it might get flooded and make pedalling difficult along a 250 m-stretch.** From the old train line onwards (km 15.4) the condition of the path improves. There is a crossroads shortly after, where you should turn to the left (km 15.5). The path poses no difficulty until reaching a road, which is close to a fountain and a railroad hut. Turn to your left and shortly after you reach the bridge over the *river Jiloca* (km 16.2), which connects with **Burbáguena**, placed on the other side of the national road.

Resume the route by starting at the bridge over the *river Jiloca* (km 16.3). A directional arrow points to a path running alongside the bank of the river. The condition of the path gets worse. However, for a stretch of around 500 m, it turns into a pleasant cycling route, running alongside the river. The trail turns again into a path and then runs into a crossroads (km 17.6), after which the surface gets better. Ride straight. You will pass by several crossroads at which paths to the sides join the main path (kms 18.2, 19 and 20.3). Enjoy the natural landscape while you continue riding on the main path, which passes by the *river Jiloca*. **△ In the rainfall period, mud may make cycling along the final 200 m-stretch, difficult, for the path runs through a black poplar grove before reaching **Luco de Jiloca**.** The path comes close to the bridge over the river (km 21.2), from which you may divert 200 m to visit the town.

Continue the route, leaving from the bridge that is on the other side of the town (km 21.2). The path runs again close to the riverbank, which is to your left. Ride under the old railroad bridge (km 22.8). Some metres further you reach the mouth of the *river Pancrudo*, whose source is in the *river Jiloca*, next to an *old Roman bridge* (km 23.8). After passing by a black poplar grove, the path moves away from the river, running southwards along the edge of the meadow. Cross the old train lines (km 28.1) and, after riding on a long straight line, you reach **Calamoch**. Access the town through *Calle de las Fábricas* and continue until reaching the *Roman bridge* (km 29.8).

### The groves at the river Jiloca

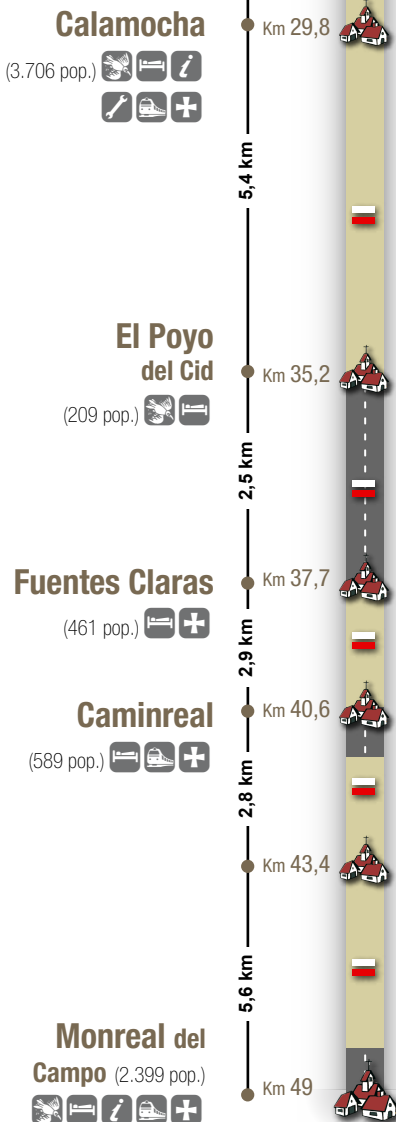
The stretch between Daroca and Calamocha runs almost entirely along the riverbanks of the *river Jiloca*. Accordingly, cyclists will be able to enjoy some of the best well-preserved groves in the Iberian Peninsula. Grove vegetation is mostly made of trees such as black poplars, poplars, willows, ashes and young specimens of elms. These trees share space with hybrid black poplar specimens, which do not reach the status of groves for they are grown to be used at paper mills. A large number of *heaboard poplars*, which are very popular in the area, grow alongside the river, marking the paths.



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Leave from the *Roman bridge at Calamocha*, riding along *Calle de los Puentes* and moving away from the town towards *road A-1507* (leading to Tornos). Pay attention; some metres further, after passing by the old train lines, ride off the road and turn to the left (km 30.2). Continue along *Calle Estación* and then ride straight amidst old railroad buildings on the main path, which heads to the southeast (to the right of the old railroad). The path crosses over the train lines (km 32.7) and then turns to the right, so that it now runs close to the other side of the train lines. At the point where a fence ends (km 33.1), continue straight, ignoring a left hand turn. Cross again the train lines (km 33.6). The path moves gradually away from the train lines. The *pillar* placed on the crossroads (km 34.7) next to an animal farm welcomes visitors to the town. Continue straight on a semi-paved path, which leads rapidly to **El Poyo**.

Ride away through *Avenida del Río*, so as to continue along the access road. Pass by a small park where there is a **statue built to honour El Cid** (km 35.5). Some metres further, after crossing the *river Jiloca*, ride off the road and turn right to a paved path (km 35.7). The path runs along the *meadow at the river Jiloca*, which is close to the river. Pass to the left of *Virgen del Moral chapel* (km 36.3) and, shortly after, cross over the old dismantled railroad (km 36.5). Ride through *Calle del Poyo* to access **Fuentes Claras** (km 3.3).

Leave from the church riding along *Calle San Antonio* and ride away from the town through a path (km 38.2) that heads southwards. Although you will ride into several crossroads (km 38.6 and 39.8), go straight, heading in the same direction. Access **Caminreal** through *Calle Joaquín Costa* (km 40.4).

Resume the route by starting from the church. Ride along *Calle Egido* so as to move away from the town and continue westwards on a paved path, which is situated next to the water tank (km 41). Before reaching the river, take a path to your left (km 41.6), which runs amidst small cultivated fields and thick black poplar groves. The path runs into a road (km 43.1), which is next to an access bridge.

Cross through **Torrijo**, riding along *Calle del Calvario*, and pass by a peculiar *chapel built to honour Santa Bárbara*. At the town's outskirts, you will reach a crossroads where there is a pillar (km 44.3). At this point, ride off the main path and turn to your right. After crossing through the old train lines, the path reaches a level crossing (km 44.7) over the railroad. Cross, turn to your left and then continue on a service road (to the right of the railroad), ignoring several left and right hand turns. At a crossroads (km 48.2) that is in close proximity to **Monreal del Campo**, take a road that crosses over the train lines through a level crossing and leads directly to the town (km 48.8), passing by a small park.

## The Eyes of the river Jiloca



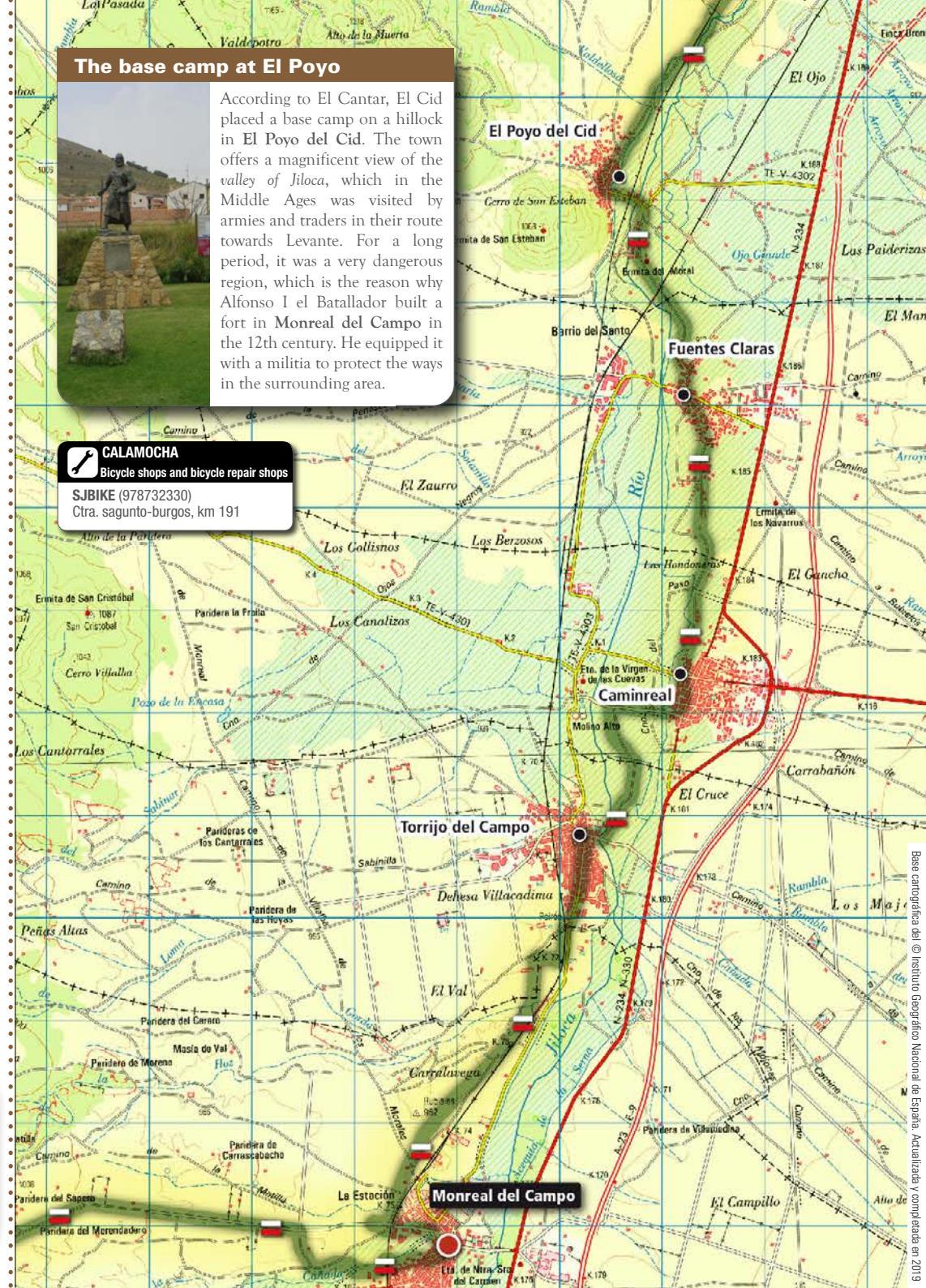
Oval-shaped springs that rise from the ground and form small lakes of upto three-metres depth are known as "eyes". At present, these spaces form real natural shelters because of their inaccessibility and the continuous presence of water. This kind of eyes may be found along the stretch of route that runs along El Poyo del Cid, Fuentes Claras, Caminreal and Monreal del Campo.

