



NATURE TRAIL TORANZO VALLEY



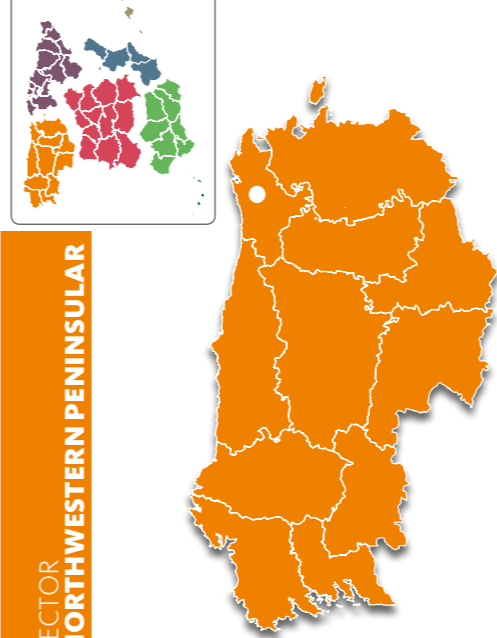
Guide to the
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The great appeal of Corvera de Toranzo is its rich natural and cultural heritage. Worthy of note are the River Pas banks, abundant in trout and salmon, and the Cildá and Espina del Gallego mountains were the Cantabrian wars were waged. As for artistic heritage, special mention should be made of its civil architecture, particularly the embellished mansions and palaces.

The Toranzo Valley Nature Trail offers two different routes for visitors to better understand its peoples, nature and traditions:

- 1a.** The trail starts on CA-602 at the park near the La Alceda Spa. It follows the road around the park and crosses the River Vejoiris over the River Pas, then turns left following that same road, surrounded by pastures that prevail in the valley.
- 1b.** The trail runs across Vejoiris and through meadows and crops until it reaches San Martín de Toranzo.
- 1c.** There, it heads toward an intersection on the edge of the town, where it follows a paved road heading West, leaving the church, the park and the traditional bowling alley behind. Further on it crosses a green iron bridge with a wooden floor, once again over the River Pas.
- 1d.** Past the bridge, the route follows the river upstream and passes by a sawmill. At the intersection with a small grass roundabout, the trail follows the paved road.



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Since 1993 the Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and the Environment's Nature Trails Program aims to restore former transport infrastructures such as railway tracks, cattle trails and traditional routes, for public use and enjoyment.

These routes take us to the countryside to discover the biodiversity and beauty of our precious natural heritage, and discover the villages, sights, traditions and people that are part of the unique cultural landscape of our country. We invite you to visit them and offer you the keys to enjoy the trip. In this brochure you will find a brief description of the Toranzo Valley Nature Trail and the map for the journey, along with recommendations to make the most of this experience. We only ask one thing of you: do not forget to leave everything as you found it. The conservation of these pathways is also your responsibility.

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HEATHER AND HAZELS IN A VALLEY OPEN TO THE FUTURE

The Toranzo Valley used to be a manor owned by the Marquises of Aguilar de Campoó, Counts of Castañeda.

Corvera de Toranzo is a municipality within the Autonomous Community of Cantabria, located in the River Pas basin in Toranzo Valley, within the Pas-Miera County also known as Valles Pasiegos. To the North, it borders with Puente Viego, with Luena to the South, Santiurde de Toranzo to the East and Arenas de Iguña, Anievas and San Felices de Buelna to the West.



- 1e.** Surrounded by willows, ash trees, alder trees, hazels and strawberry trees, the trail arrives at the municipal swimming pool of Ontaneda. Then it reaches an intersection where the La Alceda park is located and you take the paved road toward the opposite side. The trail goes around the park up to an intersection that leads toward the La Alceda Spa. This is where this loop trail ends.
- 2- CORVERA ROUTE**
- 2a.** The trail starts next to the Prases church at a steep downhill paved road surrounded by oaks, fig trees and eucalyptus. The route reaches an intersection where it takes a paved path along the River Pas banks, offering a beautiful view of the Toranzo Valley.
- 2b.** The route heads straight on, in parallel to the river bank, up to a crossroads where the path headed for Corvera must be followed. Past some industrial premises to the side of the road, the trail heads into town. The trail runs across an intersection and meanders among the houses in town up to a fork where it takes road N-623.
- 2c.** The trail crosses the road and continues between a house and a wall. Then it reaches another intersection where it turns left and follows a footpath between two walls. At the end of this path, the trail follows a village street up to a footpath paved with grass and gravel. Then it passes alongside an abandoned barn and arrives at a village street which descends slightly to meet the main road again.

- 2d.** The trail continues by the other side of the road, along the streets of Corvera, and then reaches a three-way intersection. The trail goes straight ahead and reaches another intersection, next to a cow barn. The trail turns right at this intersection and passes by a garden centre with a large garden and a small football pitch.
- 2e.** The trail then continues along a small paved road leading to Cillero, where it continues on the main road alongside the church. As it goes on, there are two intersections where the trail continues straight on and follows a small paved road leaving the village.
- 2f.** To conclude, the route crosses several meadows up to the Prases church where it ends at the trailhead.

LA ALCEDA SPA

This establishment opened in 2001 and has all the amenities of a modern hotel. It is located in a large park with centenary trees by the River Pas, right in the town of Alceda. Its unique location, in the geographical centre of Cantabria, allows visitors to enjoy thermal water and, at the same time, visit some of the most significant tourist sites in Cantabria.



Meadows at the outskirts of Cillero



Church of San Martín de Toranzo



Prases church

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- Route starting point
- End of route
- Rest area
- Bridge
- Religious building

