



Route The Three Taifas

CAMINO DEL CID



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Ramblers route guide The Way of El Cid

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The Three Taifas

Ateca / Calatayud - Cella (291/295 km)

Walking 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 an abandoned piece of 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 Guadalupe, 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.

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 aquifer, which is one of the biggest in Europe.

The rambler's route. It is a really varied route: from Calatayud to Daroca you will come across meadow landscape, fruit tree orchards and dry farming areas. The meadow at the river Jiloca, where you will find crop fields,

pine groves and scrubland, reaches out to Molina de Aragón. From there onwards, you will encounter rich vegetation growing alongside Alto Tajo. The stages of this route run along the natural environment, though the paths are generally easy and run along areas close to populated areas. If you walk on your own, the experience will be far more intense: the peace and loneliness that prevails along the first 16 kilometres of the stage between Bronchales and Albarracín is, according to rambler's themselves, one of the most unforgettable experiences of the whole The Way of El Cid.

The 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 Calamocha, 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.

In the file card for each stage, there is a climate chart showing average monthly temperatures, amount of daylight hours and average rainfall. Precipitation indexes are interpreted in the following manner:

- Dry season (range of 0-25mm per month)
- Low level of rainfall (range of 25-40mm per month)
- **Medium level of rainfall (range of 40-60mm per month)**
- High level of rainfall (> 60mm per month)

Signposting

The Three Taifas route is signposted throughout all its stages as a GR 160 route (red and white markers). Note that some markers may not be visible during certain times of the year, which is why we recommend that you carry with you this guide and the GPS and mobile tracks.

Have a safe trip!



	Continuity trail	Wrong direction
GR 160 stretch (footpath)		
Non-GR stretch (footpath)		



Use this QR code on our website to access content in the rambler's route section of The Three Taifas Route. You can download all relevant information: maps, topo-guides, tracks, list of accommodations, passport stamping offices, tourist offices, etc..



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Panoramic view of Albarracín



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. In the section below you will find the list of offices (updated for september 2019) where you can obtain and stamp the Passport.



ZARAGOZA

ACERED

BAR AYUNTAMIENTO C/ Medio Lugar, 2 - 976896630/686585516.
Preguntar por el alcalde

ATEA

AYUNTAMIENTO C/ Mayor, 7 - 976894137

ATECA

● OFICINA TURISMO C. Interpret. - C/ Areal Bajo 976842705
HS EL BODEGÓN C/ Goya, 32 - 976842041/ 676996640
HOTEL CASTILLO DE ATECA C/ Castillo, 2 675950396

CALATAYUD

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

DAROCA

● OFICINA DE TURISMO C/ Mayor 44 - 976 800 123
POSADA DEL ALMUDÍ C/ Grajera, 7 - 976800606
APTO. TUR. MELIAH C/ Mayor, 76 - 976800194/691483947
H CIENBALCONES C/ Mayor, 88 - 976545071

MANCHONES

AYUNTAMIENTO Pl España, 1 - 976800878

MUNÉBREGA

H CASONA 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, 2
AYUNTAMIENTO C/ Marqués de Montemizo, 1 - 976800701/693005813

GUADALAJARA

CASTILNUEVO

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

CHECA

AYUNTAMIENTO Pl. Lorenzo Arrazola, 1 - 949836101
C. I. "MUSEO DE LA 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
APTO LAS ALIAGAS C/ Real, s/n - 639267691

MOLINA DE ARAGÓN

● OFICINA TURISMO C/ Las Tiendas, 62 - 949832098
AYUNTAMIENTO Pl. España, 1 - 949830001
MUSEO COMARCAL Pl. San Francisco, s/n - 949831102
APTOS. TUR. 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 Izdo., 36 - 949831382

OREA

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

PINILLA DE MOLINA

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

TERZAGA

BAR AYUNTAMIENTO C/ Real, 83 - 722492839

VALHERMOSO

AYUNTAMIENTO Plaza, 1 949872700

TERUEL

ALBARRACÍN

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H** Dª BLANCA C/ Llano del Arrabal, 10 - 978710001
H ARABIA C/ Bernardo Zapater, 2 - 978710212
APTOS EL RECREO C/ Bernardo Zapater, 2 - 978710243
H ALBARRACÍN C/ Azagra, s/n - 978710011
H CASERÓN DE LA FUENTE C/ Carrerahuerto, s/n - 978710330

BÁGUENA

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

BRONCHALES

● OFICINA TURISMO C/ Clemente Pamplona s/n - 978701138
AYUNTAMIENTO C/ Mayor, 19 - 978701085
HOSTAL ISABEL C/ Fombuena, s/n C/ Palmeiro, 7 - 978701106
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HOTEL SUIZA C/ Fombuena, 8 - 978701089

BURBÁGUENA

AYUNTAMIENTO C/ Mayor, 3 - 978733217/638241987
MOLINO DE BURBÁG. C/ Arrabal, 24 - 978749024

CALAMOCHA

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

CELLA

AYUNTAMIENTO Avda. de la Fuente, 2 C/ Plaza Mayor, 1 978650002
CENTRO DE DÍA Avda. de la Fuente, 2 978653045
CR LA MASADA C/ Camino Cid, 2 - 636550232 / 978650656
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AYUNTAMIENTO Pl. Ayuntamiento, 6 - 978702100
CENTRO VISITA ACUEDUCTO Pl. las Perseiras, 1 - 620863077
H** LA REALDA C/ Mayor, 17 - 978702232
CR JOSEFINA C/ González Palencia, 10 - 978702129/ 635540299

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● OFIC. TURISMO / CASA CULTURA Pl. Mayor, 10 978863236
H MOLINO BAJO P. Molino Bajo, s/n 978077315/681681896

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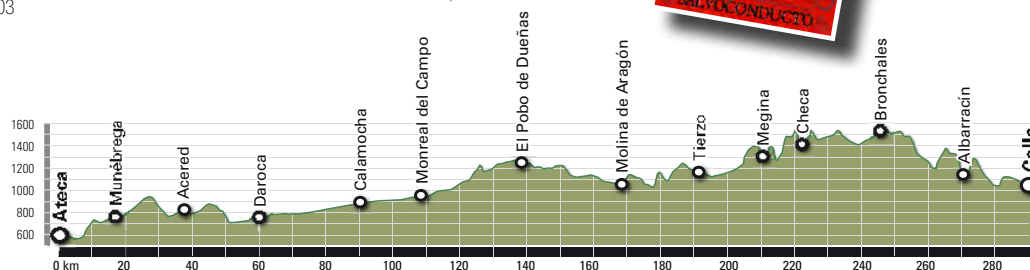
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TORRES DE ALBARRACÍN

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Sections (291 kms)

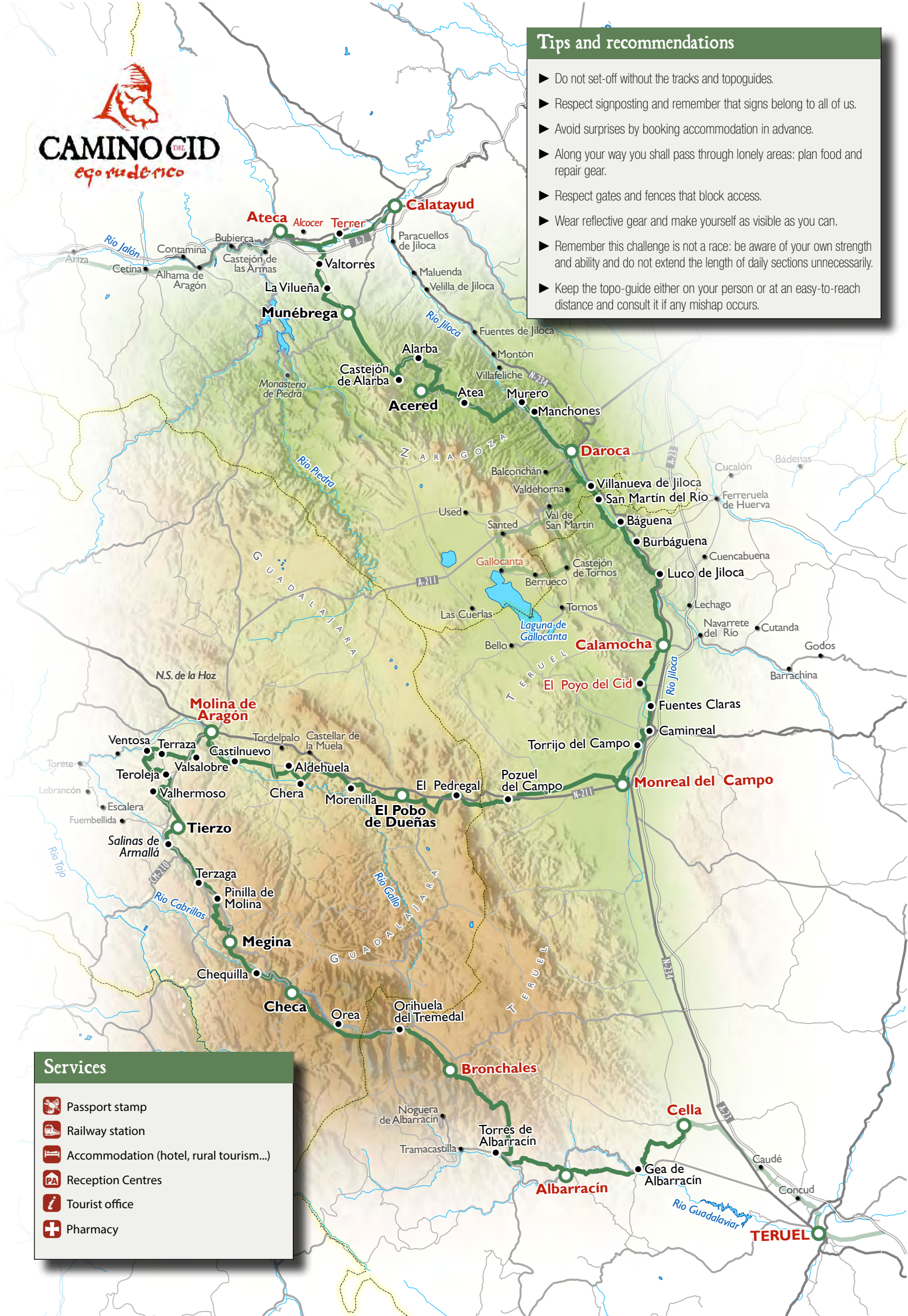
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| <p>A Enlace de Calatayud: Calatayud – Ateca (11,1 km)</p> <p>1 Ateca – Munébrega (16,5 km)</p> <p>2 Munébrega – Acered (21 km)</p> <p>3 Acered – Daroca (22,3 km)</p> <p>4 Daroca – Calamocha (29,8 km)</p> <p>5 Calamocha – Monreal del Campo (19,2 km)</p> <p>6 Monreal del Campo – El Pobo de Dueñas (29,6 km)</p> | <p>7 El Pobo de Dueñas – Molina de Aragón (30,4 km)</p> <p>8 Molina de Aragón – Tierzo (23,1 km)</p> <p>9 Tierzo – Megina (18,8 km)</p> <p>10 Megina – Checa (11,4 km)</p> <p>11 Checa – Bronchales (23,5 km)</p> <p>12 Bronchales – Albarracín (25 km)</p> <p>13 Albarracín – Cella (20,8 km)</p> |
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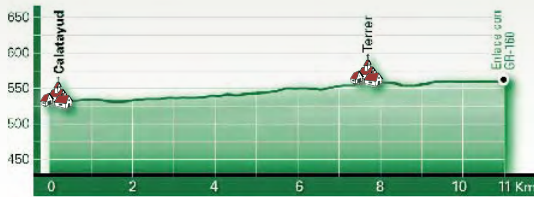
Tips and recommendations

- ▶ Do not set-off without the tracks and topoguides.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Keep the topo-guide either on your person or at an easy-to-reach distance and consult it if any mishap occurs.

Services

-  Passport stamp
-  Railway station
-  Accommodation (hotel, rural tourism...)
-  Reception Centres
-  Tourist office
-  Pharmacy





Distance: 11,1 km
Maximum grade: 30 m

Cumulative ascent: 30 m
Cumulative descent: 0 m

Estimated time: 2h 35m
Physical difficulty: Low



CALATAYUD (population: 19.753)

Leave from the centre of **Calatayud**, walking along *Paseo Cortes de Aragón* and heading westwards. You will reach a roundabout, situated next to the bridge over the *river Jalón*. Cross the bridge and continue along *Calle de la Diputación*. At a roundabout placed next to a hotel, turn right and walk along *Avenida Pascual Marquina* (road A-202). Follow until walking out of **Calatayud**. After passing by the board that announces the exit to the town (km 1.3), take a small road to your left and continue until reaching the bridge over the *river Jiloca* (km 2). Immediately after, take a soil path to your right. The path runs into *road A-202* (km 2.4), but make sure you continue along an asphalt path to the left, which runs into the road. At the roundabout (km 2.9), turn right into a road leading to a series of industrial units. Some metres further, after walking past the department store, you reach a crossroads (km 3.5). Turn left and walk gradually towards the railway lines. The path, which runs parallel to the railway lines, soon becomes a soil path. Walk under two bridges (level crossings) (km 4.8 and 5.6), following straight on a small path set out in front of you. You will reach the *old station* (km 7.2) of **Terrer**, where you will start to walk again on asphalt. Follow until reaching a crossroads (km 7.4). Take the road to your right and cross the bridge over the *river Jalón*. Then continue straight, walking along *Calle de la Estación* and stop at *Avenida de la Constitución* (N-II) (km 7.9).

8 km



TERRER (population: 470)

Leave Terrer from *Avenida de la Constitución* (N-II), heading towards **Ateca**. Just before passing by the board that announces the exit to the town (placed in front of the school) (km 8.4), walk out of the road and turn left into a paved path. The path runs amidst crop fields. Follow until reaching the railway lines, which you should cross through a bridge (km 9.1). Then turn right into a soil path. The path runs parallel to the railway lines and then crosses through a gully (km 10.4). When reaching a crossroads (km 11.1), join the stretch of The Way of el Cid that comes from **Ateca** (5.9 km away).

3 km



ENLACE DE CALATAYUD

GR-160

Starting at this point, which is signposted with an arrow, resume the route and head towards **Valtorres** (2.6 km away), following the white and red markers of the path for the GR-160 route.