## The base camp at El Poyo



According to El Cantar, El Cid placed a base camp on a hillock in El Poyo del Cid. The town offers a magnificent view of the valley of Jiloca, which in the Middle Ages was visited by armies and traders in their route towards Levante. For a long period, it was a very dangerous region, which is the reason why Alfonso I el Batallador built a fort in **Monreal del Campo** in the 12th century. He equipped it with a militia to protect the ways in the surrounding area.

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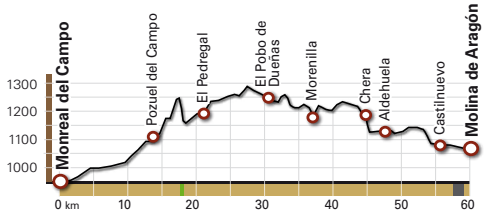
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## Monreal del Campo - Molina de Aragón

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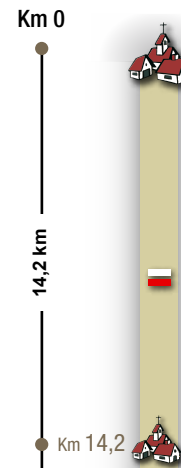
Trail / path Footpath Pavement Cycle lanes

Section 3 is an intermediate section leading travellers from the valley of the river Jiloca to the area immediately before Alto Tajo, in Molina de Aragón. Its landscape is characterised by never-ending cereal fields. These fields are only interrupted by grove spots in the area close to the foothills of Sierra Menera (in between Pozuel and El Pobo), where holm oaks and Pyrenean oaks grow. The section runs along paths in good condition, though vegetation may cause cycling problems on certain stretches (especially during the spring season and the early part of the summer).

DATA	Distance 60,3 km	Cumulative ascent 680 m	MTB trail No
	Physical difficulty Medium	Cumulative descent 560 m	Signposting GR
	Technical difficulty Low	Estimated time 6 h 40 m	IBP Degree of difficulty 54

**Monreal del Campo** (2.399 pop.)

**Pozuel del Campo** (68 pop.)

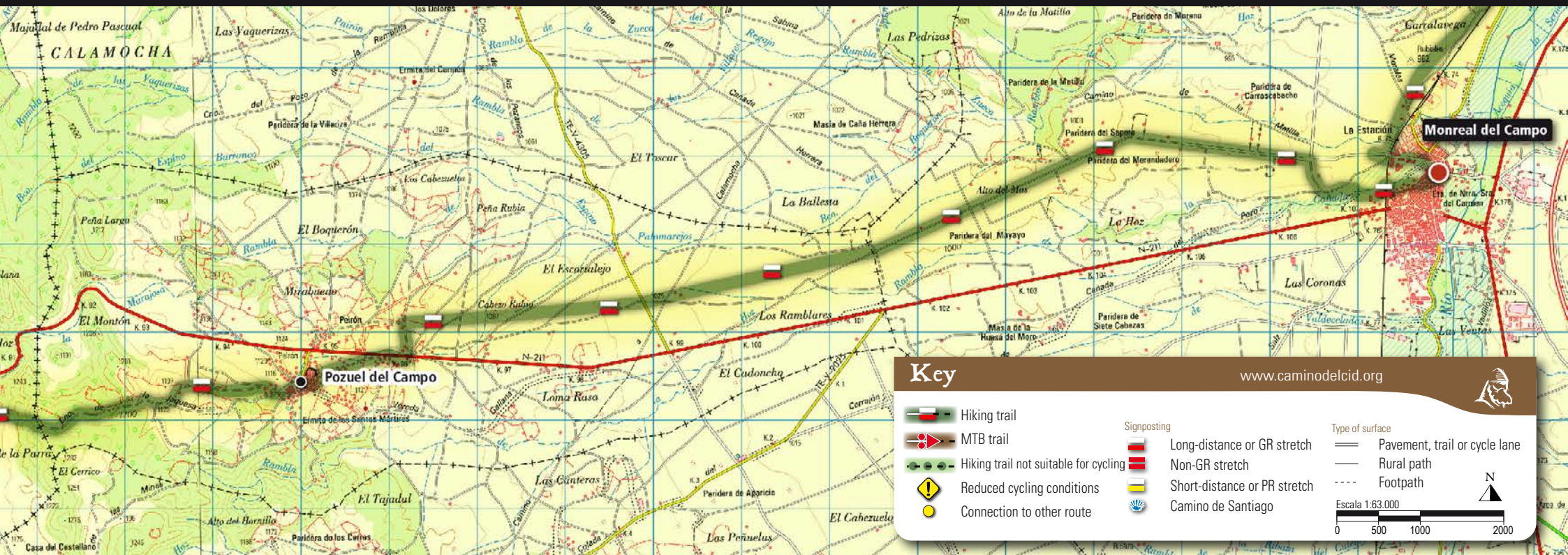


Leave from *Torre del Reloj* and head to *Calle de las Eras*. Turn right to a descending path (km 0.35) and continue until reaching a tunnel under the railroad (km 0.7). Cross through it and turn to the left, after which you will reach a crossroads (km 0.9). At this point, turn to your right, heading westwards until reaching a farming path (km 1.9) in very good condition. All along the path, which runs on two long straight lines amidst large unirrigated fields, there are neither crossroads nor left and right hand turns. You will come out to the *road to Blancas* (km 9.8). Continue, however, on another path, which is on the opposite side to the road and is in good condition. The route runs along two straight stretches between large, non-irrigated fields, with practically no crossroads or turnings. You will come to the Blancas road (km 9.8), where you should take the track in front of you and which is in equally good condition. Carry on along another straight section as far as crossroads next to a farmyard (km 12.6), which joins up with the GR-24. Turn left and cross the bridge over the main road (km 13). Carry on along the right-hand side along a track that initially runs parallel to the road. At a crossroads (km 13.4), take the path you will see in front of you and which leads to the town. Go past a stone pillar (km 13.5), and after a short climb you will enter Pozuel via *Calle del Pilar* (km 14.1).

### The saffron from the river Jiloca



This valued spice is obtained from the dry stigmas of saffron flowers (*Crocus sativus*). Although the species is known since ancient times, it was the Arabs that introduced its cultivation in Spain. Its manufacturing process is costly due to the fact that the species is collected over the night and the only part of the flower that is usable is the pistil. This is the reason why saffron cultivation decreased over the years. It has lately gained in popularity thanks to the boost fostered by its distinction as Denominación de Origen [guarantee of origin and quality].



**Key**

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

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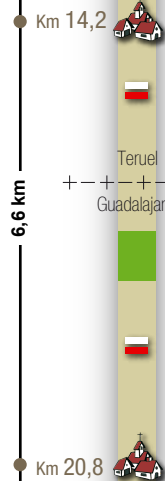
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**Pozuel del Campo**  
(68 pop.)



**El Pedregal**  
(77 pop.)



Ride away from the town along *Calle San Miguel* and then take a path that climbs towards the telecommunications antenna (km 15). The path, whose surface is irregular, passes by several crossroads (km 15.5, 15.7 and 16.1); ride, however, straight on the main path, heading westwards. The path runs gradually into a scattered grove of pine trees. The border separating provinces is at the other side of the grove (km 17.5). Pay attention to signposts, so as to take a blurry footpath that descends along hillside scrubland.

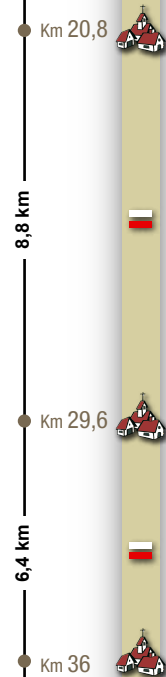
**⚠ It is a 400 m-path that will force cyclists to hop off their bikes at some point because of high vegetation and because rolling is not visible.**

Join again a descending path (km 17.9) that runs alongside a large slope field and crosses through a *gully called Marajosa* (km 18.5). At a group of farming buildings, take a path to your right (km 19), whose surface is in very good condition. The path comes out to *road N-211*. Cross the road (km 20.2) so as to continue straight on a path that leads to **El Pedregal** (km 20.6), where you should head to the church.

**El Pedregal**  
(77 pop.)

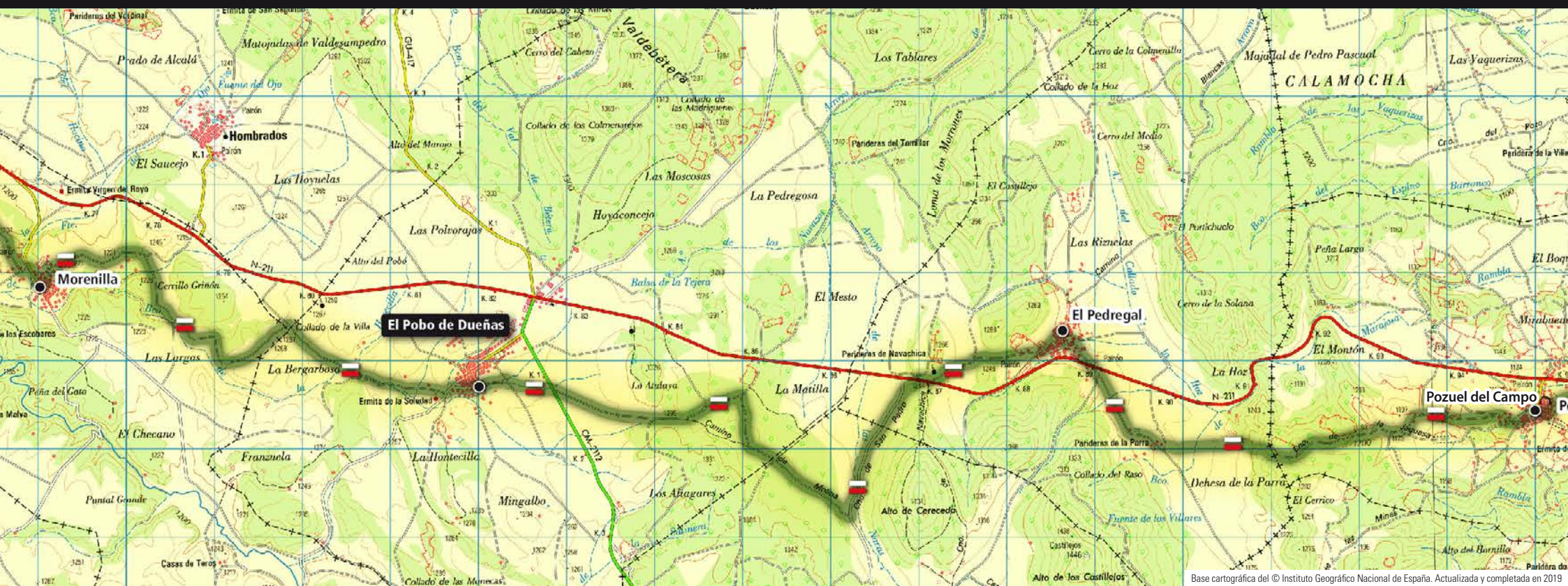
**El Pobo de Dueñas**  
(111 pop.)

**Morenilla**  
(38 pop.)



Leave from *Calle del Calvario* and ride until reaching a path (km 21.1) situated next to several farming units. The path, which climbs towards a kermes oak grove, leads you away from the town. On the top of the hillock, there is a crossroads (km 21.7). Turn to your left to a path that runs into *road N-211*, at km 87 (km 22.5). Ride on this road for some metres until reaching a "Stop" sign and then cross. Continue 200 m along a path which is on the other side (**⚠ behind a fence**), close to an oak grove. Turn left to a wide path (*path to San Pedro*) (km 22.8). Pay attention; ride off the path in 1.5 km and turn right to a narrow path (km 24.4) (*path to Molina*). The path runs along a thick *oak grove*, heading to the northeast. At a crossroads (km 25.5), continue straight. Turn left at another crossroads (km 26.4), heading westwards and ignoring several left and right hand turns. When coming out to *road CM-2112*, cross through it (km 28.7) and continue on a path in good condition leading to **El Pobo**.

Leave from the fountain that is next to the water trough, riding along *Calle de la Delantera*. Continue on a path to the west of the town, which leads to *Soledad chapel*. At a crossroads situated close to the *chapel* (km 30), turn to your right. When reaching a small gully (km 30.6), ignore the turn, continuing straight. On the hillock of the town (km 32), turn left and descend towards the small valley of the *gully Hoceilla*. Turn right to a wider path (km 33.8). Ignore a right hand turn (km 34.6) and continue straight, riding along a curve to the left. The path descends until reaching the high part of **Morenilla** (km 35.8).



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**Morenilla**  
(38 pop.)

Km 36



Resume the route riding along *Calle Mayor* (km 36) and then continue on the access road to the town. 100 m further, turn to a trail to your left, which crosses over a stream through a bridge (km 36.3). Pay attention so as to ride off the trail and into a climbing right hand path (km 36.4). Continue on the main path, ignoring several left and right hand turns (km 37.1, 38.2 and 38.8). At a crossroads (km 41.7), turn to a path to your left, along which you shall descend rapidly. A directional arrow welcomes visitors to **Chera** (km 44.4), which is divided into two main neighbourhoods by the *river Gallo*.

**Chera**

(10 pop.)

Km 44,4



The route continues along the *road to Aldehuela*, which is situated in **Chera's northern neighbourhood** (km 44.4); that is, in the point through which you arrived at the town. Some metres further, ignore a left hand turn (km 44.5), continuing straight. Pass to the left of *Puntal de los Cuarterones* and shortly after you reach a *stream called Espejuelo* (km 46). There is a small bridge (km 46.3) that leads to a small farmhouse in **Aldehuela**.

**Aldehuela**

(3 pop.)

Km 46,4



**Aldehuela**

(3 pop.)

Km 46,4



Ride away from the town along the access road. In a curve to the right (km 46.6), take a path in front of you, which runs alongside large cereal fields. When you come out to the *road to Prados Redondos* (km 48.5), turn right and ride for 100 m and then take a left hand turn. After 50 m, ride off the main path and turn right (km 48.6) to a royal drove, whose surface is in worse condition (*path to Molina*). **High vegetation may make pedalling difficult, to the point that you may have to push your bike for around 500 m.** After a curve to the right (km 51), there is a crossroads. Turn left to a path in good condition (km 51.2). Turn left (km 51.6) to a narrow stony path that runs along the edge of a large fenced hunting field. At the door of the hunting field (km 53.3), you reach a path in better condition that connects with the road (km 53.9) to **Castilnuevo**.

**Castilnuevo**

(9 pop.)