Agricultural meadow and riverbanks alongside the river Jalón



Muslim fortified complex of Ayub castle, Gothic church of San Pedro de los Francos, Mudejar architecture of Santa María collegiate (World Heritage), Roman city of Bilbilis (3km away from Calatayud)



Rural paths with a good sub-base



In the area close to Calatayud the route runs along rural asphalt driveways without hard shoulder, which is why care should be taken when coming across a motor vehicle



Agricultural meadow and riverbanks alongside the river Jalón



Mudejar church of Asunción and area of scattered industrial archeology

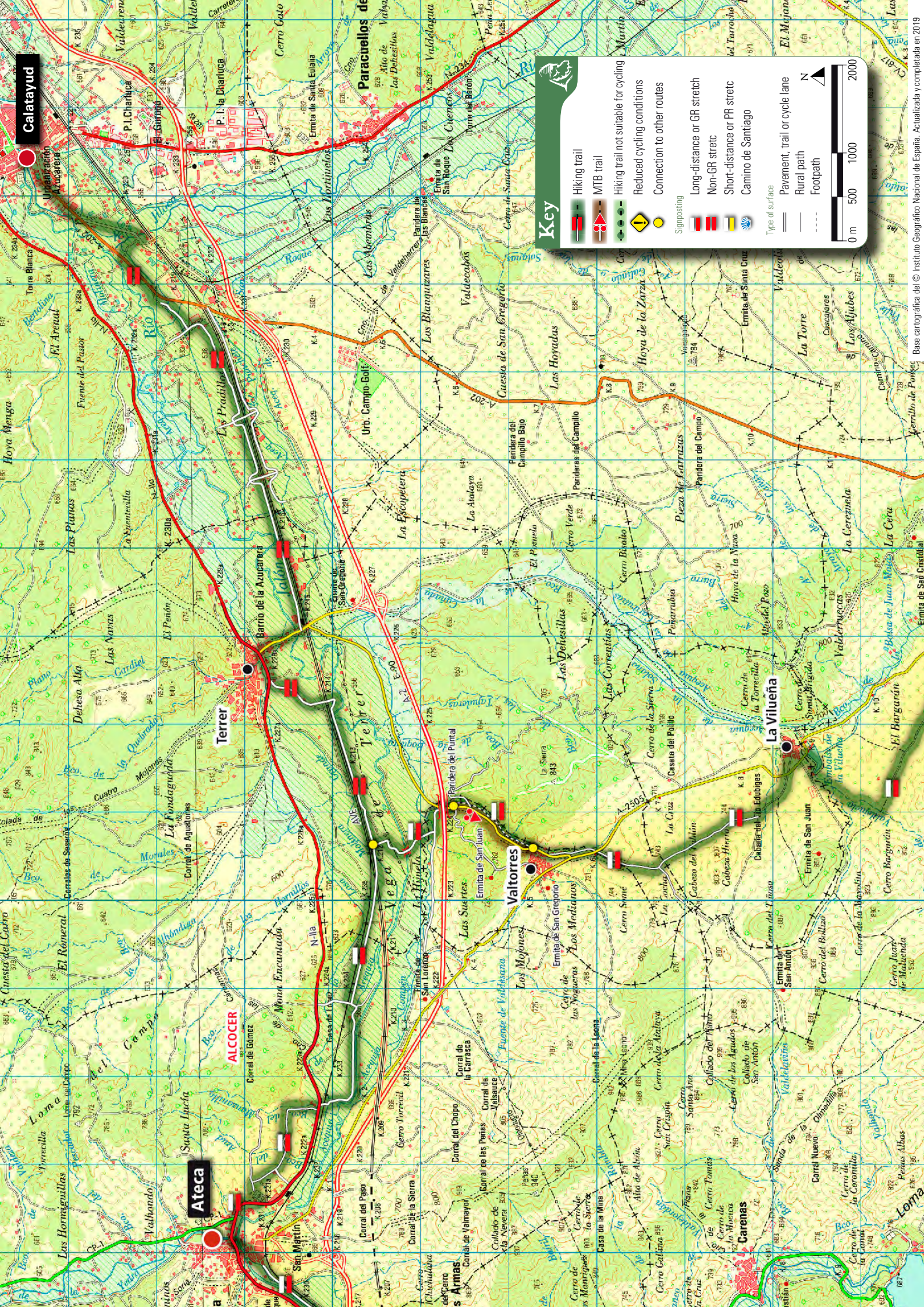


Rural paths with a good sub-base

Puerta de Terrer (Calatayud)



Calatayud



Key

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





Distance: 16,5 km

Maximum grade: 195 m

Cumulative ascent: 260 m

Cumulative descent: 110 m

Estimated time: 3h 45m

Physical difficulty: Low



ATECA (1.780 hab.)

GR-160

Partimos por la carretera N-II dirección a **Terrer**. A la salida, junto la *ermita de San Blas* (km 0,5), parte un camino con una barandilla hasta el campo de fútbol. Rodeamos las instalaciones por la izquierda para llegar a una explanada (km 0,8). Tomaremos un camino asfaltado y, pasada una nave agrícola a la derecha, llegamos a un cruce (km 1,2); aquí abandonamos el asfalto y continuamos de frente por un camino de tierra. El camino llega hasta un pequeño pinar y gira a la derecha descendiendo hasta la carretera N-II (km 2,4). Cruzamos la carretera y continuamos por un camino a la izquierda que en breve cruza el ferrocarril. Llegaremos junto al *río Jalón* donde enlazamos con el sendero SL-Z 2 y tras un paseo junto a sus orillas llegamos de nuevo a la vía del ferrocarril (km 4). En este punto podemos cruzar las vías y continuar recto para visitar el lugar de **Alcocer**. Continuamos junto a las vías del ferrocarril, llegamos a un tramo asfaltado y cruzaremos un túnel bajo el AVE (km 5,5) para continuar a mano izquierda por el camino de servicio de la línea. Llegaremos a un cruce donde se inicia el "**Enlace de Calatayud**" (km 5,9). Desde aquí, dejamos el camino principal por un desvío a la derecha hasta alcanzar el *río Jalón* (km 6,4). Cruzamos por un puente y continuamos recto hasta llegar a un cruce (km 6,8) junto a un pequeño pinar. Seguimos a la izquierda hasta llegar al túnel (km 7,2) bajo la autovía. Nada más cruzar el túnel abandonamos la carretera por un sendero (con el SL-Z 20) a la izquierda que asciende paralelo a la carretera por una antigua *cañada* hasta la parte baja de **Valtorres** (km 8,4).

- Meadow at the river Jalón and pine groves
- Urban setting of Ateca, Santa María church and Reloj Tower
- Rural paths
- Proceed with extreme care when crossing the railway lines (km 2.5)
- The Way of El Cid connects with the Route connecting with Calatayud at this point



VALTORRES (68 hab.)

GR-160

Retomamos el itinerario desde el lavadero en la parte baja de la población por un tramo asfaltado. En una curva (km 8,9) abandonamos el tramo asfaltado por un camino de frente que poco más adelante sale a la carretera (km 9,2). Cruzamos la vía para continuar por un camino frontal. Llegamos a un cruce (km 9,9) y nos desviamos a la izquierda por el *camino de la Concha*. Nos incorporamos a la izquierda (km 11,3) a un camino mayor (*camino de Carenas*) y en breve alcanzamos la carretera (km 11,9). Un camino al otro lado conduce hasta **La Vilueña** (km 12,1).

- Pine groves and hillsides covered with fruit trees
- Grove at the hillock of San Juan
- Rural path



LA VILUEÑA (75 hab.)

GR-160

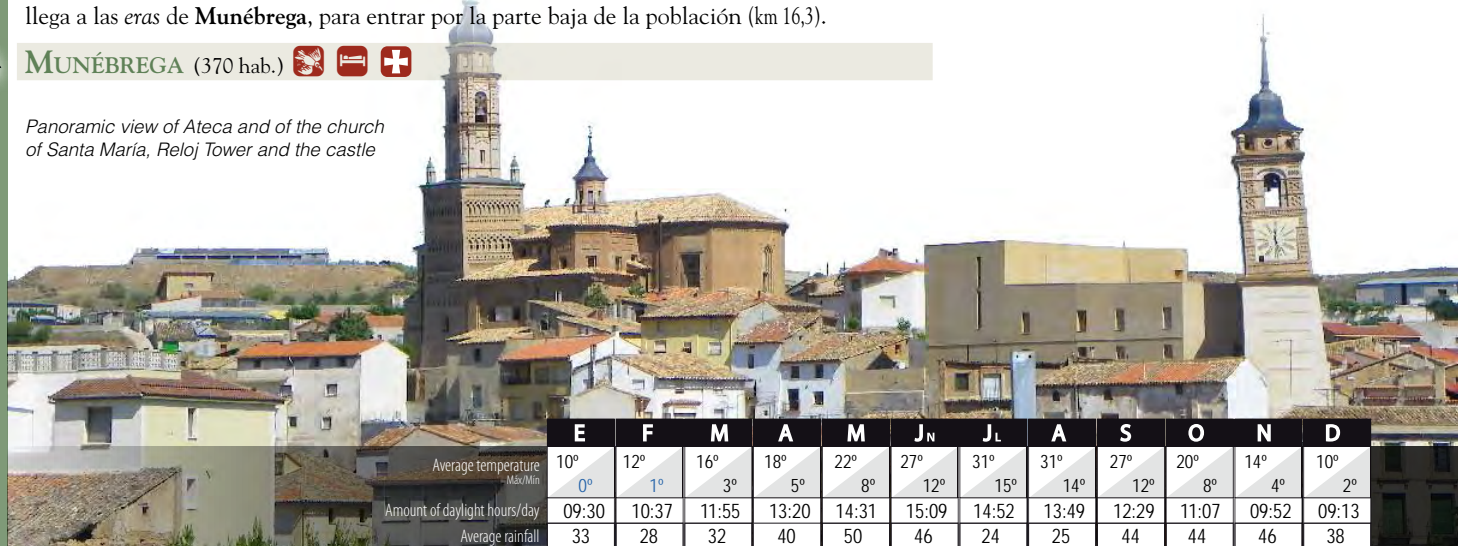
Nos dirigimos unos metros por la carretera hasta llegar al pequeño *embalse de La Vilueña* (km 12,4). Seguimos por un camino que bordea el embalse hasta su cabecera (km 12,6) donde tomamos un camino por el fondo del *barranco de Valdejuela*. Llegamos a un cruce (km 13,6) y nos desviamos a la izquierda por el *camino de Carenas* que no abandonamos hasta alcanzar la carretera (km 15,9). Continuaremos por un camino al otro lado de la carretera que, en breve, llega a las *eras* de **Munébrega**, para entrar por la parte baja de la población (km 16,3).

- Fruit trees growing on smooth hillocks
- Remains of the castle and church
- Rural path



MUNÉBREGA (370 hab.)

Panoramic view of Ateca and of the church of Santa María, Reloj Tower and the castle



	E	F	M	A	M	J _N	J _L	A	S	O	N	D
Average temperature Max/Min	10° 0°	12° 1°	16° 3°	18° 5°	22° 8°	27° 12°	31° 15°	31° 14°	27° 12°	20° 8°	14° 4°	10° 2°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:30	10:37	11:55	13:20	14:31	15:09	14:52	13:49	12:29	11:07	09:52	09:13
Average rainfall	33	28	32	40	50	46	24	25	44	44	46	38



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Munébrega – Acered



Distance: 21 km
Maximum grade: 215 m

Cumulative ascent: 310 m
Cumulative descent: 250 m

Estimated time: 4h 40m
Physical difficulty: Medium



MUNÉBREGA (population: 370)

GR-160

Climb until reaching *Calle Tajadilla*, which crosses through the town and then runs into road A-202 (km 0.3), next to the cooperative and the bus station. Continue along the paved path, which is on the opposite side and next to the path for the PR-Z 92 route. 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 4.9), join the path leading to **Olvés**, which runs along the same path than the PR-Z 92 route. Do not walk off the paved path. After a short ascent, pass by *San Fabián y San Sebastián chapel* (km 8). Walk comfortably until reaching a pillar (km 9.5), placed at the entrance to **Castejón de Alarba**.

9,9 km

- Mosaic-like fields with fruit trees
- Mudejar church, parochial museum, pond....
- Rural asphalt driveway



CASTEJÓN DE ALARBA (population: 85)

GR-160

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 (km 10.5), which is placed on top of a small *hillock*. Take the path to your right, which descends gradually and passes by a plain *chapel built to honour San Roque* (km 11). The path runs alongside the gully, amidst fields of fruit trees. Several paths join the path (kms 11.6, 12 and 12.7), whose surface gets better and better. At this point, you reach the remains of an *old reservoir* (km 13.3) that was recently repaired. Immediately after, you come out to the road (km 13.4). Cross the road and continue along a path that leads into **Alarba**, passing by its nice fountain (km 13.5).

4 km

- Fruit trees planted in a small mountain range and scattered vegetation
- San Bartolomé church and commemorative pillars along the route
- Rural paths with stretches of stony path



ALARBA (population: 133)

GR-160

Starting at the fountain, head towards the town's exit, where there is a weighing apparatus (km 13.6). 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 13.8), continue along this path, which turns into a soil path. The path leads into a water tank, placed next to a crossroads (km 14). Continue along the road to your right, which runs amidst vineyards and crosses through *gully Carracered* (km 14.3). The path, which at times becomes a stony path, runs alongside cultivated hillocks and forks into smaller branch paths. Follow, however, along the main path. Cross through three small gulleys (km 14.2, 16 and 16.7) so as to reach, after a short ascent, a small road. From there, it is possible to visit *Virgen de Semón chapel* (km 17.3). Continue some metres further along the road and then walk off, turning left into a path that heads southwest (km 18.1). Although several paths join the main path (km 18.5, 18.7 and 19.8), walk straight. Walk past the cemetery (km 20.2), after which you will reach a nice pillar (km 20.3), from which it is possible to have a view of a farmhouse in **Acered**. Shortly after, you come out to the road (km 20.5), which is very close to the town.

7,2 km

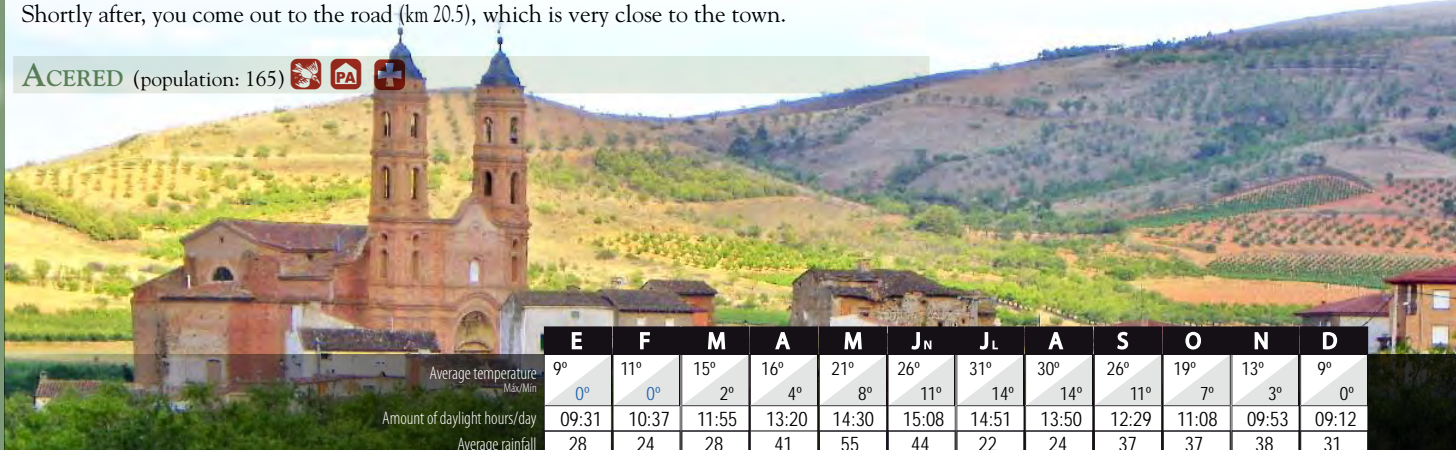
- Vineyards on hillocks, situated in between small gulleys
- San Andrés church and Renaissance fountain
- Rural paths and asphalt driveway
- The gulleys remain dry almost all year round, though care should be taken in the rainfall season



ACERED (population: 165)

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Average temperature	9°	11°	15°	16°	21°	26°	31°	30°	26°	19°	13°	9°
Max/Min	0°	0°	2°	4°	8°	11°	14°	14°	11°	7°	3°	0°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:31	10:37	11:55	13:20	14:30	15:08	14:51	13:50	12:29	11:08	09:53	09:12
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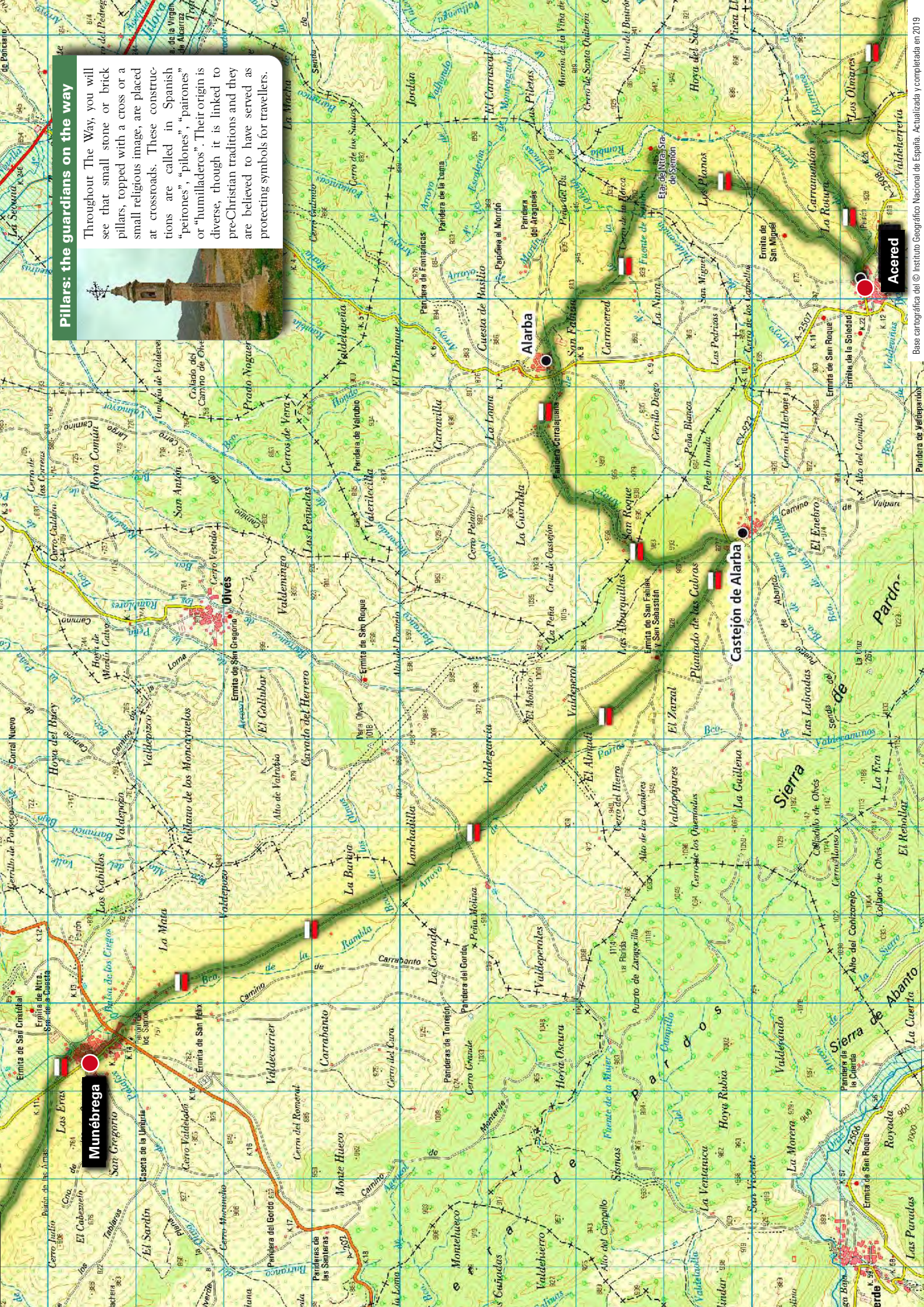
Synthesized data for Munébrega obtained using data interpolation



The towers of the church of Munébrega are visible from the horizon

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 "peñones", "pilones", "patrones" 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.