Km 54,5

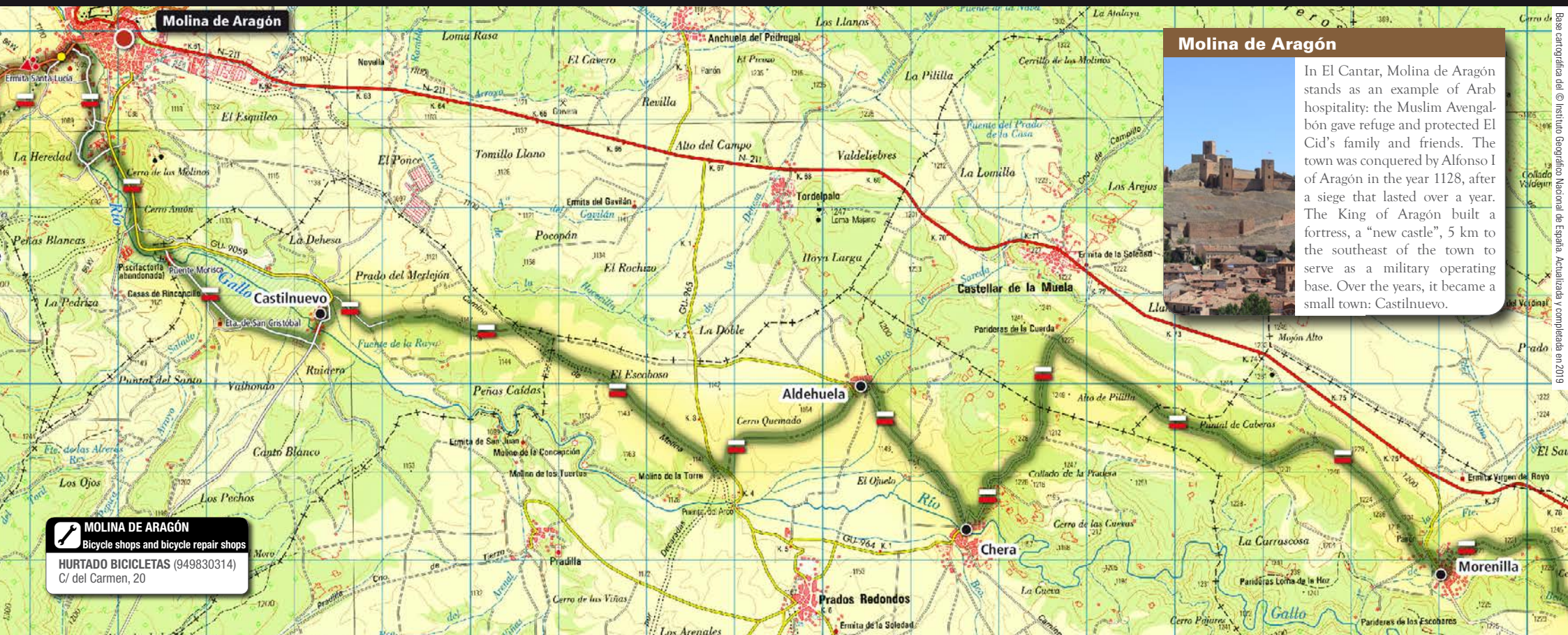


Ride away from **Castilnuevo** along a path that runs into a black poplar grove and crosses over the *river Gallo* through a bridge (km 54.3). At a crossroads (km 54.5), turn right to a path that runs in between the *meadow at the river Gallo* and the fence of a large hunting field. You will reach a small pine grove, placed next to the river. Cross over it through the *Moorish bridge* (km 56.4), which comes out to the road (km 56.6). Turn left to the road and continue on the pedestrian path, until reaching a left hand turn (km 58.1), next to a *windmill called Batán*. The path crosses again over the river and then turns to the right (km 58.4), running along the *meadow at the river Gallo* until reaching **Molina de Aragón** (km 60).

**Molina de Aragón**

(3.295 pop.)

Km 60



**Molina de Aragón**

In El Cantar, Molina de Aragón stands as an example of Arab hospitality: the Muslim Avengal-bón gave refuge and protected El Cid's family and friends. The town was conquered by Alfonso I of Aragón in the year 1128, after a siege that lasted over a year. The King of Aragón built a fortress, a "new castle", 5 km to the southeast of the town to serve as a military operating base. Over the years, it became a small town: Castilnuevo.

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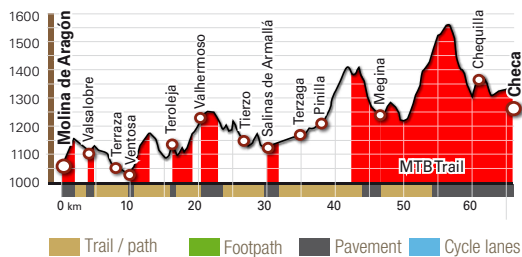
# Las Tres Taifas 4

MTB route guide Camino del Cid

## Molina de Aragón - Checa

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This is one of the blue-ribbon sections of **The Way of El Cid**, both because of its physical requirements and appeal. We recommend that you set off early and that you balance your strengths, so as to enjoy one of the most intense segments of the whole route. Keep some energy for the final stretch, which runs in between **Megina** and **Chequilla**, for it is a very uneven piece of land, though incredibly beautiful.

**Molina de Aragón**  
(3.295 pop.)



Km 0



3,5 km



**Valsalobre**  
(6 pop.)

Km 3,5



4,4 km



**Terraza**  
(2 pop.)

Km 7,9



1,8 km



**Ventosa**  
(21 pop.)

Km 9,7



6,6 km



**Teroleja**  
(17 pop.)

Km 16,3



Leave from the notice board announcing **The Way of El Cid**, which is next to *San Francisco church* and ride along *road CM-210*, which leads to *Alto Tajo*. At the town's exit (km 0,2), ride off the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid** and turn towards an industrial area.

### ▶ Start of a MTB stretch (1,5 km)

Ride 1.5 km, climbing along *road CM-210* and following the **traces of other MTBs**, until reaching a plain, where the cycling stretch joins the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid**.

The hiking trail runs into the left of the plain and then joins the road (km 1.7). Ride along the road 200 m further, and then take a path to your left (km 1.9). The path moves away from the road, running alongside crop fields and fields that are left fallow, until reaching **Valsalobre** (km 3.4).

Ride from the church to the road that leads to the town, where a direction arrow (km 3.6) points to a **MTB stretch**.

### ▶ Start of a MTB stretch (1 km)

Ride on the pavement until coming out to *road CM-210*. Turn left and ride for 600 m. Then join the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid** and ride on a path (km 4.6).

The path, which is in good condition, runs alongside cereal fields. After a short descent, it crosses over a stream (km 7.6) and reaches **Terraza** (km 7.9).

Cross through a group of small group of farmhouses, riding on the main road and passing by the access road. Then continue along a trail in good condition heading to the northeast. The trail runs into the road in the area close to **Ventosa** (km 9.7) where there is an arrow pointing to the start of a **MTB stretch**.

### ▶ Start of a MTB stretch (2,6 km)

Turn left and ride for 500 m until reaching a left hand turn to a trail (km 10.2). The trail climbs gradually along a pine grove until joining, at the top, the **hiking trail** (km 12.3).

The trail runs into a crossroads placed on an open field, where you should turn to your left (km 12.4). Then, the path runs gradually into a pine grove and starts descending. The path comes out of the pine grove at a hillock and, a little further, it reaches a crossroads (km 15.7). Turn to the path to your right that climbs towards the town, which is at a short distance (km 16.2).

DATA



Distance 66,3 km  
Physical difficulty Very high  
Technical difficulty Medium  
IBP Degree of difficulty 144



Cumulative ascent 1.550 m  
Cumulative descent 1.260 m  
Estimated time 8 h 10 m  
Signposting GR y Btt

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### Towards the heart of Alto Tajo

The section runs into **Parque Natural del Alto Tajo** [Alto Tajo Natural Park], an incredibly beautiful natural spot made by a network of deep canyons and gorges that wander along the *river Tajo* and its tributaries. **Santuario de la Virgen de la Hoz** (2.6 km away from **Ventosa**) is a must visit. Rocky outcrops are placed at the entrance to the narrow gorge of the river



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# Las Tres Taifas

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**Teroleja**  
(17 pop.)

Km 16,3



4,3 km



**Valhermoso**  
(17 pop.)

Km 20,6



6,1 km



**Tierzo**  
(25 pop.)

Km 26,7



2,4 km



**Salinas de Armallá**  
(1 pop.)

Km 29,1



6,2 km



**Terzaga**  
(22 pop.)

Km 35,3



2,9 km



**Pinilla de Molina**  
(17 pop.)

Km 38,2



7,9 km



**Megina**  
(30 pop.)

Km 46,1



A directional arrow on the high part of the town points to the start of a **MTB stretch**.

### ► Start of a MTB stretch (3 km)

Descend through Teroleja until coming out to road GU-960 and then turn left (km 16.8). After 200 m, ride off the road and into a trail to your right, which is in good condition (km 17). At a crossroads (km 18.2), continue straight on the main path, that climbs alongside a pine grove. At a crossroads, join again the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid** (km 19.3).

The trail climbs, passing by an *old fountain* and after by a water trough (km 20), until it comes out to a road (km 20.6), in close proximity to **Valhermoso**.

### ► Start of a MTB stretch (2,3 km)

The **hiking trail** runs along a path parallel to the road. Ride this stretch on the road until coming out to *road CM-210*. At this point, join the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid** (km 23.3).

*Road CM-210* joins the route at a crossroads (km 23.3). Turn right and ride on its shoulder for 500 m; then take a path to your left (km 23.8). Although you will run into several crossroads (km 24.8 and 25.9), go straight. After a short descent, you reach **Tierzo**, whose access point is through the north (km 26.6).

Leave from the church and the fountain, passing to the left of the Town Hall. Ride away from the town on a path heading westwards. Pass by a sports centre and turn left at a crossroads (km 27), crossing over a *stream called Pueblo*. The path climbs towards a *hillock*, running alongside the *remains of the clear land in Armallá* (km 28.6). At the top of the hillock, turn right to a stony path that descends alongside old houses, passes by a washing place and comes out to **Salinas de Armallá** and *road CM-210* (km 29.1).

### ► Start of a MTB stretch (2 km)

Turn left (km 29.1) to the road (heading to **Terzaga**). After 400 m, the **hiking trail** turns to a path to the right, which crosses over the *bridge Rey*. Continue, however, straight, riding on the pavement. Before reaching a large crossroads, ride off the road and turn to a path to your left (km 31.1) that joins the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid**.

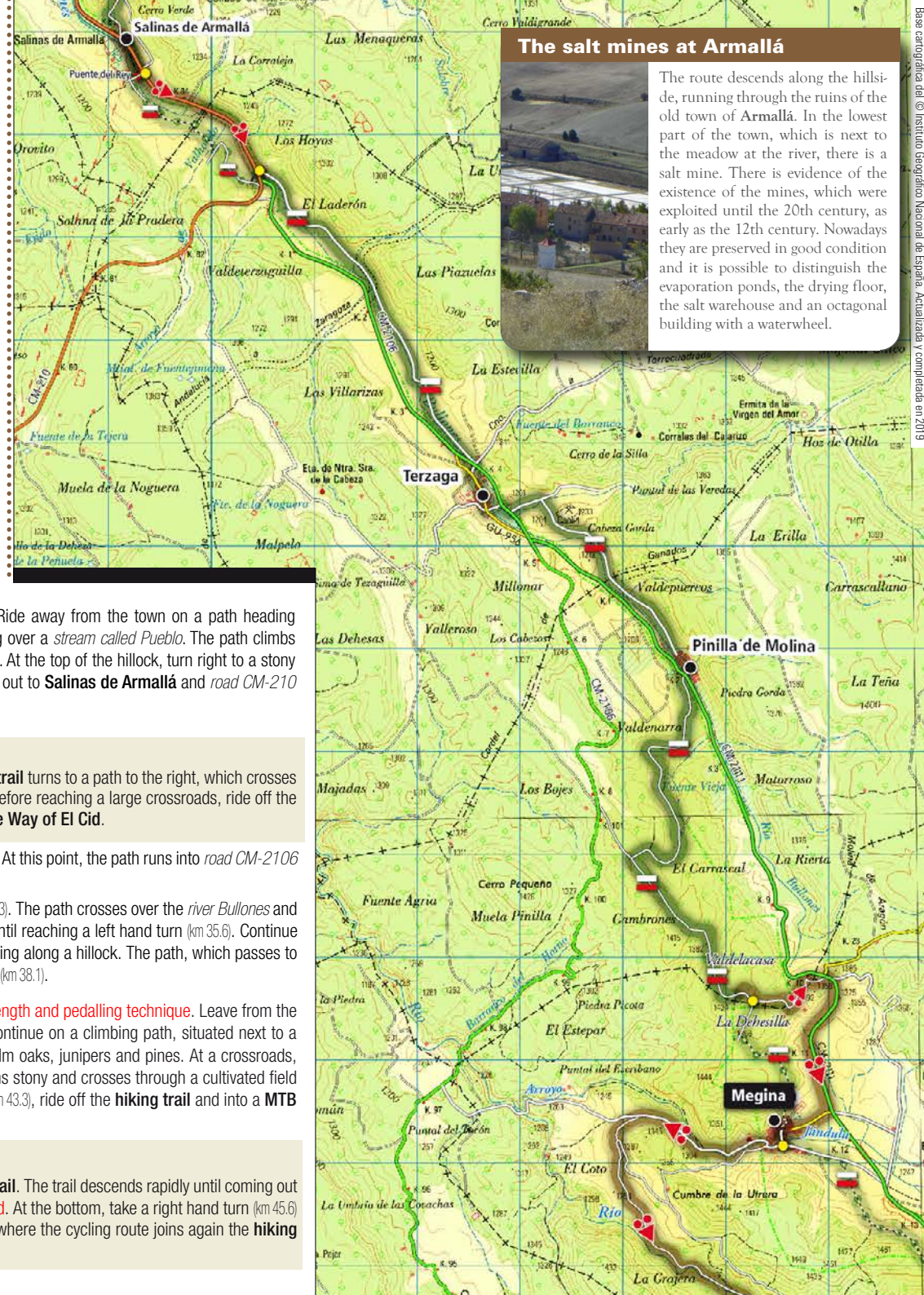
The path, whose surface is in good condition, runs to the right of the *river Bullones*. At this point, the path runs into *road CM-2106* (km 34.9), in the area close to **Terzaga**.

Leave from Calle Real until reaching a path, situated next to the saline mine (km 35.3). The path crosses over the *river Bullones* and comes out to the road (km 35.5). Turn right into the pavement and ride for 100 m until reaching a left hand turn (km 35.6). Continue on this path until reaching a crossroads (km 35.9). Turn to your right and start climbing along a hillock. The path, which passes to the left of a quarry (km 36.2), runs alongside the *river Bullones* until reaching **Pinilla** (km 38.1).

⚠ The stretch extending to **Megina** is a very demanding route; it will try your strength and pedalling technique. Leave from the fountain, which is at the entrance to **Pinilla** (km 38.2), and cross the road. Then continue on a climbing path, situated next to a notice board. Pass by an old fountain (km 39) and ride gradually into a grove of holm oaks, junipers and pines. At a crossroads, turn to your left (km 41). Pass by a quarry (km 41.6), continuing straight. The path turns stony and crosses through a cultivated field (km 42). Some kilometres further, ignore a left hand turn (km 42.5). At a crossroads (km 43.3), ride off the **hiking trail** and into a **MTB stretch**.

### ► Start of a MTB stretch (3 km)

Pass by the **hiking trail** and turn left, following the signposts for the **MTB trail**. The trail descends rapidly until coming out to *road CM-2111* (km 44.2). Turn right ⚠ carefully and descend along the road. At the bottom, take a right hand turn (km 45.6) and ride into the road to **Megina**. 300 m further, you will reach the town, where the cycling route joins again the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid** (km 46.1).



### The salt mines at Armallá

The route descends along the hillside, running through the ruins of the old town of Armallá. In the lowest part of the town, which is next to the meadow at the river, there is a salt mine. There is evidence of the existence of the mines, which were exploited until the 20th century, as early as the 12th century. Nowadays they are preserved in good condition and it is possible to distinguish the evaporation ponds, the drying floor, the salt warehouse and an octagonal building with a waterwheel.

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## Megina

(30 pop.)

Km 46,1



Leave from the fountain in *Calle Real* (km 46.1) and ride on a path (*Calle Jandullilla*) that crosses a stream called *Jándula* and then reaches a crossroads (km 46.2), placed closed to a group of old buildings. At this point, ride off the **hiking trail** and into a **MTB stretch**.

### Start of a MTB stretch (14,4 km)

This is one of the most appealing stretches of **The Way of El Cid**. The stretch runs entirely along trails that are either in good condition or paved. However, **the stretch is leg demanding because there is a height difference of over 400 m**. Start the trail (km 46.2) riding in the opposite direction to the **hiking trail**. At a crossroads, turn to your right and ride through a bridge (km 46.4) which leads back to the town. Turn to a comfortable trail to your left, which moves away from the town, running alongside the river *Jándula*. Pay attention to signposts. After climbing a hillock (km 48), descend rapidly until reaching the river *Cabrillas* (km 49.8). Cross it through an easy crossing. The trail continues alongside the river. Shortly after crossing the river (km 50.5), start climbing through a thick pine grove.

## Chequilla

(17 pop.)

Km 61,1



## Checa

(273 pop.)

Km 66,3



▶ **▲** The climb is steep, to the point that you will probably have to hop off and push your bike, though the stride is pleasant. At the top of a *hillock* (km 52.8), the surface becomes stony. Shortly after, cross through a fence (km 53.5), leaving its gate exactly as you found it. The trail comes out to a road connecting *Chequilla* and *Peralejos*. Turn left to the road (km 54.3). After an initial steep climb, enjoy the descent, which leads rapidly to **Chequilla**. Before reaching the town, join the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid**, which runs on a trail to your left (km 60.4).

Ride into **Chequilla** along the road. Head towards the fountain, which is next to the church, on the outskirts of the town (km 61.1). The **hiking trail** leads, through a path, towards the pelota court, though cyclists should continue along another **MTB stretch**.

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

Starting from the notice board announcing **The Way of El Cid** (km 61.1) ride along the road that descends rapidly to the bridge over the river *Cabrillas*, which is situated next to road *CM-2111* (km 63.2). Turn right and **▲ ride carefully along the road because it has almost no shoulder**. You will soon reach the low part of **Checa** (km 66.3), close to a *chapel* and to the *headquarters of the Guardia Civil*.



### Geology in Chequilla



In the surroundings of **Chequilla**, the path leads towards fascinating rock formations, carved on red sandstoms and conglomerate. We recommend that you visit rapidly the enchanted city at the outdoors of the town as well as its peculiar bullring.

### No pain no gain...

The **MTB trail** between **Megina** and **Chequilla** is the top of this demanding route. If you still have time and strength, make sure that you complete it. Otherwise, you may stop at **Checa**, which is 10 km apart, following road *CM-2111*, though you will have to climb a steep hill.