Acered



Distance: 22,3 km

Maximum grade: 190 m

Cumulative ascent: 220 m

Cumulative descent: 275 m

Estimated time: 4h 55m

Physical difficulty: Medium



ACERED (population: 165)

GR-160

Start the stage at the old washing place, which is situated in the low part of the town. Descend until coming out to the road. Turn left and walk some metres along the road, heading towards **Atea** (eastwards). Just before crossing the bridge over *gully Acered* (km 0.3), take a path to your left. The path crosses the gully and then reaches a crossroads (km 1.4). Turn right. Cross through the gully of river Seco and shortly after walk off the path (km 1.9), turning sharply to your right. You will gradually come closer to the road. Turn, however, to your left, walking into another path (km 2.6). This path descends along gully Atea. Cross carefully through a crossing (km 3.3). The path runs alongside the riverbed of the gully until reaching the cemetery of **Atea** (km 5.1). Access the town through a small bridge (km 5.2).



Vineyards and fruit trees situated on hillsides



Church and chapel of N.S. de Semón



Rural paths



The gulleys remain dry almost all year round, though care should be taken in the rainfall season

5,5 km



ATEA (population: 156)

GR-160

Walk along *Calle Mayor* until passing by the church (km 5.5). At this point, turn right into a street leading out of **Atea**. Cross the gully (km 5.7) and continue on a paved path to your right. When coming out to the road (km 6.4), walk on the left-side for around 200 metres, until reaching a *pillar built to honour Virgen de los Mártires* (km 6.6). Take a path to your right, which passes close to *Mártires chapel* (km 8.8), and then crosses through a small gully, placed close to a black poplar grove (km 9.1). At a crossroads (km 9.5), follow straight, descending shortly after towards 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 12.9). Cross the road and continue on a paved stretch until reaching the cemetery. Now take a path (km 13.1), which is opposite to the cemetery and leads to the old train station (km 13.3). You are only 300m away from **Murero**.



Crop fields, kermes oak trees and meadow at the river Jiloca



Church, melt pond and chapels



Rural paths



The route does not run into Murero, though you may visit the town, which is only 300m away

7,9 km



MURERO (population: 106)

CAMINO DE LA VERACRUZ | GR-160

Start at the old train station, walking along a path that runs parallel to the abandoned railway lines and close to the path for the PR-Z 50 route. The path gets gradually worse. It reaches a crossroads, placed next to an old hut (km 13.9). At this point, continue walking on the old stony railway lines until reaching a black poplar grove (km 14). Now follow along a small path that runs under the shade of a thick grove, in close proximity to the riverbank of the Jiloca, until reaching the bridge to access **Manchones** (km 15.1).



Groves alongside the river Jiloca



Archaeological site



Rural Paths and footpath

1,8 km



MANCHONES (population: 98)

CAMINO DE LA VERACRUZ | GR-160

Continue on a pleasant path that runs alongside the river and several black poplar groves. At a crossroads (km 15.8), 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 16.8), where it turns to a path to the right. Note that the borders of the path may be blurred at some stretches because of vegetation. Walk towards a black poplar grove, where the path is more visible and cross through a small gully. Walk along the edge of a field, heading to the fence of an old farmhouse. At this point, walk straight along a wider path (km 17.7). At the crossroads, which is placed next to a black poplar grove, turn left (km 18). After crossing over the *river Jiloca* through a bridge (km 18.2), turn right and walk km through a comfortable path. It runs alongside the river until coming out to a road (km 20.8). Continue on this road until reaching **Daroca**. Turn to your right (km 21.3), walking along the lower part of **Daroca**, following *Calle Rodadera* (km 21.8).



Groves alongside the river Jiloca



Parochial church, fountain and Town Hall



Rural Paths and footpath



Vegetation growth may obstruct movement and cause orientation problems along the short stretch of footpath (from kms 17.1 to 17.7)

7 km

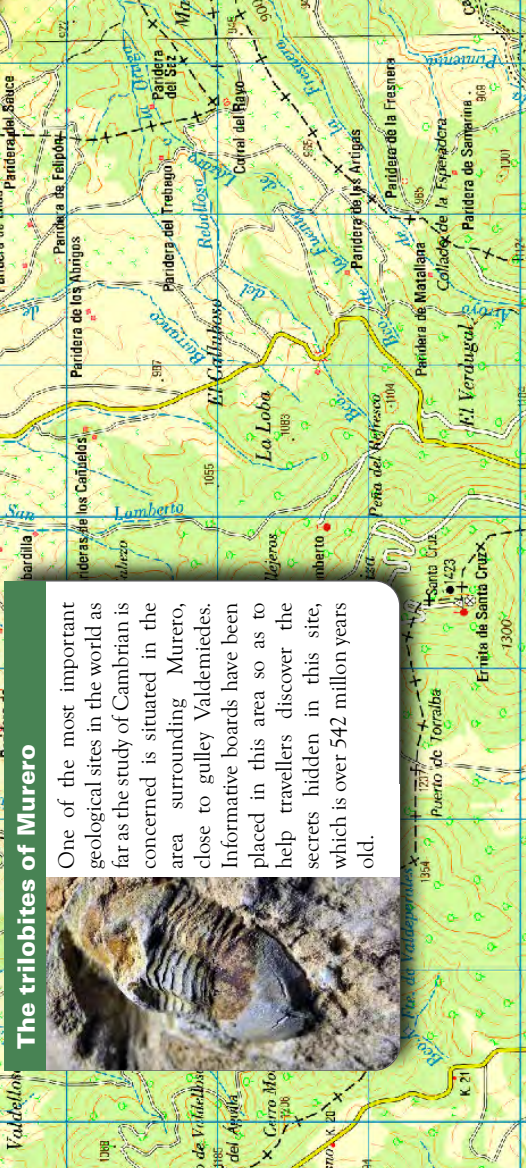
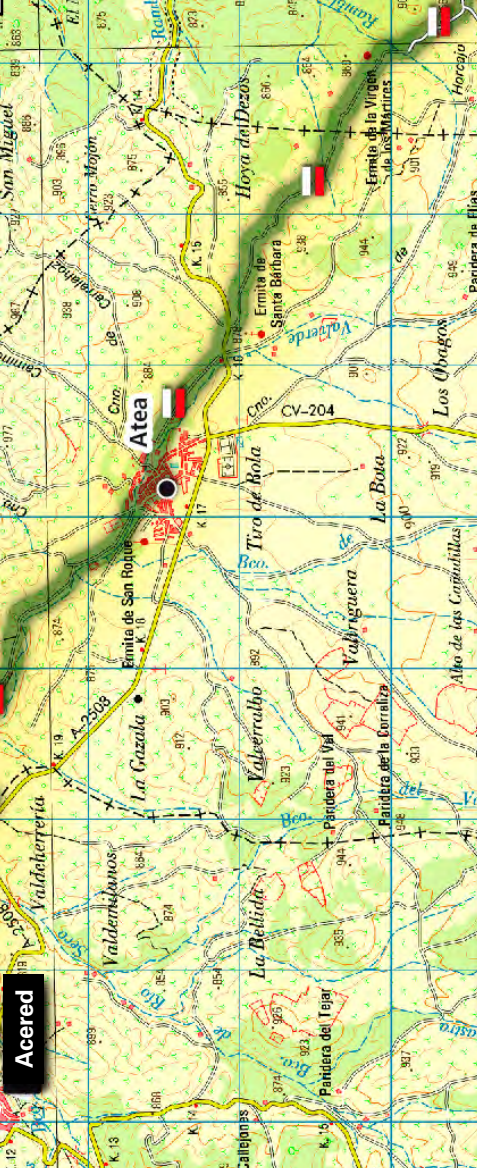
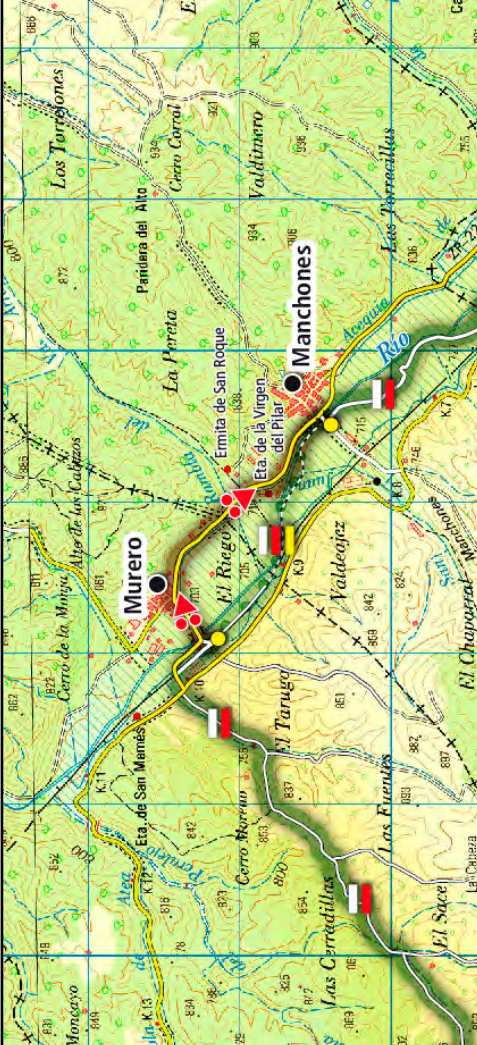
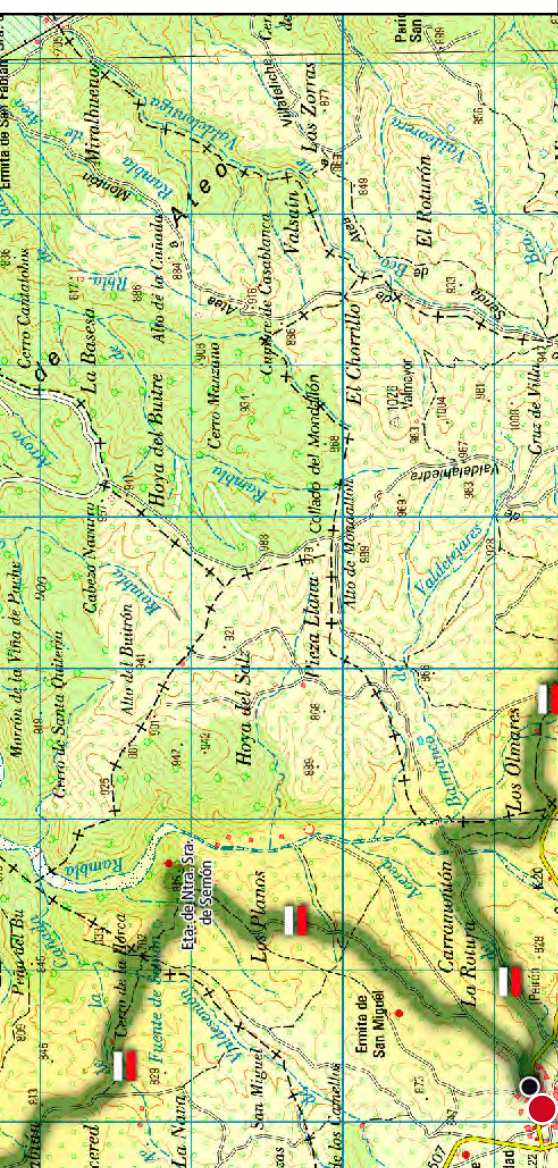
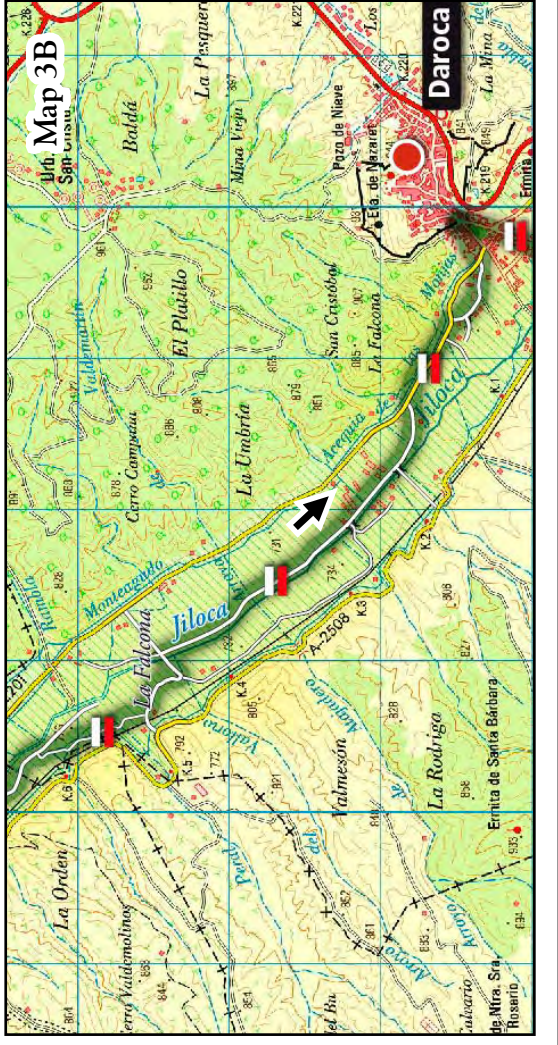


DAROCA (population: 1.978)

View of Acered with Sierra de la Cruz at the background

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Average temperature Max/Min	8° 1°	11° 0°	14° 1°	16° 4°	20° 8°	26° 11°	30° 14°	30° 14°	25° 11°	19° 7°	13° 2°	9° 0°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:31	10:37	11:56	13:20	14:30	15:08	14:50	13:49	12:29	11:08	09:52	09:13
Average rainfall	28	26	30	46	66	48	26	29	37	38	38	32

Synthesized data for Acered obtained using data interpolation



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.





Daroca – Calamocha



Distance: 29,8 km

Maximum grade: 135 m

Cumulative ascent: 175 m

Cumulative descent: 45 m

Estimated time: 6h 10m

Physical difficulty: Medium



5,9 km



1,5 km



5,7 km



3,1 km



5 km



8,6 km



DAROCA (population: 1.978) CNO. DE LA VERACRUZ GR-160

Leave from **Daroca** walking 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 the path for the PR-Z20 route. Walk some metres along a channelled gully, and then turn to your left into a path that runs close to a black poplar grove (km 1.2). At a crossroads (km 1.7), turn right and continue on the main path without diverting. At this point you reach a sharp curve to your right, situated close to a brick hut (km 3.8). After a long straight line, the path leads to a crossroads, where the **Anillo de Gallocanta** starts (km 4.3). The path turns 300 grades and then continues easily until reaching **Villanueva de Jiloca** (km 5.8).

VILLANUEVA DE JILOCA (population: 46) CNO. DE LA VERACRUZ GR-160

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

SAN MARTÍN DEL RÍO (population: 148) CNO. DE LA VERACRUZ GR-160

Leave from the nice Mudéjar church walking along *Calle de la Iglesia*, which leads out of the town and then reaches a crossroads (km 7.5). Walk away from the town, taking the path to the left (km 7.7), close to *gully de la Parra*. Leave this path by taking a right hand turn (km 7.8), which runs southwards alongside the meadow at the *river Jiloca*. Although there is a crossroads that marks the end of **Anillo de Gallocanta** (km 8.3) continue straight, without diverting. The path turns to the right (km 9.5), climbing along *gully Falcona*. Shortly after, turn to a footpath to your left (km 9.9). This path climbs alongside a quarry and then joins the meadow (km 10.6). Continue until reaching a path that runs alongside *gully Val* (km 12.3) and then cross over the *river Jiloca* through a bridge (km 12.6) that leads to the entrance to **Báguena**, along *Calle Rambla*.

BÁGUENA (population: 311) CAMINO DE LA VERACRUZ GR-160

Leave the town walking along *Calle Italia*, which turns into a path (km 13.5). You will reach the bridge over the *river Jiloca* (km 14). Cross the bridge and turn left. At the crossroads (km 14.2), follow straight, walking towards the southeast amidst cultivated fields and black poplar groves. Cross the old railway lines (km 15.3), after which you will reach a crossroads. Turn left (km 15.4). The path comes to an end at the bridge over the *river Jiloca* (km 16.2), which connects with **Burbáguena**, placed on the other side of the national road.

BURBÁGUENA (population: 243) CAMINO DE LA VERACRUZ GR-160

Start at the bridge over the *river Jiloca* (km 16.2) and continue on a path running alongside the bank of the river. The condition of the path gets worse. However, for a short stretch, it turns into a pleasant footpath, running alongside the river. The path turns again into a trail and gets better. It then runs into a crossroads (kms 17.5, 18.2, 19 and 20.3). The path poses no difficulty, for it runs close to the *river Jiloca* until reaching the bridge over the river at **Luco de Jiloca** (km 21.2). The path does not reach **Luco**, though you may visit the town, which is only 200m away.

LUCO DE JILOCA (population: 73) CAMINO DE LA VERACRUZ GR-160

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 of the *Jiloca*, which is to your left. Walk under the old railroad bridge (km 22.7). Some metres further you will reach the mouth of the *river Pancrudo*, whose source is in the *river Jiloca*, next to an old **Roman bridge** (km 23.7). After passing by a black poplar grove, the path moves away from the river, running southwards alongside the edge of the meadow. Cross the old train lines (km 28) and, after walking on a long straight line, you reach **Calamocha**. Access the town through *Calle de las Fábricas* and continue until reaching the *Roman bridge* (km 29.7).

CALAMOCHA (population: 3.706) CAMINO DE LA VERACRUZ GR-160

Agricultural meadow and groves growing alongside the river Jiloca

Historic-Artistic complex (churches and palaces built in Romanesque, Gothic and Mudejar style; city walls, gates and castle, etc...)

Rural paths

Start of the Anillo de Gallocanta

Agricultural meadow and groves growing alongside the river Jiloca

Coat of arms outside house and church

Paved driveway

Agricultural meadow and groves growing alongside the river Jiloca

Mudejar church

Rural paths

Be careful when walking by the quarry

End of the Anillo de Gallocanta

Agricultural meadow and groves growing alongside the river Jiloca

Mudejar church, medieval bridge

Rural paths

You may encounter flooded roadways (km 15)

Agricultural meadow and groves growing alongside the river Jiloca

Mudejar church and castle remains

Rural paths

High vegetation along the stretches of the route where there are poplar groves

Agricultural meadow and groves growing alongside the river Jiloca

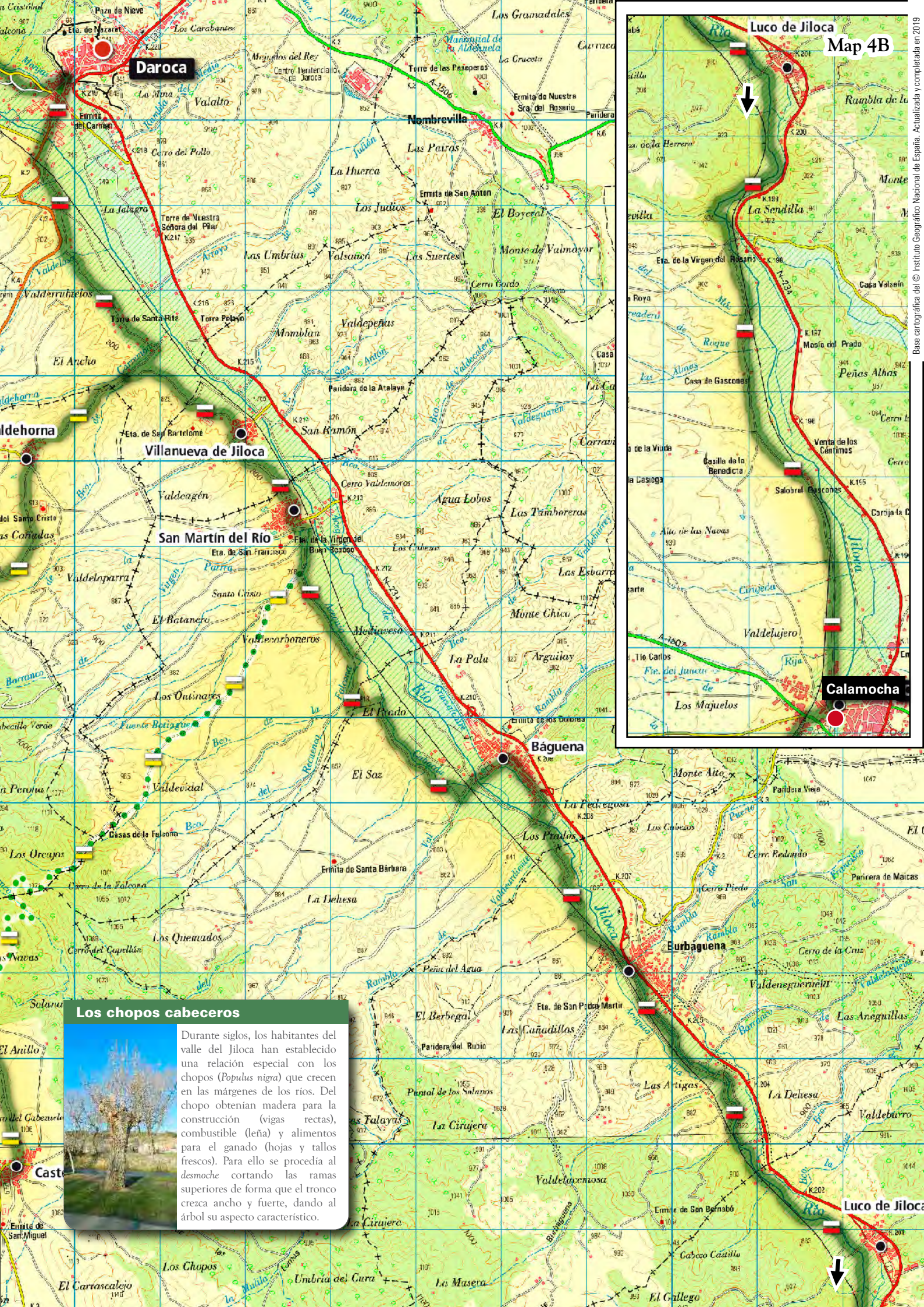
Roman church and bridge

Rural paths

Panoramic view of Daroca



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Average rainfall	22	21	25	38	55	47	25	26	37	33	34	29



Map 4B

Los chopos cabeceros

Durante siglos, los habitantes del valle del Jiloca han establecido una relación especial con los chopos (*Populus nigra*) que crecen en las márgenes de los ríos. Del chopo obtenían madera para la construcción (vigas rectas), combustible (leña) y alimentos para el ganado (hojas y tallos frescos). Para ello se procedía al desmoche cortando las ramas superiores de forma que el tronco crezca ancho y fuerte, dando al árbol su aspecto característico.





Distance: 19,2 km
Maximum grade: 65 m

Cumulative ascent: 80 m
Cumulative descent: 15 m

Estimated time: 3h 50m
Physical difficulty: Low



5,4 km



2,5 km



2,9 km



2,7 km



5,6 km



CALAMOCHA (population: 3.706)

Leave from the *Roman bridge* of **Calamocha**, walking along the road to **Tornos**. After passing by the old train lines, walk off the road and turn left (km 0.4). Walk amidst old railroad buildings. You will gradually walk away from the town. Follow on the main path, heading to the southeast (to the right of the old railroad). The path crosses over the train lines (km 2.9) 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 3.3), follow straight, ignoring a left hand turn. Cross again the train lines (km 3.7). The path moves gradually away from the train lines. A *pillar* (km 4.9) welcomes visitors to **El Poyo del Cid**.

EL POYO DEL CID (population: 209)

Walk away along *Avenida del Río* and then continue along the access road. Pass by a small park, where there is a statue built to honour El Cid (km 5.7). Some metres further, after crossing the *river Jiloca*, walk off the road and turn right into a paved path (km 5.9). The path runs alongside the meadow at the *river Jiloca*, which is close to the river. Pass to the left of *Virgen del Moral chapel* (km 6.4) and, shortly after, cross over the old dismantled railroad (km 6.7). Walk through *Calle del Poyo* to access **Fuentes Claras** (km 7.5).

FUENTES CLARAS (population: 461)

Leave from the church walking along *Calle San Antonio*. Walk away from the town along a path (km 8.4) that heads southwards. Although you will walk into several crossroads (km 8.8 and 9.9), go straight, heading in the same direction. Access **Caminreal** through *Calle Joaquín Costa* (km 10.6).

CAMINREAL (population: 589)

Resume the route starting from the church. Walk along *Calle Egido* so as to move away from the town and then continue westwards along a paved path, which is situated next to the water tank (km 11.2). Before reaching the river, take a path to your left (km 11.8), which runs amidst small cultivated fields and thick black poplar groves. The path runs into a road (km 13.3), which is next to an access bridge.

TORRIJO DEL CAMPO (population: 447)

Cross through **Torrijo**, walking along an avenue that crosses through the town, and walk past a *chapel built to honour Santa Bárbara*. Continue until reaching a *pillar* (km 14.4), situated in the outskirts of the town. At this point, walk off the main path and turn right. After crossing through the old train lines, the path reaches a level crossing (km 14.9) over the railroad. Cross, turn left and then continue on a service road (to the right of the railroad), ignoring several left and right hand turns. When in close proximity to **Monreal del Campo**, take a road that crosses over the train lines through a level crossing (km 18.4) and leads directly to the town (km 19).

MONREAL DEL CAMPO (population: 2.399)

- Agricultural meadow and riverbank forest
- Church built in Baroque style and Roman bridge
- Rural pathss

- Fields and towns situated on the plains
- Old fulling mills, hill of San Esteban, remains of a Roman city...
- Asphalt driveway

- Fields and towns situated on the plains
- Church of San Pedro
- Rural path

- Fields and towns situated on the plains
- Station, Celtiberian settlement
- Rural path

- Dryland farming and railway lines
- Baroque-Mudejar tower of the parochial church
- Path used as a service area for the railroad

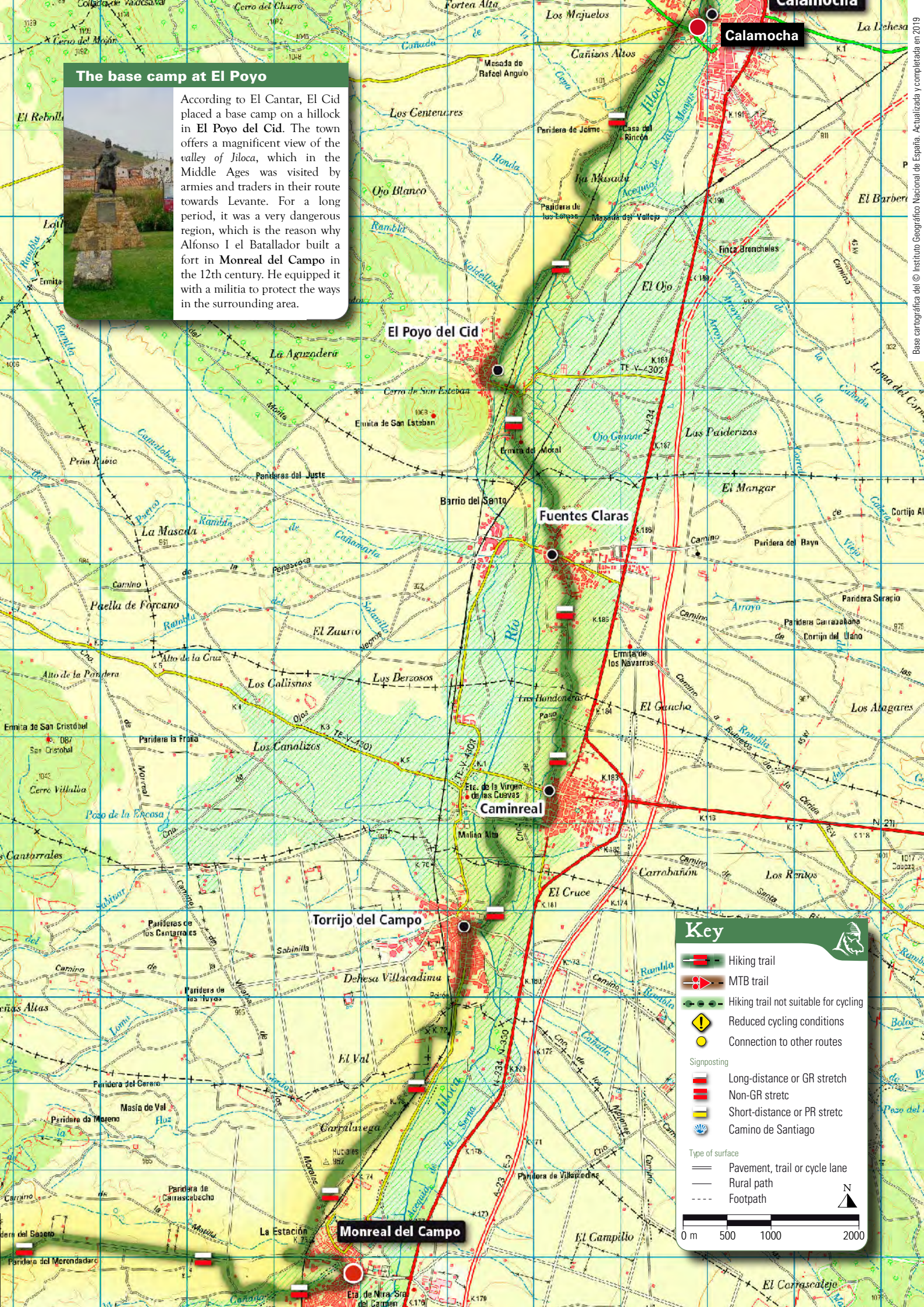
Monument to the Cid, situated at El Poyo del Cid



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Average rainfall	09:32	10:38	11:56	13:19	14:29	15:06	14:50	13:49	12:28	11:08	09:54	09:15
	27	26	29	23	64	64	50	30	41	43	36	33

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.



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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Distance: 29,6 km

Maximum grade: 355 m

Cumulative ascent: 485 m

Cumulative descent: 135 m

Estimated time: 6h 35m

Physical difficulty: High



MONREAL DEL CAMPO (population: 2.399)



Leave **Monreal del Campo** from *Torre del Reloj* (old castle), walking along *Calle de las Eras*. Turn right to a descending path (km 0.3). Descend along this path until reaching a tunnel under the railroad (km 0.6). Cross through it and turn left, after which you will reach a crossroads (km 0.8). At this point, turn 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 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. This is another straight stretch that extends as far as a crossroads next to livestock pens (km 12.6) that connects with the GR-24. At this point, turn left and cross a bridge over the national road (km 13). Turn right into a stony path, whose initial stretch runs parallel to the road. Walk past a *pillar* (km 13.3). Follow until reaching the outskirts of the town. After a short climb, you reach **Pozuel del Campo** through *Calle del Pilar* (km 14).

14,2 km



POZUEL DEL CAMPO (population: 68)



Walk away from the town along *Calle San Miguel* and then take a path that climbs towards the telecommunications antenna (km 14.9). The path passes by several crossroads (km 15.5 and 15.9), but follow straight, 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). The path disappears, after which you should continue along a descending footpath. Join another path (km 17.9) that runs along the edge of a large field, which stretches on a gradient and crosses through a *gully called Marajosa* (km 18.5). When reaching a group of farming buildings, take a path to your right (km 18.9), whose surface is in very good condition. The path comes out to *road N-211*. Cross the road (km 20.1) so as to continue straight on a path that leads to **El Pedregal** (km 20.6).