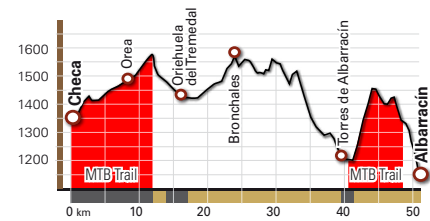
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## MTB route guide Camino del Cid

### Checa - Albarracín

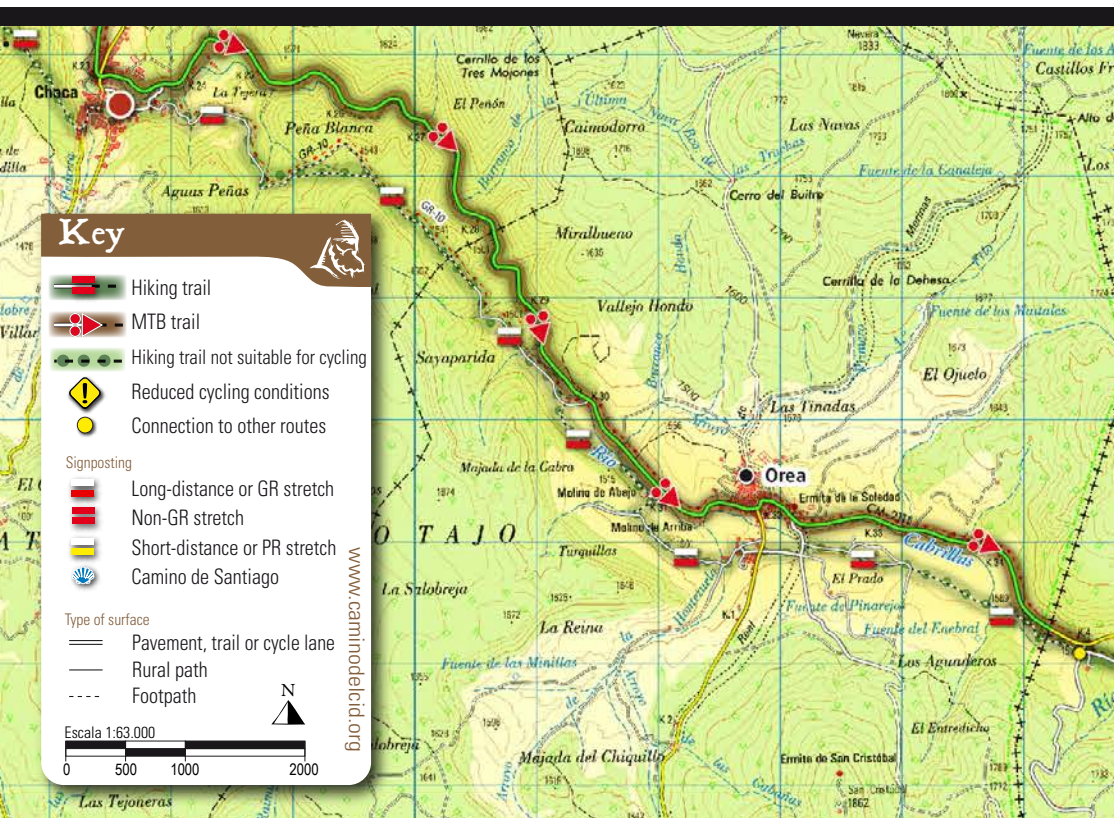
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Trail / path    Footpath    Pavement    Cycle lanes

This is a mountainous section characterised by pretty noticeable differences in height. From north to south, the segment passes through Sierra del Tremedal, descending along the valley of the river Guadalaviar, until reaching Albarracín. You will enjoy the pleasure of pedalling amidst spectacular natural spaces. However, there are climbing stretches and stony paths along which you will have to hop off and push your bike.



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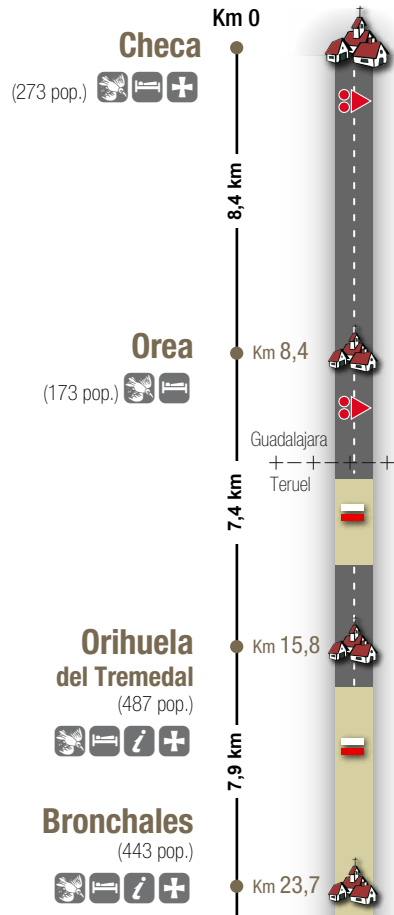
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### DATA

- Distance 50,9 km
- Physical difficulty High
- Technical difficulty Medium
- Cumulative ascent 845 m
- Cumulative descent 1.080 m
- Estimated time 6 h
- MTB trail Yes
- Signposting GR and Btt
- IBP Degree of difficulty 75



### Start of a MTB stretch (8,3 km)

Resume the route at the entrance to **Checa**, in an area next to the notice board announcing The Way of El Cid. Ride on a **MTB trail** because the hiking trail runs along non-cyclable paths. Take *road CM-2111* to **Orea**, which coincides with the route of **The Way of El Cid** designated for motor vehicles. The road climbs gradually alongside the *river Cabrilas*. After 1.4 km, you reach a viewpoint where you may rest for a while and enjoy the impressive landscape of **Alto Tajo**. The road, which continues climbing, narrows gradually, wandering to the right of the river until reaching **Orea** (km 8.2).

### Start of a MTB stretch (3,3 km)

After a pause, continue on *road CM-2111* that leads to **Orihueña**. The road climbs until reaching the top of a hillock. Pay attention so as to ride off the pavement; turn right to a soil path (km 11.6), where the cycling route joins the **hiking trail**.

After 20 m, ride off the path and turn to your left to a comfortable trail that descends parallel to the *river Gallo*. Pass by a small lake (km 13.3) and then you come out again to the road (km 14). Turn right and ride until reaching a crossroads (km 14.7). Continue straight on a small road that runs alongside black poplars until reaching **Orihueña**, which you access passing by the bullring (km 15.4).

Cross through the town riding along *Calle Centro*, which passes by the town's impressive church, and then ride along *Calle San Roque* that comes out to a road (km 16). 250 m before reaching the town's exit, ride off the road and turn to a path to your right (km 16.8) that crosses over the *river Gallo* and the *stream Ojos* through two bridges. At a crossroads (km 17.2), turn to the path to your left. Ignore several left and right hand turns (km 18.3, 18.6 and 18.9), continuing straight on the main path. Pass by a pine grove, after which the path runs on a long straight line amidst crop fields. The path crosses along *gulleys Campo* (km 21.3) and *Tejería* (km 22), climbing alongside its hillocks. Cross through *gully Rambla* (km 23). Shortly after you reach **Bronchales**, riding along *Calle Mayor* (km 23.4), which is to the north of the town.

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### Stone rivers

While riding along the stretch that runs alongside the mountain range, you will see, after passing by Bronchales, small stone river formations. They are glacier-sculptured rocks made of middle-sized linear quartzite blocks. In this part of the mountain range it is possible to see the largest stone rivers in Europe.

### Bronchales

(443 pop.)



Km 23,7



15,7 km



### Torres de Albarraçin

(178 pop.)



Km 39,4



11,3 km



### Albarraçin

(904 pop.)



Km 50,7



Leave from *San Roque church* (km 24) riding along a path in good condition that runs amidst crop fields. Cross through two gulleys (kms 24.5 and 24.9). Continue on the main path, ignoring all left and right hand turns (kms 26.3 and 27.9). At a crossroads next to a grove (km 28.2), turn to a climbing path to your left. **△ Its surface is stony, to the point that you will have to hop off your bike at some point;** to your right you can see "stone rivers". The climb ends at the top of the hillock (km 29.4). From this point, the path descends along thick pine groves and grasslands until reaching a crossroads (km 31.8), situated next to a *fountain called Cruz*. Turn to your right and climb until reaching a hillock (km 32.9), to the right of the *highs of Pedriza*. From this point onwards the path descends alongside *gully Valdemonte* through a path in good condition. After a series of **△ sharp descending curves**, there is a turn (km 35.2), though you should continue on the path. The path moves away from the bottom of the cultivated gully and runs halfway through the hillock, alongside the pine grove. Pass to the left of a *vulture colony* (km 38.1). Some metres further turn right and then descend towards a farm (km 39.1), placed next to *gully Hontanar*. The path comes out to *road A-1512* (km 39.5), which is less than 700 metres away from **Torres de Albarraçin**.