6,6 km



EL PEDREGAL (population: 77)

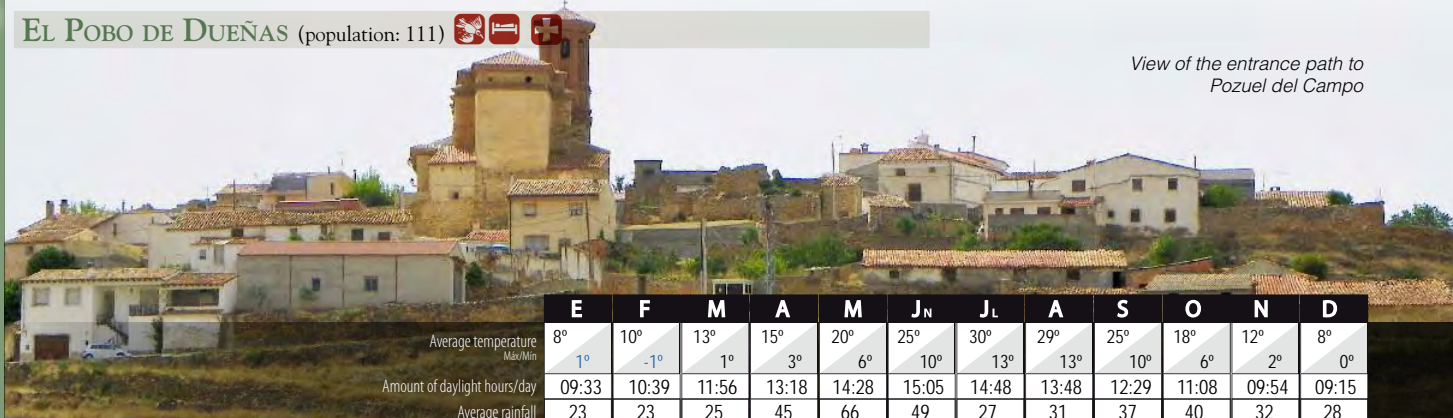


Leave from *Calle del Calvario* and walk until reaching a path (km 21), situated next to several farming units and to the west of the town. The path, which climbs towards a kermes oak grove, leads away from the town. On the top of the hillock, there is a crossroads (km 21.6). Turn left and walk into a path that runs into road N-211, at km 87 (km 22.3). Walk close to the road for some metres and then cross the road. Continue 200m along a path which runs amidst a forest of oak trees (km 22.5). When reaching a wide path (*path to San Pedro*) (km 22.7), walk for 1.5km and then turn right to a narrower path (km 24.3) (*path to Molina*). The path runs alongside a thick oak grove, heading to the northwest. At a crossroads (km 25.4), continue straight. Turn left at another crossroads (km 26.3), heading westwards and ignoring several left and right hand turns. When coming out to road CM-2112, cross through it (km 28.6) and continue along a path in good condition leading to **El Pobo**. Access the town along a paved path that runs close to the washing place (km 29.4).

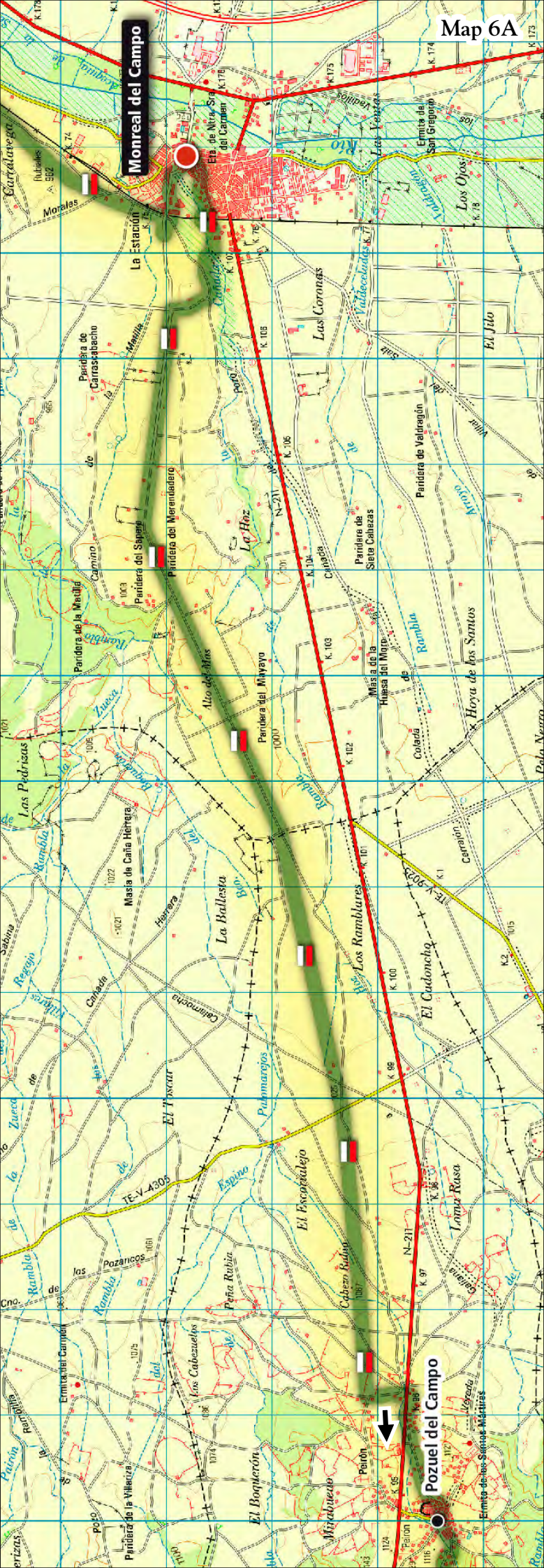
8,8 km



EL POBO DE DUEÑAS (population: 111)

View of the entrance path to
Pozuel del Campo

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Amount of daylight hours/day	09:33	10:39	11:56	13:18	14:28	15:05	14:48	13:48	12:29	11:08	09:54	09:15
Average rainfall	23	23	25	45	66	49	27	31	37	40	32	28





Distance: 30,4 km

Maximum grade: 205 m

Cumulative ascent: 225 m

Cumulative descent: 405 m

Estimated time: 6h 40m

Physical difficulty: High

MIDE



6,4 km



8,3 km



2 km



7,7 km



5,8 km

**EL POBO DE DUEÑAS** (population: 111)

Leave from the fountain situated next to the water trough, walking along *calle de la Delantera*. Continue on a path to the west of the town, which leads to *Soledad chapel*. At a crossroads placed close to the chapel (km 0.4), turn right. When reaching a small gully (km 1.1), ignore the turn, following straight. On the *hillock of the town* (km 2.4), turn left and descend towards the small valley of the *gully Hocecilla*. Turn right to a wider path (km 4.2). Ignore a right hand turn (km 5) and continue straight, walking along a curve to the left. The path descends gradually until reaching the high part of **Morenilla** (km 6.3).

MORENILLA (population: 38)

Resume the route walking along *Calle Mayor* (km 6.5) and then walk along the exit road to leave the town. Turn to a trail to your left (km 6.7), which crosses over a stream through a bridge. Few metres further, walk off the trail and into a climbing right hand path (km 6.8). Continue on the main path, ignoring several left and right hand turns (km 7.6, 8.6 and 9.3). Turn left to take another path (km 12.1), along which you shall descend rapidly to **Chera** (km 14.8), which is divided into two neighbourhoods by the *river Gallo*.

CHERA (population: 10)

Resume the route walking along the *path to Aldehuela*, which is situated in Chera's northern neighbourhood (km 14.8), next to a thick poplar grove. Some metres further, ignore a left hand turn (km 15), continuing straight. Pass to the left of *Puntal de los Cuarterones* and shortly after you will reach a *stream called Espejuelo*. There is a small bridge (km 16.8) that leads to a small farmhouse in **Aldehuela**.

ALDEHUELA (population: 3)

Leave the town, walking along the access road to the town. In a curve to the right (km 17), take a path set out in front of you, which runs along a moorland, amidst large cereal fields. When coming out to the road to **Prados Redondos** (km 18.9), turn right. Walk for 100m and then take a left hand turn. Immediately after, walk off the main path and turn right (km 19.1) into a royal drove, whose surface is in worse condition (*path to Molina*). After a curve to the right (km 21.5), turn left and walk into a path in good condition (km 21.6). Turn left again (km 22) and walk into a narrow stony path, which runs along the edge of a large fenced hunting field. At the door of the hunting field (km 23.8) you reach a path in better condition. Turn right and follow until reaching the road (km 24.3), which leads directly to the nearby town of **Castilnuevo** (km 24.5).

CASTILNUEVO (population: 9)

Walk away from **Castilnuevo** along a path that runs into a black poplar grove and crosses over the *river Gallo* through a bridge (km 24.8). At a crossroads (km 24.9), turn right and walk into a path that runs in between *the meadow at the river Gallo* and the fence of a large hunting field. Walk past *San Cristóbal chapel* (km 26), which is placed on the top of a hill and is protected by an enclosed area. You will reach a small pine grove, placed next to the river. Cross over it through *the Moorish bridge* (km 26.9) and then follow until reaching the road (km 27). Join the road on the left-hand side and continue with caution (due to the cycle lane) as far as a turning on the left-hand side (km 28.5), situated next to *Batán windmill*. The path crosses again over the river and then turns to the right (km 28.8), running alongside the meadow at the *river Gallo* until reaching **Molina de Aragón**, which you access through an area close to *Convento de San Francisco* (km 30.4).

MOLINA DE ARAGÓN (3.295 hab.)

- Dryland farming and hills covered with scrubland
- Parochial church and typical mansions of the region of Molina
- Well-preserved rural paths

- Dryland farming and hills covered with scrubland
- Parochial church and typical mansions of the region of Molina
- Rural path

- Poplar groves, crop fields and hills covered with scrubland
- House of the marquis of Sta. Coloma (ruins)
- Rural path

- Dryland farming and meadow at the river Gallo
- Vulture nests
- Rural paths with an irregular sand surface
- Depending on the time of the year some stretches of the route may not be visible because of vegetation growth

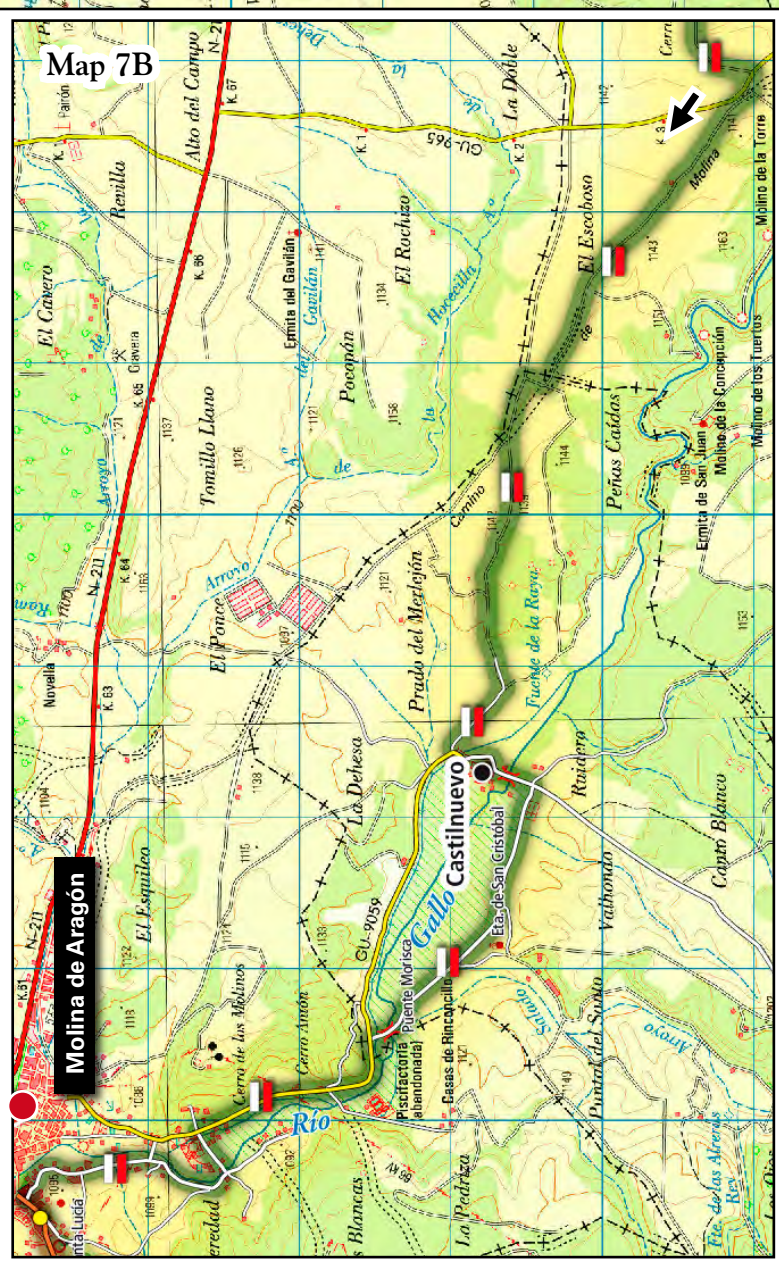
- Groves and meadow at the river Gallo
- Castle
- Rural path and road

San Cristóbal chapel in the forefront and the valley of the river Gallo at the entrance of Molina

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Average temperature Max/Min	6° -3°	8° -2°	12° -1°	14° 1°	19° 5°	24° 9°	29° 12°	29° 12°	24° 9°	17° 4°	11° 0°	7° -2°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:33	10:38	11:55	13:18	14:28	15:06	14:48	13:48	12:29	11:08	09:54	09:16
Average rainfall	29	29	26	49	73	51	25	29	35	39	35	35

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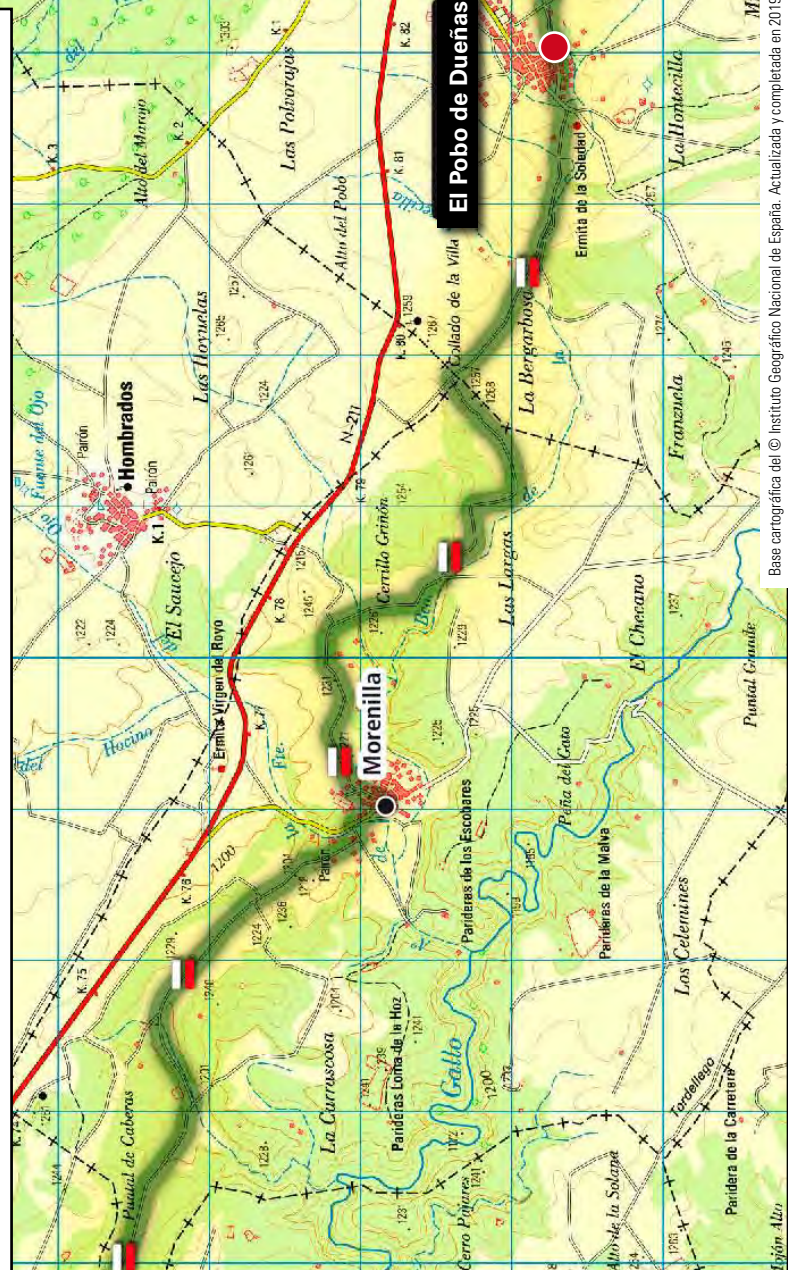
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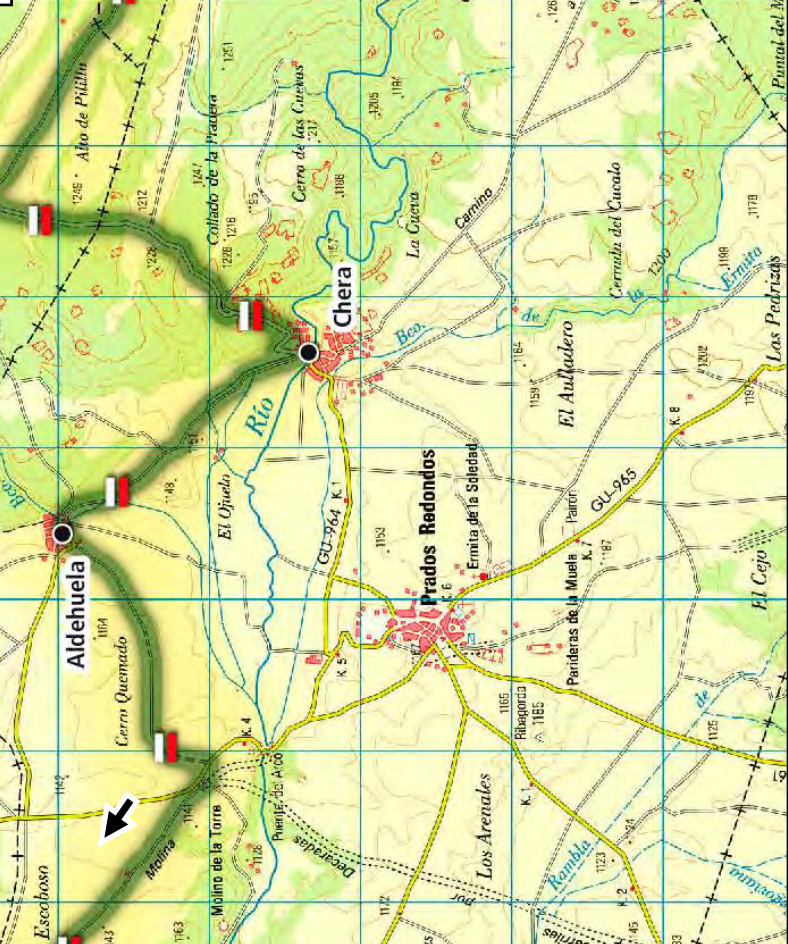
Molina de Aragón

Molina de Aragón

In El Cantar, Molina de Aragón stands as an example of Arab hospitality: the Muslim Avengalbón 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.



El Pobo de Dueñas





Distance: 23,1 km

Maximum grade: 235 m

Cumulative ascent: 540 m

Cumulative descent: 480 m

Estimated time: 5h 45m

Physical difficulty: High



3,3 km



3,9 km



2 km



5,1 km



2,9 km



5,8 km



MOLINA DE ARAGÓN (population: 3.295)

GR-160

Leave from *San Salvador monastery* walking along road CM-210, which leads to **Alto Tajo**. Take a turn to the left (km 0.15) and walk through a small industrial area. Leave the bullring on your right-hand side and the tarmacked surface will lead to a path (km 0.3). It rises up from the bottom of a small ravine that eventually becomes a narrow path. When reaching the road (km 1.6), continue straight for around 200m and then turn to a path to your left (km 1.8). The path, which comes to an end at **Valsalobre** (km 3.3), moves gradually away from the road, running amidst crop fields and fallow land.

VALSALOBRE (population: 6)

GR-160

Walk towards the entrance to the town, continuing some metres along a trail. Then turn into a footpath to the right, heading straight towards a trough and the cemetery. Continue along a rough track that leads to a ravine (and the high voltage towers) and ends at the road (km 3.9). Turn left and walk some metres along the road. Follow some metres further, until reaching a right hand turn (km 4). Walk into the path, which is in good condition, and ignore a right hand turn (km 4.1). Then follow along a path that runs amidst large crop fields. After a short descent, cross a stream (km 6.9), after which you will reach **Terraza** (km 7.2).

TERRAZA (population: 2)

GR-160

Cross through the small group of country houses, walking along the main path. Then cross through the entrance road and continue along a trail in good condition, heading towards the northwest. The path runs into the road, in the surroundings of **Ventosa** (km 9). Turn right and walk along the road, heading towards the town.

VENTOSA (population: 21)

GR-160

Start at the town's main square, taking a path (km 9.3) that heads towards the southwest and runs to the left of the gully. Walk away from the town, towards the pine grove. The path turns into a footpath and after a short climb through a pine grove it reaches a trail (km 10.4). At this point, continue along the **signposted MBT trail**. You will soon reach a crossroads, situated in an open area within the grove. Turn left (km 10.6) into a trail that crosses through a meadow and continues through the pine grove. The path starts a descent and then turns sharply to the left (km 12.4). When reaching a small *hillock*, walk out of the pine grove. You will then reach another crossroads (km 13.9). Continue on a path to the right, walking towards the town. Shortly after, you will reach the town (km 14.4).

TEROLEJA (population: 17)

GR-160

Leave the town walking southwards and passing close to a farming unit. Then climb towards a pine grove, which crosses through a small meadow. When reaching a pine grove (km 14.9), there is a footpath whose layout is not well marked. Later on, you will reach a meadow where there are piles of old fridges and tires (km 15.3). Continue walking close to an enclosed area and climb through the rocks (km 15.5). Follow until reaching another meadow with a breeder (km 15.6). Then continue along a path until reaching a main trail (km 15.9). Turn right (continue along the signposted **MBT trail**). Walk past an old fountain and a water trough (km 16.7). You will reach the road (km 17.2) that heads to **Valhermoso**, which you access walking close to *Soledad chapel*.

VALHERMOSO (population: 17)

GR-160

Resume the route starting at *Soledad chapel* and walking along a trail that runs parallel to the road (on its left side). Follow the high voltage towers. When reaching a curve (km 19), cross and walk into a trail that descends. Follow until running out to the road again (km 19.2). Continue along this road until reaching road CM-210 (km 19.7). Turn right and walk along its hard shoulder for 500m; then take a path to your left (km 20.2). Walk on the edge of a large field and then start heading towards the southeast. Although you will run into several crossroads (km 21.2 and 22.3), go straight, following the same direction. After a short descent, you reach **Tierzo**, whose access point is through the north (km 23).

TIERZO (population: 25) The closest lodging options are situated 2.4km away, in **Salinas de Armallá**.

Castle of Molina de Aragón

Average temperature
Max/Min
Amount of daylight hours/day
Average rainfall

	E	F	M	A	M	J _N	J _L	A	S	O	N	D
Average temperature	7°	9°	12°	14°	19°	24°	29°	29°	24°	17°	11°	7°
Max/Min	-3°	-2°	-1°	1°	5°	9°	11°	11°	8°	4°	0°	-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

Synthesized data for Molina de Aragón obtained using data interpolation



Molina de Aragón

Ventosa

Terraza

Valsalobre

Teroleja

Valhermoso

Tierzo

Salinas de Armallá

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 Gallo, which serve as guardians.





Distance: 18,8 km

Maximum grade: 300 m

Cumulative ascent: 420 m

Cumulative descent: 300 m

Estimated time: 4h 30m

Physical difficulty: Medium

MIDE



2,5 km

TIERZO (population: 25)

GR-160

Start the stage from the church of **Tierzo**, which is next to a fountain. Continue along a street that passes to the left of the Town Hall and leaves the town on a path heading westwards. Pass by a sports centre and turn left at a crossroads (km 0.25). Cross over a stream called Pueblo. The path, which climbs towards a hillock, runs alongside the hill area of Umbría. It then reaches the remains of the clear land in **Armallá**. At the top of the hillock, turn right into a path (km 1.9) that descends alongside old houses, passes by a washing place and comes out to **Salinas de Armallá** and road CM-210 (km 2.4).



Cultivated meadow and hills covered with scrubland



House-fort of Vega de Arias and church



Rural paths



6,6 km

SALINAS DE ARMALLÁ (population: 1)

GR-160

Walk for 300m along a footpath that runs parallel to the road to **Terzaga** and then turn to a path to your right (km 2.8). Cross over *the river Bullones* through *Puente del Rey* (start of a **signposted MBT stretch**). You will shortly after reach a crossroads (km 2.9). Turn left and walk towards the southeast along a path, whose layout is not well marked and which eventually turns into a footpath (km 3.5). Continue on the edge of several fields until reaching another path (km 4.1), which starts at a *gully called Valhondo*, next to a large juniper tree. Before reaching the road (km 4.9), walk out of the path and turn left. Continue along the bridge of the old road. When reaching road CM-110, continue on a path set out in front of you. The path, which runs amidst crop fields and to the right of the *river Bullones*, runs out into road CM-2106 (km 8.6), in the area close to **Terzaga**.



Meadow at the river Bullones with crop fields and meadows amidst hills covered with junipers and kermes oaks



Well-preserved salt mines



Rural paths and footpath



At some stretches along the route you may encounter orientation problems due to vegetation growth and blurry path outlines



Signposted MBT stretch



3 km

TERZAGA (population: 22)

GR-160

Leave from the church walking along *Calle Real*. Continue until reaching a path, situated next to the saline mine (km 9.1). The path crosses over the river Bullones and comes out to the road (km 9.3). Turn right into the road and walk for 100m, until reaching a left hand turn (km 9.4). Continue along this path until reaching a crossroads (km 9.7). Turn right and start climbing alongside a hillock. The path, which passes to the left of a quarry (km 10), runs alongside the river Bullones until reaching **Pinilla** (km 11.9).



Meadow at the river Bullones



Old mansions



Rural path



6,7 km

PINILLA DE MOLINA (population: 11)

GR-160

Leave **Pinilla** from the fountain, which is situated at the entrance of the town (km 12). Cross the road and continue on a climbing path, whose starting point is next to a panel that announces the route of the holm oaks (km 12.1). Walk past the old fountain that carries water to the town of **Pinilla**. Little by little, you will walk into the forest of holm oaks, junipers and pines. At a crossroads, turn left (km 14.9). Walk past the quarry (km 15.4) and follow straight. The path becomes a stony path, crossing through a crop field (km 15.9). Further on, ignore a left hand turn (km 16.2). Pay attention to the signposting, so as to turn right at a crossroads (km 16.9). A little bit further, turn sharply to the right and walk out of the **stretch of the signposted MTB** (km 17.1). Pay close attention. Before reaching a meadow, turn left and continue along a stony small path (km 17.4) that descends quickly towards the southeast. The path comes to an end at the church (km 18.6), which is in the high part of **Megina**.



Crop fields and hills covered with kermes oaks, junipers and pines



Typical buildings and the bell gable of the church



Paths, trails and mountain trail



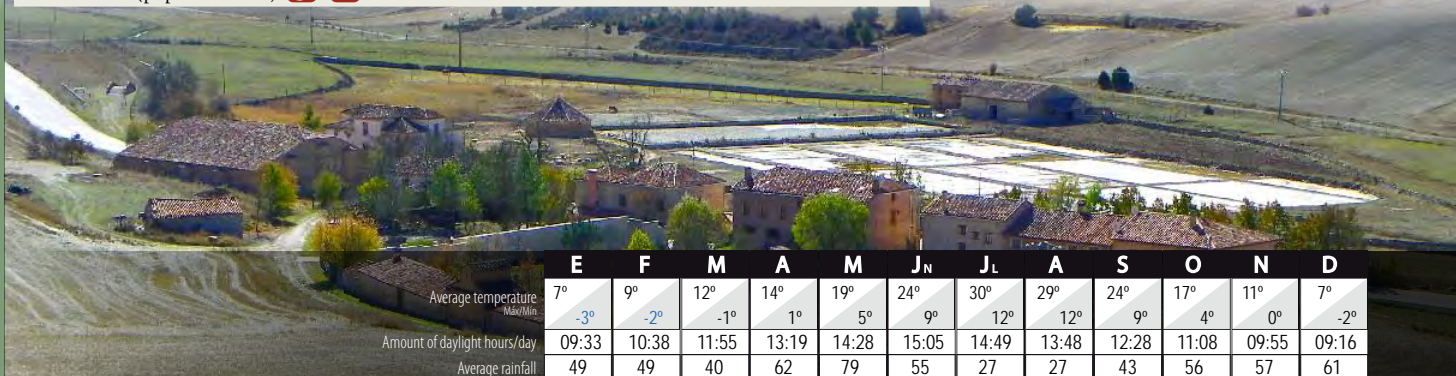
Pay attention on the final stretch of the footpath

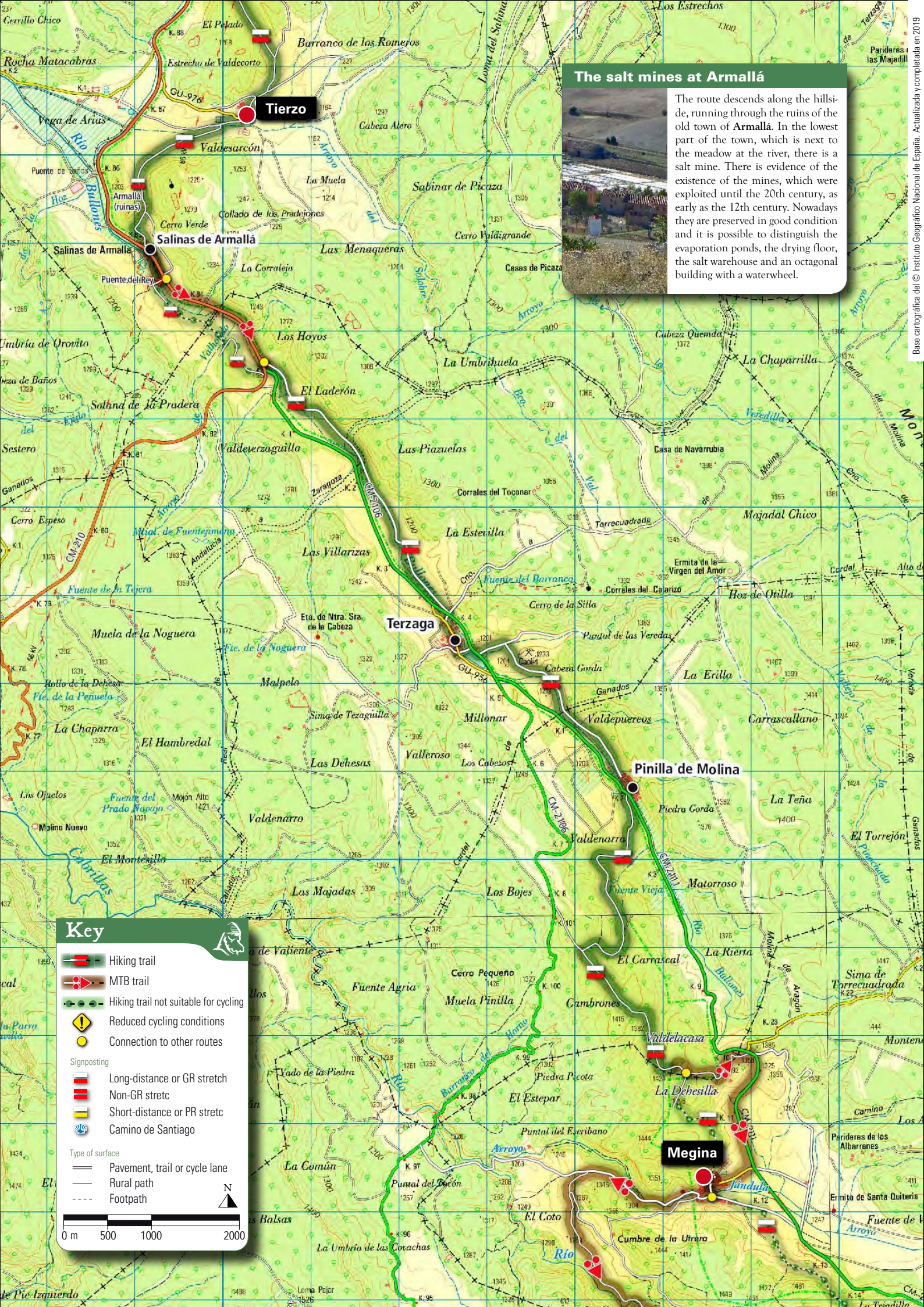


Signposted MBT stretch

**MEGINA** (population: 30)

View of Salinas de Armallá from the ruins of the abandoned town





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.