### ► Start of a MTB stretch (7,4 km)

Turn left to *road A-1512*. After 1 km, the **hiking trail of The Way of El Cid** turns to a path to your left (km 40.5). Continue for 600 m on the road until reaching a turn (km 41.1) to a trail to the left, which is signposted as *GR-113 (Natural Path)*. Start climbing along the **hard surface** trail. Shortly after, there is a turn to the hiking trail (ignore the turn for it runs on non-cyclable paths). **△ The trail becomes steeper and the stony surface makes pedalling difficult at some point.** After climbing for 3 km, you reach a crossroads (km 44.1); turn to the right. From this point onwards the trail descends slightly and the surface becomes even. Pass by the *house of Rochilla* (km 45.8), continuing straight on the main path until reaching a crossroads (km 48.1), where the cycling route joins the **hiking trail**.

Continue on the main path and some meters further turn right, following path *PR-TE 1* (km 48.7). The path runs along the edge of *Tozal Bandera* and at the same time **△ the slope becomes steeper. Control speed**, especially if you want to enjoy one of the most beautiful images of the whole **The Way of El Cid**. Ignore a left hand turn (km 50) and then one to the right (km 50.4), after which you will reach the impressive walls of the town (km 50.5).





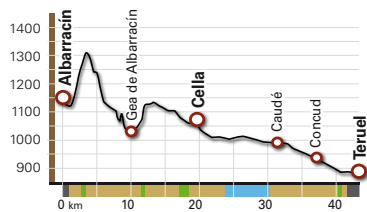
# Las Tres Taifas 6

MTB route guide Camino del Cid

## Albarracín - Cella / Teruel

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UFM Distribución



Trail / path    Footpath    Pavement    Cycle lanes

This is an easy section, along the course of which the mountain landscape gives way to the *depression of Teruel*. The way out of **Albarracín**, which runs on the old path to **Gea**, will test your technique with handlebars. At **Gea**, discover the *Roman aqueduct*, which will guide you all the way to **Cella** along trails and paths in good condition. You may continue the route to **Teruel**, following a stretch of the route known as *Vía Verde de Ojos Negros* [Ojos Negros Green Way].

DATA	Distance 20,7 / 44 km	Cumulative ascent 320/350 m	MTB trail No
	Physical difficulty Low	Cumulative descent 460/620 m	Signposting Markers GR
	Technical difficulty Medium	Estimated time 2h 25m / 4h 10m	IBP Degree of difficulty 44 / 54

### Albarracín

(904 pop.)



### Gea de Albarracín

(376 pop.)



Km 0

10,2 km

Km 10,2



Ride through the *neighbourhood of Santa Bárbara* towards the campsite. At a crossroads (km 1.4), there is a directional arrow pointing to a path that climbs along the hillside and runs together with path *PR-TE 1*. The old horse trail, **which is stony and climbs, is technically challenging, to the point of forcing cyclists to hop off their bikes at some stretches**. At the top of the hillock (km 3.3), which coincides with the highest point in the section, join a trail to your left (km 3.4) that emerges from a pine grove. 200 m further, the trail reaches *Parideras del Portichuelo*, where a small path turns to the right (km 3.7). The path, whose surface is in worse condition, descends halfway through the gully. Continue alongside a lateral gully and some metres further the path runs into another path. **Continue, however, descending along a stony trail. The descent ends 800 m further**. At this point, turn to a path to the right (km 6.3). The path runs along cultivated fields, passing by *Peirón de Santa Bárbara* (km 7.2), crossing through a small pine grove (km 7.8) and descending to *gully Tobias*. Turn left to join the main path (km 8.6). After a climb, ignore a turn (km 8.9) and continue straight until reaching *San Antonio chapel* (km 9.5). Access **Gea**, riding through a *Via Crucis* and stop at the *bridge* (km 9.9).

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### Gea de Albarracín

(376 pop.)



### Cella

(2.581 pop.)



Km 10,2

10,7 km

Km 20,9



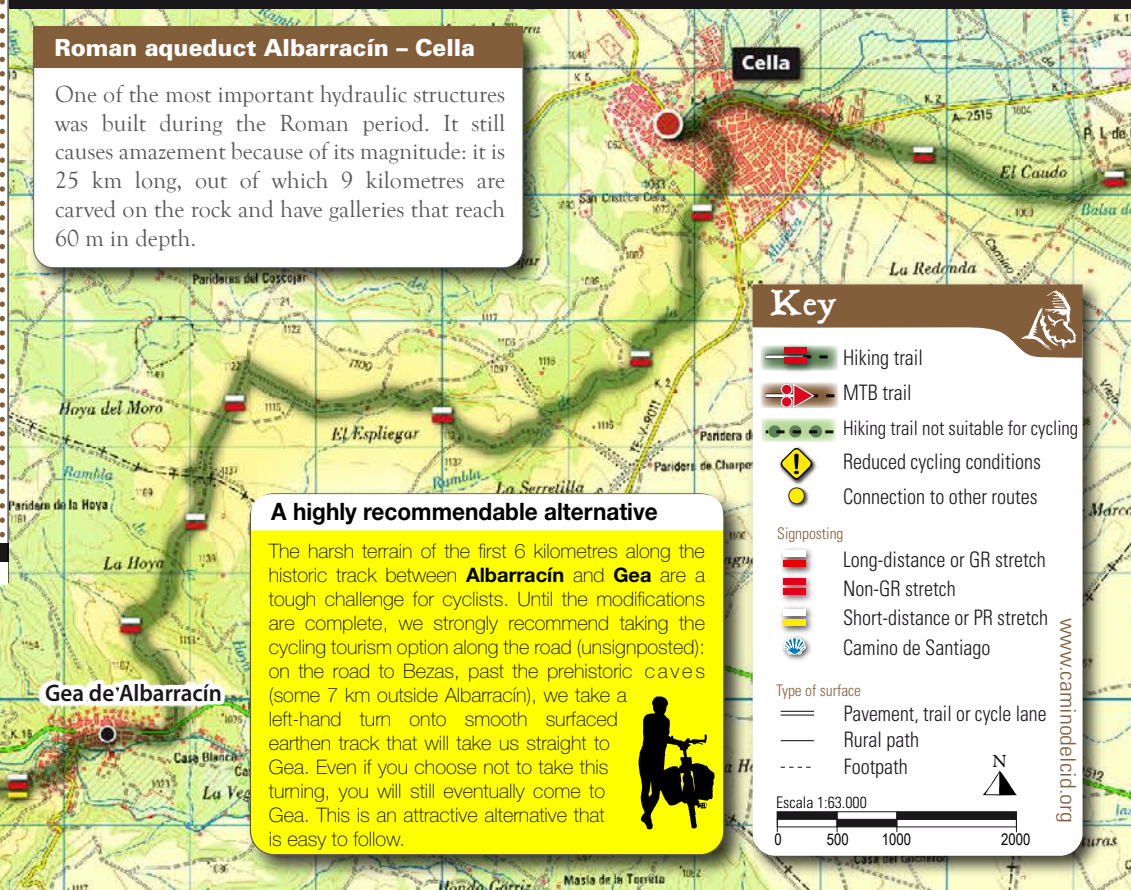
Cross the town riding along *Calle San Roque* and continue until reaching the *information centre*, which is situated next to the *Roman aqueduct* (km 10.8). Cross *road A-1512* and then take a path in good condition that passes to the right of the *cemetery* (km 10.9) and leads to the *leisure area*, placed next to the restored site of the *Roman aqueduct* (km 11.8). Close to a notice board, there is a signposted route called *Sendero del Acueducto Romano*, leading to **Cella**. The route climbs along a path marked by rows of stone, along which **you will have to push the bike some metres**. 400 m further, continue on a badly-preserved path (km 12.3) that passes close to a cultivated field [**High vegetation**]. Continue until reaching a trail (km 13.5). Turn right and ride for 70 metres; then turn to a path to your left (km 13.6). There is a turn to the right (km 14.5) that leads to *Parideras del Espliegar*. Ignore two left hand turns (*kms 15.6 and 16*) and a right hand turn (*km 16.5*) and continue until reaching a crossroads, next to the *paridera* and the *fountain of Tejería* (km 17.3). Turn left and in 50 metres turn to a path to the right. The path runs along the bottom of the riverbed of *Rambla de la muñeca*. After passing by a *small dam* (km 18.8), climb along the left river bank. Pass by a water trough and continue until coming out to a path (km 19.7), next to a *leisure area* and an information board about Cella, which is placed on the threshing floor. Continue along a path, following a dug up stretch of the aqueduct that runs along abandoned farming lands. Access **Cella** riding along *Calle de la Rambla* (km 20.2) and head to the *artesian well*.

### Roman aqueduct Albarracín - Cella

One of the most important hydraulic structures was built during the Roman period. It still causes amazement because of its magnitude: it is 25 km long, out of which 9 kilometres are carved on the rock and have galleries that reach 60 m in depth.