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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10 Megina – Checa

Ramblers route



Distance: 11,4 km
Maximum grade: 340 m

Cumulative ascent: 570 m
Cumulative descent: 440 m

Estimated time: 3h 20m
Physical difficulty: Medium



MEGINA (population: 30)

GR-160

Leave from Megina's social centre, walking along *Calle Real*, and then take a path that moves away from the town, crosses over a stream called *Jándula* and, finally, reaches a crossroads (km 0.1), situated next to a group of farming units (start of a signposted **MBT stretch**). Turn left and walk into a path in good condition. Continue for 600m while paying attention. Turn right (km 0.6). Climb amidst crop fields and heading towards the hills. The path turns into a footpath that runs amidst pine groves. You will reach the top of the *hillock Parjadillas*, where there is a breeder (km 2.2). Continue walking amidst pine trees. After reaching another hillock, start descending along a forestry trail. Follow until the bottom of the valley, along which the **river Cabrillas** flows. The footpath, whose outline is not visible at some stretches, runs along the edge of a plot of land. Continue alongside the river, until reaching a path that wades across the river and passes close to the *windmill of Chequilla* (km 4.3). The path runs into a crossroads (km 4.8). At this point, turn to the right and, shortly after, cross the river again. The path climbs until reaching a trail in good condition (km 5.4). Turn left to walk into this trail, which will lead you to **Chequilla** easily (km 6). Access the town through a surprisingly beautiful area where you can see many sandstone formations.



Overgrown pine groves, forest openings and poplar groves in the area surrounding the river *Cabrillas*



Farmyards and straits of the *stream Jándula*



Rural paths and small mountain paths



This stage runs along small mountain paths, passing through desolate areas, away from towns and cities. Pay attention to signposting and if in doubt check your map or GPS

6,3 km



CHEQUILLA (population: 17)

GR-160 y GR-10

Resume the route at the church of **Chequilla** (km 6.2). Walk along a path, which starts to the right of the pelota court. The path, which climbs in between beautiful sandstone rocks, passes by the cemetery. From the top of a small *hillock*, look to your right to see a water tank (km 6.4). At this point, walk out of the path and turn left into a blurry footpath, which climbs alongside *Canaleja* hills. Head towards the southeast. Pay close attention, for the borders of the path, which runs amidst forest openings and pines, are not easily visible. When reaching a trail (km 7.3), cross through it. Continue along the footpath, which runs on the hillside, alongside burnt trees (this is the visible evidence of a fire in 2012). You will walk into the same trail shortly after (km 7.7). Now follow on this trail. After walking past a gully called *Galopín*, turn right into a footpath (km 9.2), which joins the trail again in 100m. At this point, take again a footpath that leads to *Fuentesalada*. Walk to the right of a group of antennas, hanging high. Join another trail again and walk some metres further (km 10.3). You will then walk into a descending footpath. Walk along a zigzag until reaching a high voltage tower, which is next to an old path that leads directly to **Checa**. Access the town, walking on *Calle Terreros*, which starts at the town's fountain (km 11.1). Continue until reaching the town's main square.



Pine groves on hills and hillsides covered with scrubland



Sandstone formation in the area surrounding the town



Small mountain path and forestry trails



This stage runs along small mountain paths, passing through desolate areas, away from towns and cities. Pay attention to signposting and if in doubt check your map or GPS

5,2 km



CHECA (population: 273)

Surprisingly beautiful landscape in the area surrounding Chequilla



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Average temperature Max/Min	6° -3°	7° -3°	11° -1°	13° 1°	18° 4°	24° 8°	29° 11°	29° 11°	23° 8°	16° 4°	10° 0°	6° -2°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:34	10:39	11:56	13:18	14:27	15:04	14:48	13:48	12:29	11:08	09:56	09:17
Average rainfall	51	52	36	61	77	57	24	22	38	53	56	63

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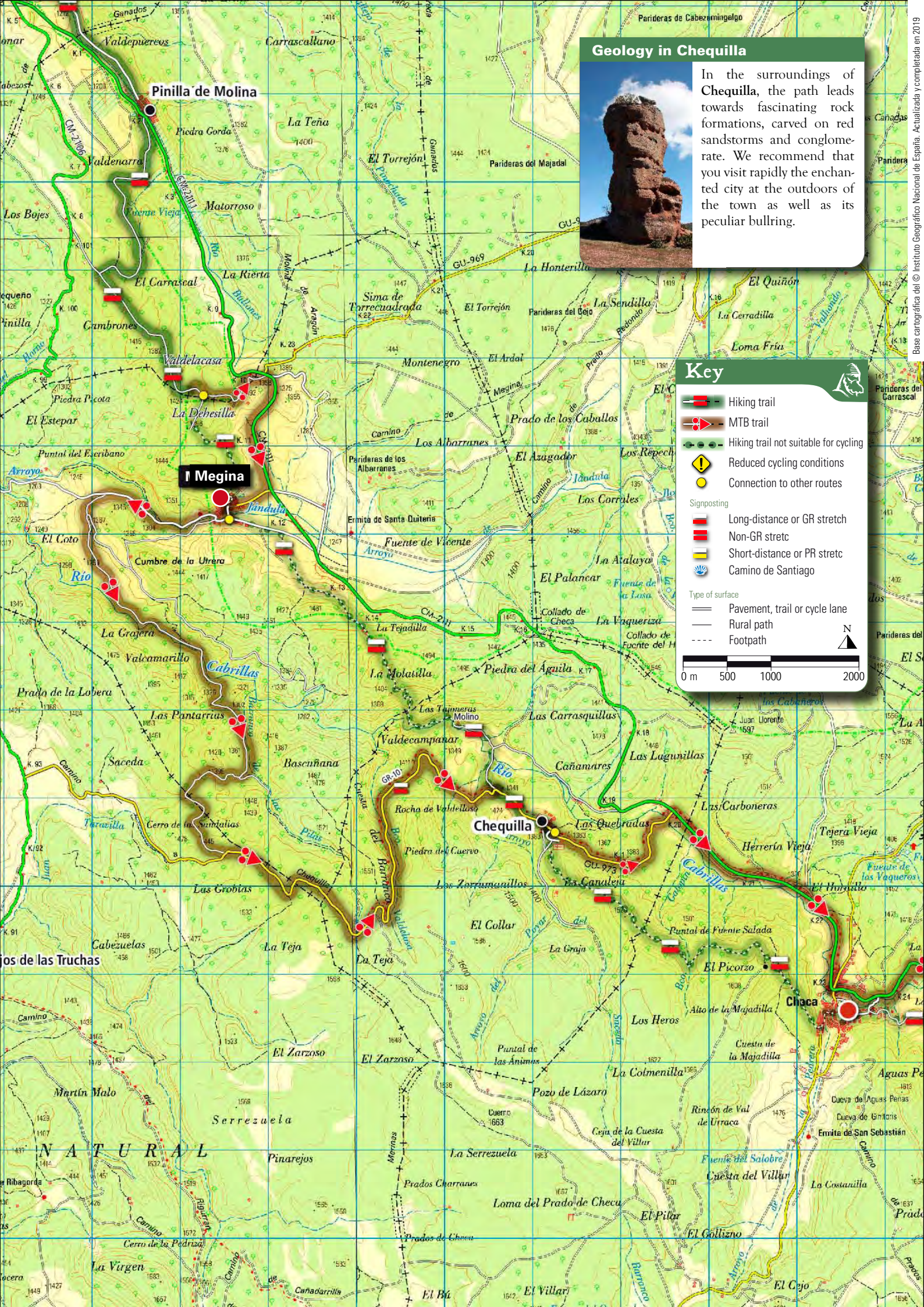
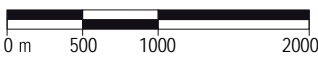
Geology in Chequilla



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

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





Distance: 23,5 km

Maximum grade: 210 m

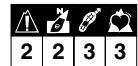
Cumulative ascent: 540 m

Cumulative descent: 360 m

Estimated time: 5h 40m

Physical difficulty: High

MIDE



CHECA (population: 273)

GR-160 y GR-10

Start at the bridge over the *stream Pedrera*, which divides **Checa**. Walk along *Calle Larga*, which leads to a small road. Turn left and follow along the road. Walk off the pavement and turn right into a path (km 0.6), which is situated close to a group of farming units. The path leads into several cultivated fields, in an area close to the *gully of Berregomía* (km 2.1). Take a trail that descends along the gully and crosses over it. The trail, whose borders are not clearly marked, climbs alongside the hillside and heads towards the northeast until reaching an old trail. Shortly after, walk off the trail and turn right into a footpath. When reaching the top of a hillock, continue straight, following the high voltage towers. The footpath runs through a pine grove and comes out in an area where there are cultivated fields (km 5). At this point, turn left into a path. When reaching a hut, placed next to a high voltage tower (km 5.9), walk out of the path and turn right. Continue on the border of the estates until reaching a footpath, which is halfway through a hillside (km 6). Turn left into this footpath and follow the high voltage towers. When coming close to a high voltage tower placed next to a cultivated field, cross the gully (km 7.1). Turn right and climb alongside the gully. The footpath comes to an end at a path (km 7.3). Turn left into this path and then cross *Hontezuela gully* (km 8.1). Shortly after, you will reach the *town's bullring* (km 8.4), which is situated next to a residential area, in the outskirts of **Orea**.

8,4 km



OREA (population: 173)

GR-160 y GR-10

Resume the route starting at a crossroads (km 8.5), which is situated at the junction of the main street of the town's residential area and the road that comes from the town. Follow straight along a paved path that some metres further turns left (km 8.9). After crossing through a bridge over a stream, turn right and walk into a climbing path (km 9). Continue until reaching a farmyard (km 9.4). Take a footpath to the right, which turns into a trail and passes by the well. When reaching another path (km 9.8), turn right. Shortly after, you will reach another crossroads (km 9.9). Follow straight, walking close to the old *path to Orihuela*. Some sections of the path may be impassable because brush blocks movement and may force ramblers to walk in parallel along a footpath without markers. Cross the gully of the *river Cabrillas* (km 10.6) in the area close to its source: the spring of Enebral. You will come close to the road, though you should continue along a footpath: the old path, which runs amidst crop fields and moves definitely away from the province of **Guadalajara**. You will shortly after walk into a trail on the hillock (km 11.5), where you will join again the signposted **MBT stretch**. Cross the MBT trail and follow straight on a long cut, walking eastwards. The trail descends alongside the *valley of the river Gallo*, passes by a small dam (km 13.3) and ends at the road (km 13.9). Turn right and walk until reaching a crossroads (km 14.7). Continue straight on a small road that runs alongside black poplars until reaching **Orihuela**, which you access passing by the bullring (km 15.3), located in *Calle Santa Lucía*.

7,1 km



ORIHUELA DEL TREMEDAL (population: 487)

GR-160 y GR-10

Cross through the town walking along *Calle Centro*, which passes by the town's impressive church, and then walk along *Calle San Roque* (km 16.1). 250m before reaching the town's exit, walk off the road and turn to a path to your right (km 16.6). Cross over the *river Gallo* and the *stream Ojos* through two bridges. At a crossroads (km 17.1), turn to the path to your left. Ignore several left and right hand turns (km 18.1, 18.5 and 18.7), continuing straight along 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 21.2) and *Tejería* (km 21.8), climbing alongside its hillocks. Cross through *gully Rambla* (km 22.8). Shortly after you reach Bronchales, walking along *Calle Mayor* (km 23.3), which is to the north of the town.

8 km



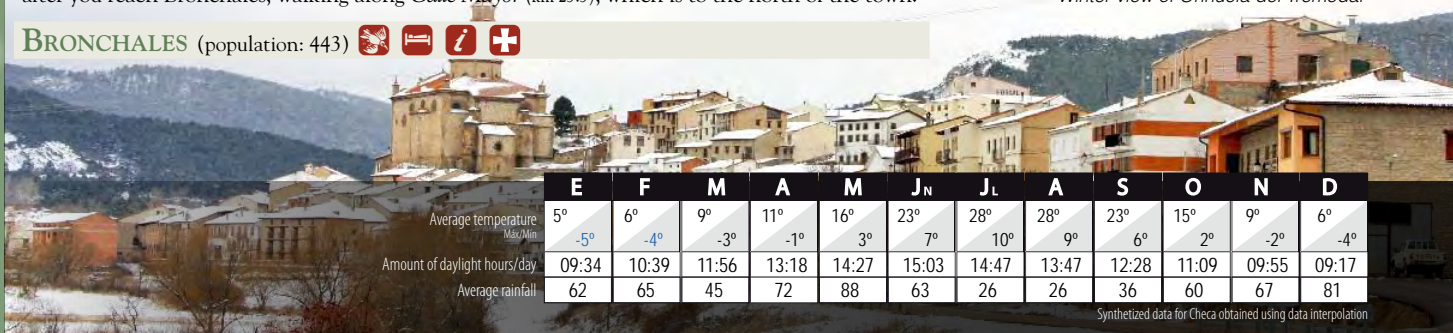
BRONCHALES (population: 443)

- Cultivated fields, pine groves on hills and sandstone rock formations
- Urban setting (church, typical mansions of the region of Molina...)
- Rural paths and mountain footpath
- This stage runs along mountain footpaths, passing through desolate areas, away from towns and cities. Pay attention to signposting and if in doubt check your map or GPS

- Cultivated fields on gradients surrounded by overgrown pine and oak pine groves
- Church, interpretation centre and deer bawling at the beginning of the autumn
- Agricultural paths, footpath and road
- Proceed with extreme caution when walking along the stretch of road

- Fields, pine groves and hills covered with scrubland
- Church of San Millán, ancient and noble houses, quacking bog (peatland), stone rivers and deer bawling at the beginning of the autumn
- Agricultural paths

Winter view of Orihuela del Tremedal



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Average temperature	5°	6°	9°	11°	16°	23°	28°	28°	23°	15°	9°	6°
Max/Min	-5°	-4°	-3°	-1°	3°	7°	10°	9°	6°	2°	-2°	-4°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:34	10:39	11:56	13:18	14:27	15:03	14:47	13:47	12:28	11:09	09:55	09:17
Average rainfall	62	65	45	72	88	63	26	26	36	60	67	81



Distance: 25 km

Maximum grade: 425 m

Cumulative ascent: 475 m

Cumulative descent: 900 m

Estimated time: 6h 20m

Dificultad: High

MIDE



BRONCHALES (population: 443)



GR-160 y GR-10

Walk towards *San Roque chapel*, which is situated in the low part of **Bronchales**, next to the access road to town (km 0.35). Take the *path to Albarracín*, walking towards the southeast. The path runs together with the path for the GR-10 route, along a trail in good condition and amidst small crop fields. Cross through several gulleys (kms 0.8 and 1.2) and continue along the main path, ignoring minor left and right hand turns. After a short descent, you will reach a cultivated hollow surrounded by hills covered with forests. The path runs along its centre, heading towards the southeast. Ignore various left and right hand turns (kms 2.7 and 2.8). The path reaches a turn to the left (km 4.3). Follow straight. You will soon walk into a crossroads (km 4.6). This is the point where the forest starts. Turn to the path to your left. The path begins to climb and its surface becomes stony. Note that to your right you can see "stone rivers", which are typical of this mountain range. At this point, you will reach the top of the hillock (km 5.8), which is 1,566 metres high. Start descending amidst pine groves and grasslands, until reaching a crossroads (km 8.2), placed next to the *fountain of Cruz*. At this point, leave the path for the GR-10 route and walk towards **Monterde** and the starting point of several PR trails. Turn right and climb alongside a hillock (km 9.3), which is to the right of the *highs of Pedriza*. From this point onwards, the path, in good condition, descends, running alongside the course of *Valdemonterde gully*. After a series of sharp descending curves, there is a turn (km 11.6). Continue, however, on the descending 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 14.1). Some metres further, turn right and then descend towards a farm (km 15.4), placed next to *gully Hontanar*. The path comes out to road A-1512 (km 15.8), which is less than 700 metres away from **Torres de Albarracín**.



Crop fields and overgrown pine groves



Asunción church, Santa Bárbara chapel, several medieval porticos and deer bawling at the beginning of the autumn



Rural paths and forestry trails



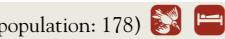
This stage runs along mountain footpaths, passing through desolate areas, away from towns and cities. Pay attention to signposting and if in doubt check your map or GPS



The route runs 700 metres away from Torres de Albarracín, which you may visit if you opt to take a rest



TORRES DE ALBARRACÍN (population: 178)



GR-160 y GR-113

Resume the route at the crossroads you reached in the previous stretch of route (km 15.8). Proceed with care when walking along the road's hard shoulder towards **Albarracín** (eastwards), using the same path than for the PR-TE 1 route. Note that you will follow this path almost until the end of the stage. Just before reaching an area of urban land (site of the future La Casilla industrial estate and adventure park), leave the road and continue on a path to your left (km 16.8) (start of a **signposted MBT stretch**). The path reaches a cultivated field (km 17.3), which is situated next to a series of farms (to the right). Cross, following straight alongside the bank, until reaching a footpath. After a short climb, you will reach a trail (km 17.5) that comes from the road. Turn left into the climbing trail, where several signposted routes join (PR-TE and GR-113). You will reach a crossroads when passing close to *Majanos* (km 18.2). At this point, walk off the trail and turn right into a footpath. This path climbs half-way through the hillside. The path gradually climbs higher and crosses through several gulleys: *Corroños* (km 18.4), *Moñigueros* (km 19.3) and *Cuco* (km 20). After the last ascent, you will reach a trail (km 20.5). Cross through this trail. You will walk again into this same trail a little bit further on (km 20.7). Continue until reaching the breeder at *Rompido* (km 20.8). At this point, walk off the trail and turn right into a footpath that leads into a hut. The path then crosses through the trail (km 21.3). The footpath crosses through the gully of *Alcarraz*, running to its left. Some metres further down, it runs again into the trail (km 21.7). Continue on the trail, heading eastwards. A path to the left joins the route. Continue towards *Valdemán* along the same path than for the GR-113 route (km 22.4). Follow without changing directions. A little bit further, the PR-TE 1 path turns right into a footpath (km 23) that leads to **Albarracín** passing by *Virgen del Carmen chapel*. Ramblers should continue walking on the edge of *Toral Bandera* and then start a descent towards **Albarracín**. This stretch will allow you to enjoy one of the most beautiful images of the whole The Way of El Cid. Ignore a left hand turn (km 24.3) and then one to the right (km 24.7), after which you will reach the impressive walls of the town (km 24.8).



Moorland covered with scrubland and scattered with pines, junipers and kermes oaks



San Miguel church



Road, rural paths and footpaths



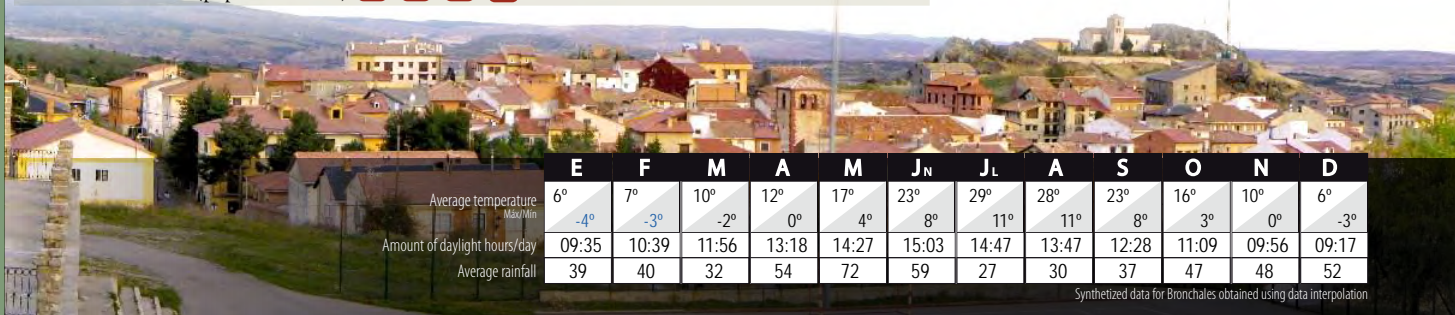
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The signposted MBT stretch runs several times into the hiking trail

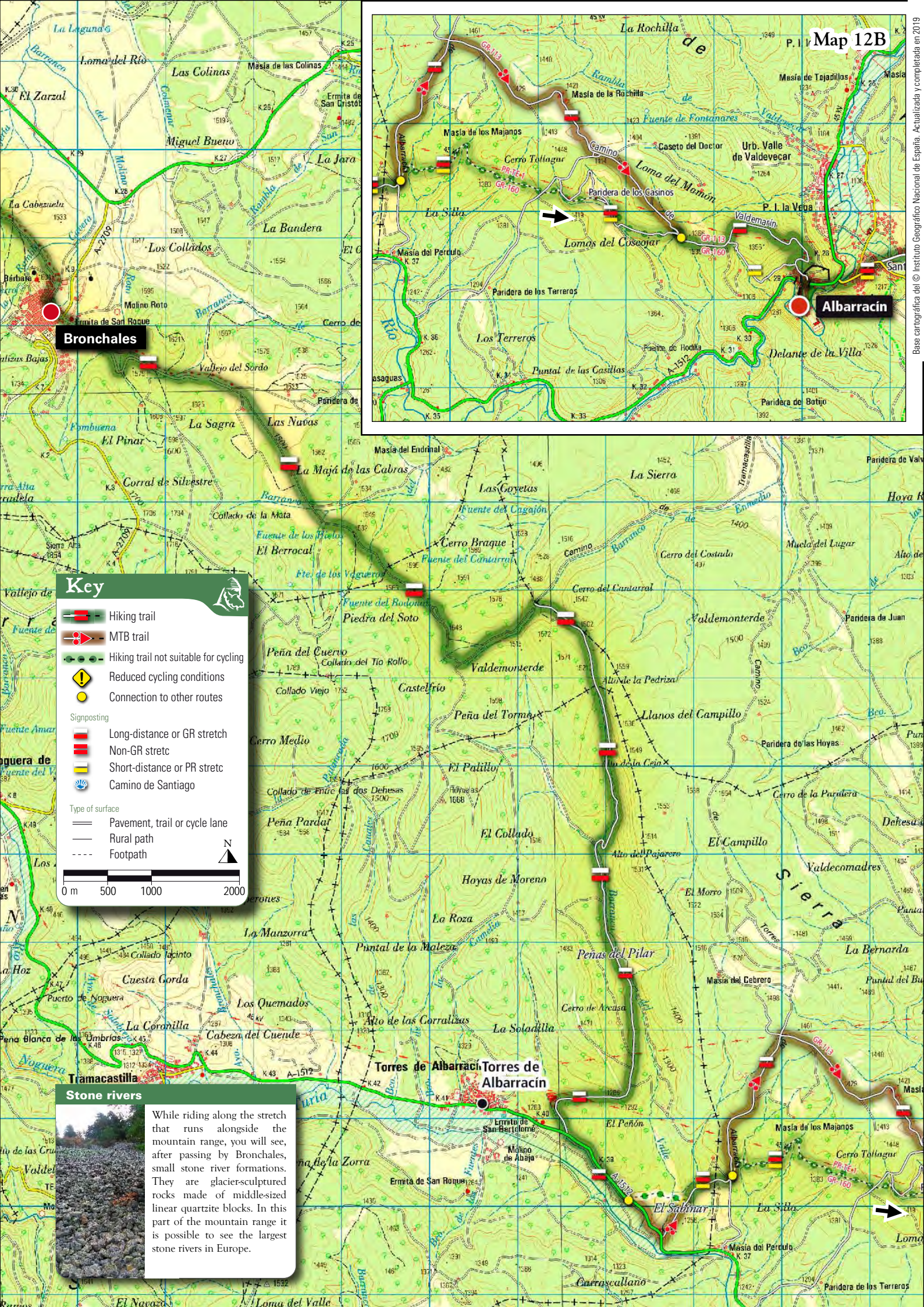


ALBARRACÍN (population: 904)



View of Bronchales from the town's high part

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Average temperature	6°	7°	10°	12°	17°	23°	29°	28°	23°	16°	10°	6°
Max/Min	-4°	-3°	-2°	0°	4°	8°	11°	11°	8°	3°	0°	-3°
Amount of daylight hours/day	09:35	10:39	11:56	13:18	14:27	15:03	14:47	13:47	12:28	11:09	09:56	09:17
Average rainfall	39	40	32	54	72	59	27	30	37	47	48	52



Bronchales

Albarraçin

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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 glaciers-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.



Distance: 20,8 km

Maximum grade: 280 m

Cumulative ascent: 370 m

Cumulative descent: 490 m

Tiempo estimado: 6h 20m

Physical difficulty: Medium

MIDE



ALBARRACÍN (population: 904)

Walk towards the bridge over the river *Guadalaviar*, which is situated next to the tourist information office (km 0.35). Cross through the bridge and continue along *Calle Arrabal*, which crosses through a neighbourhood called *Santa Bárbara*. At a turn (km 0.9), fork left and head towards the secondary school building and a campsite. At the crossroads (km 1.4), a directional arrow points towards a climbing path, which ascends along the hillside. You will gradually walk away from the town (*old path from Albarracín to Gea*), following the same path than for the PR-TE 1 route. The old path is stony and narrow, but poses no orientation problems. You will reach the top of a hillock (km 3.3), which is the highest point on the route. At this point turn left into a path (km 3.4), which comes from the south, from the pine grove. Walk for around 150m and you will then reach the breeders at Portichuelo, where the path divides into two. Continue to the right (km 3.7). The path gets worse again. Cross through *Don Antonio gulley* (km 4.7) and, a little bit further on, walk into a footpath (km 5.1), which descends until reaching again the path in a junction with a trail in good condition (km 6). You have reached the lowest part of the route (*Comedor gulley*). Continue straight, heading eastwards while you walk amidst cultivated fields. Walk past the *pillar of Santa Bárbara* (km 6.9) and a little bit further on you will reach a pine grove (km 7.4), where you will come across several left and right hand turns. Ignore all of them. Immediately after crossing *Tobías gulley*, you will reach the main trail. Turn left and walk into it (km 8.2). After a short climb, you will see a turn to the right (km 8.6). Ignore it and follow straight until reaching San Antonio chapel (km 9.1). Then access Gea, walking alongside a waterway and stop at the bridge (km 9.6).

GEA DE ALBARRACÍN (population: 376)

Cross through the town and continue until reaching the exit. Walk along road A-1512, heading towards **Teruel**. You will walk past the interpretation centre of the Roman aqueduct and the brewery (km 10.4). Take a path that runs to the right of the cemetery (km 10.5) and along a small cultivated hollow. Follow until reaching the recreational area, situated next to the *site of the Roman aqueduct*. It has been restored and interpreted (km 11.5). At this point, take a footpath, whose layout is marked by rows of stone. The route is the same than for the *signposted Roman Aqueduct Trail*, which leads to **Cella**. The trail climbs alongside the hillside, until running into a path in poor condition (km 11.9), in an area close to a cultivated field. Continue along the path until reaching a trail (km 13). Turn right and then, after 70 metres, walk off and turn left into another path (km 13.1). You will reach a turn to the right (km 14). Fork and continue until reaching the *breeders at Espliegar* (km 14.7). Ignore two left-hand turns (kms 15.1 and 15.3) and one right-hand turn (km 16), following straight until reaching a crossroads, situated next to a *breeder* and the *fountain of Tejería* (km 16.9). At this point, turn left and 50 metres further walk off the path. Fork right into a footpath, situated close to *Rambla de la muñeca*. The path runs along the bottom of the gulley. At a certain point, shortly after passing by a small reservoir, it starts climbing to the left of a water through. You will reach a path (km 19.1) placed next to a recreational area that offers interpretation services for the aqueduct. This is at the threshing floor of Cella. Continue alongside a visible part of the aqueduct, walking amidst abandoned farming buildings. Access **Cella** through *Calle de la Rambla* (km 19.6), placed in the southeast area of the town, and continue until the artesian aquifer.

CELLA (POPULATION: 2.581)

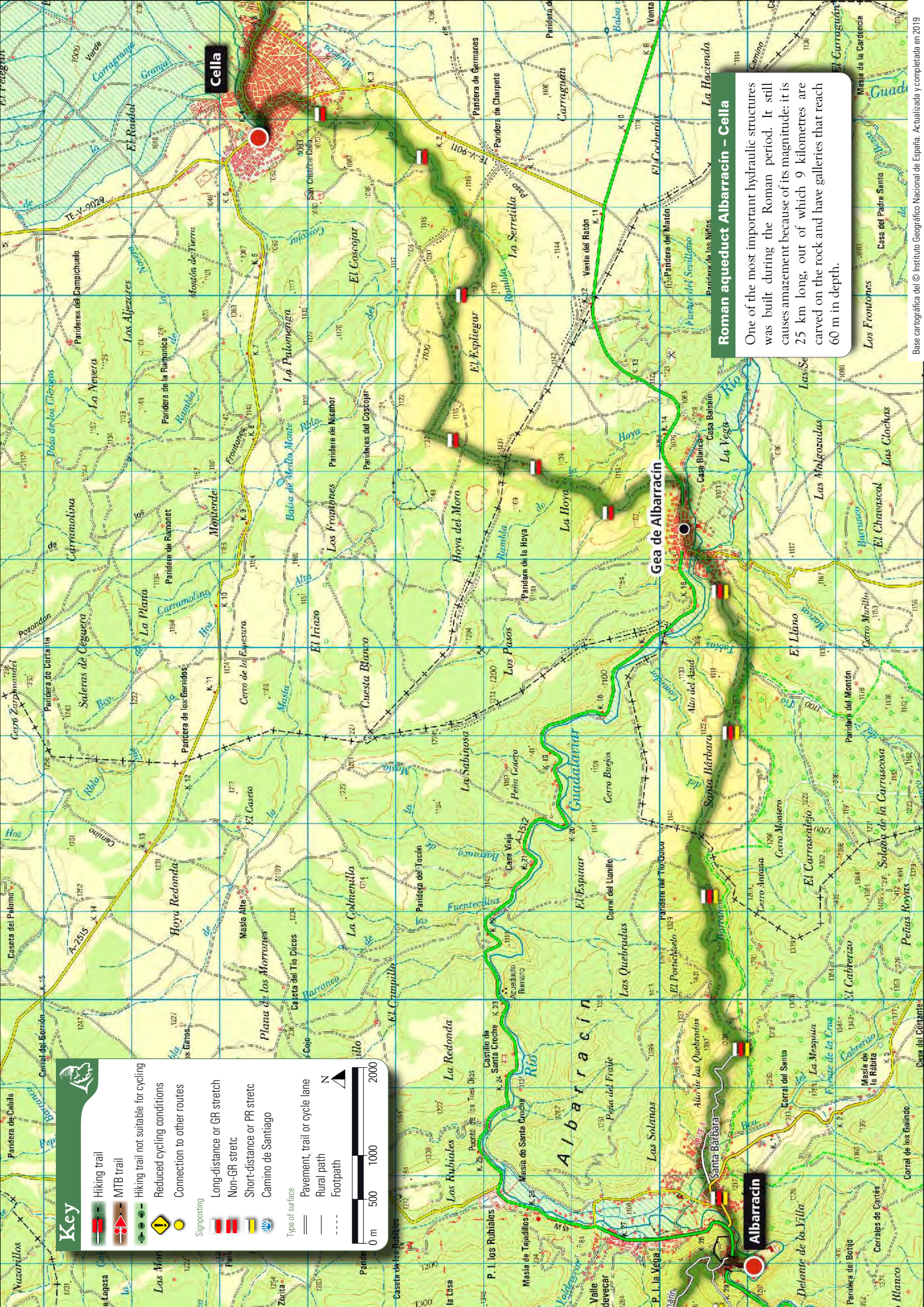
- Hills covered with scrubland, junipers and kermes oaks
- Historic-Artistic complex (castle and walls, cathedral, traditional architecture...), cave paintings, etc.
- Old bridle paths with a sub-base in poor condition, footpath and well-preserved trails

- Dryland farming and hills covered with scrubland
- Church and chapel of San Antonio and Roman aqueduct carved into the rock
- Rural paths and footpath
- Some short stretches of path along this stage may have been ploughed and thus rambblers may need to walk on the edge of the path until being able to walk easily on the main path again

Panoramic view of Albarracín taken at the entrance to the town along *The Way of El Cid*



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Scale: 0 m, 500, 1000, 2000

North arrow

Roman aqueduct Albaracín - 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.