### A highly recommendable alternative

The harsh terrain of the first 6 kilometres along the historic track between **Albarracín** and **Gea** are a tough challenge for cyclists. Until the modifications are complete, we strongly recommend taking the cycling tourism option along the road (unsignposted): on the road to Bezas, past the prehistoric caves (some 7 km outside Albarracín), we take a left-hand turn onto smooth surfaced earthen track that will take us straight to Gea. Even if you choose not to take this turning, you will still eventually come to Gea. This is an attractive alternative that is easy to follow.

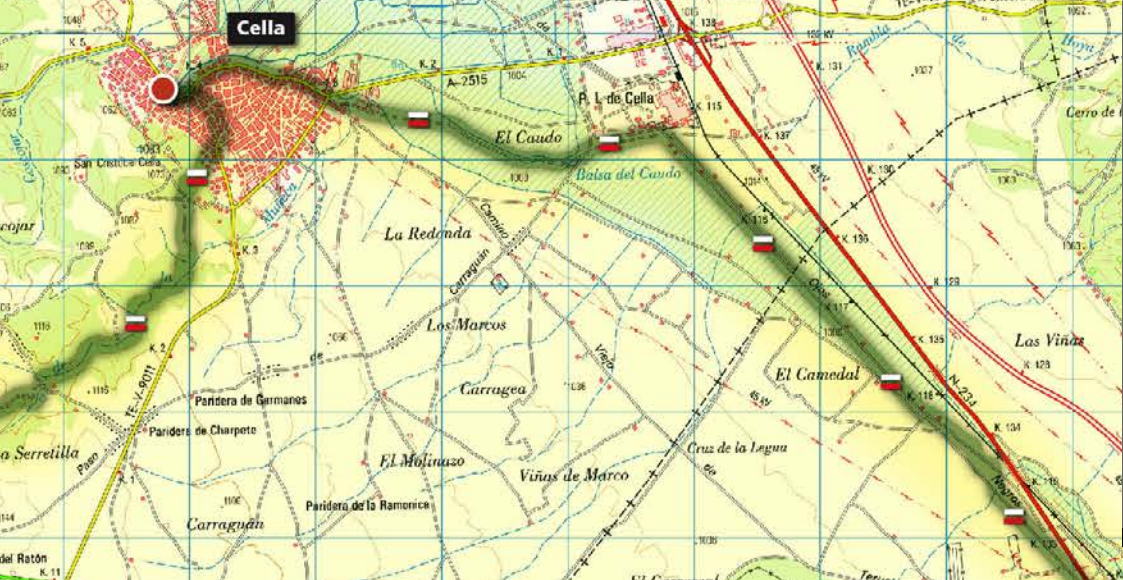


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**Concud**  
(134 pop.)

Km 37,2

6,8 km

**TERUEL**  
(32.671 pop.)

Km 44

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 37.6), 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 38.8), cross and continue straight on a paved path. At *Masia de Chantre*, turn right (km 39.6) and ride towards the buildings. Pass by a road (km 39.7), which leads to **Teruel**. The pavement turns into soil, in spite of which ride straight and cross the tunnel under *road N-420* (km 39.8). After coming out of the tunnel, turn right at the crossroads (km 39.9) and continue until reaching a black poplar grove (km 40.3). 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 40.7). The path climbs some metres and then turns to a path that runs along the edge of a field, following the precipice. The path turns into a trail (km 41.1) that turns to the right and crosses through a tunnel under the railroad (km 41.3). After the tunnel, turn to a path to the left that runs southwards and comes out to the road to **Teruel** (km 42.4). Turn left to the road, which crosses the *river Alfambra*. Access the town riding along *Avenida de Zaragoza* and head to *Paseo del Óvalo* (km 44).

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**Cella**  
(2.786 pop.)

Km 20,9

10,9 km

**Caudé**  
(201 pop.)

Km 31,8

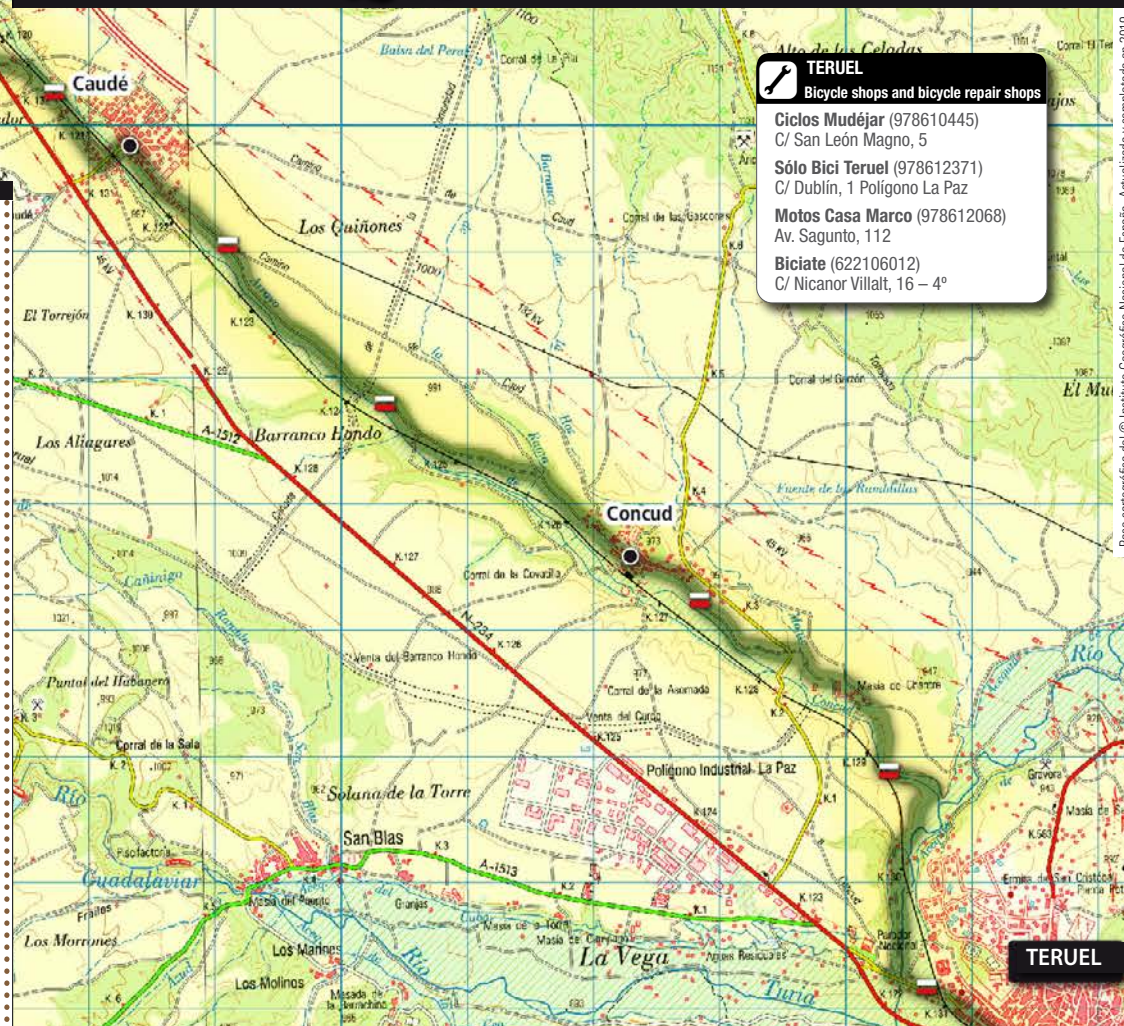
5,4 km

**Concud**  
(146 pop.)

Km 37,2

Start the stretch riding from the *artesian well*. Continue along *Avenida de la Fuente* and *Calle de San Antonio* until reaching a crossroads (km 22.3). At this point, 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 22.8). You will reach a small water channel (km 23.3). Ride to its right until reaching a crossroads. Turn to your left (km 24.4). You will soon reach another crossroads. This time turn to your right (km 24.5) 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 25.1). Ride along this route, on a long straight line. After crossing through a level crossing that crosses under the national road (km 30.2), ride off *Via Verde* and turn to a path to your right (before reaching the old bridge) (km 48.1). The path comes close to the railroad and then continues to the right (km 30.6). The path runs alongside numerous farming buildings and then comes out to the *road to Caudé* (km 31.5). After crossing through the bridge over the *stream Concud*, you reach the church of **Caudé** (km 31.8).

Leave from the church. Turn right to the washing place and continue straight until reaching *Calle Nueva*. The street moves away from the town amidst farming buildings and then turns into a soil path (km 32.3). At a crossroads (km 32.6), 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 Concud*, runs under the road's bridge (km 33.3). Although there is a right hand turn (km 34.5), continue alongside the bottom of the precipice and the meadow. The path comes close to the train lines (km 35.2). Ride to their left and ignore a path that crosses through the railroad. At a crossroads (km 36.2), continue straight along a crossing over *gully Rama*, where the path curves to the right. Access **Concud** riding along *Calle del Pilar* (km 36.7).



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