



The former Hervás train station



Views of Ambroz Valley from the Nature Trail



Landscape of dehesas. Segura de Toro can be seen for a far

7. After this point, the gradient becomes a little more pronounced and the final few kilometres of the Nature Trail require some extra physical exertion. This effort is rewarded with impressive views to the Ambroz Valley. This itinerary ends at an altitude of

3. The trail soon returns to the dehesa, occasionally descending again into the trenches, and reaching the old station at Aldeanueva del Camino just after the Montesinos stream. Just after exiting the station, the trail crosses the CC-58 road. Remember to exercise precautions as this road does have a certain degree of traffic and there is poor visibility due.

2. Leaving the station behind, the trail briefly runs through the trenches excavated for the railway before penetrating an oak grove later becoming a gallery forest (ash, poplar, willow) before reaching the bridge over the Garganta Ancha. Over the next few kilometres of the Nature Trail, the landscape becomes dominated by dehesas with holm oak and dotted with the odd cork or ash tree. The trail reaches the bridge over the Garganta Grande, flanked by riverbank vegetation.

6. The trail leaves the station behind and once again continues between the banks, opening up once again after the arriving at one of the landmarks of this section of the Nature Trail: the viaduct over the river Ambroz, also referred to as the "iron bridge". After crossing the bridge and leaving the last of the town's houses behind. Some 600m after crossing the River Ambroz, the trail passes under the EX-205 road and, a kilometre later, reaches the River Balozano, a tributary of the Ambroz.

5. The track passes over the Romanillo stream, entering a dense oak grove. Upon emerging, the traveller can tell they are approaching Hervás. Its former station is reached after passing over the river Gallego and later under the CC-102 road. Unlike the two other stations on the route, Hervás's station is in quite good condition.

This section begins at the municipal boundary between Jarilla and Casas del Monte and can be accessed along the paved country road that starts at km 447 of the N-630. After 100 metres, take the dirt track on the right as far as the nature trail. The starting point is 300 metres to the south.

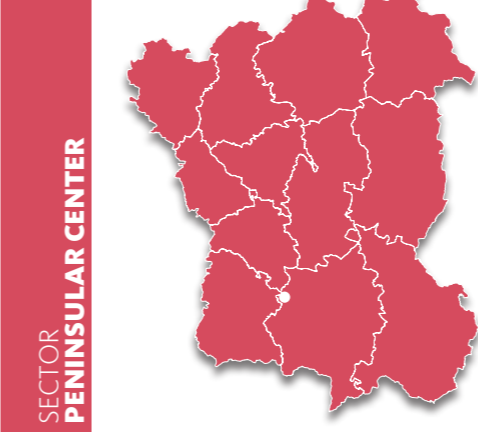
4. The trail makes a turn here and changes direction to the northeast, running parallel with the A-66 for a couple of kilometres. On the way to Hervás, the route continues to rise gently but constantly, while ascending the slopes of the Cruces Altas mountains. The vegetation also begins to change, with holm oak and cork trees making way for Pyrenean and common oak.

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FROM THE PLAINS OF THE AMBROZ VALLEY TO THE FOOTHILLS OF THE SIERRA DE BÉJAR

Following the course of the old Plasencia-Astorga railway (which forms part of the route known as the *Vía de la Plata*), this section of the Vía de la Plata Nature Trail crosses the county of Ambroz Valley from south to north. Over the course of this trail the landscape changes from livestock pastures and dehesas to the deciduous forests (oak, Pyrenean oak and some the most important chestnut groves in Cáceres) on the mountain hillsides.



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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 Vía de la Plata Nature Trail. Casas del Monte - Hervás section 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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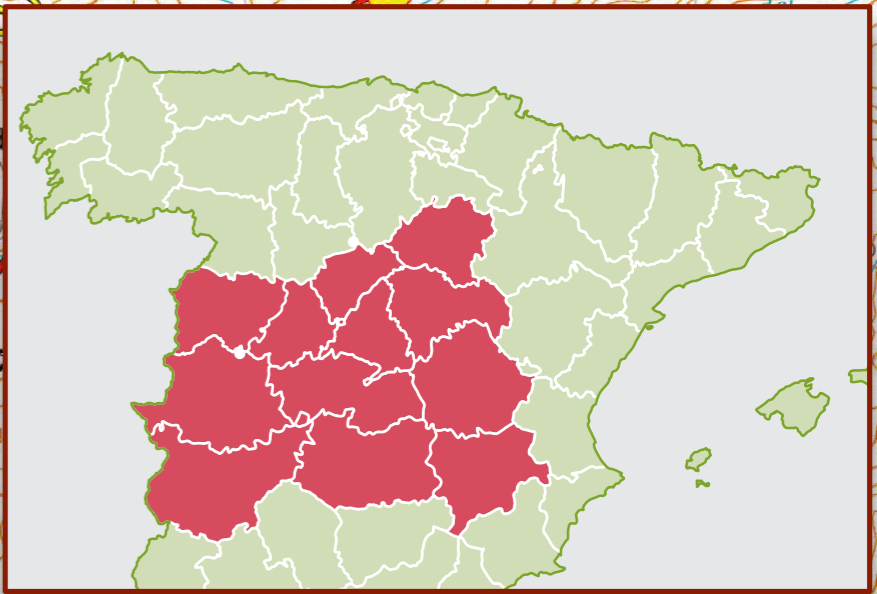
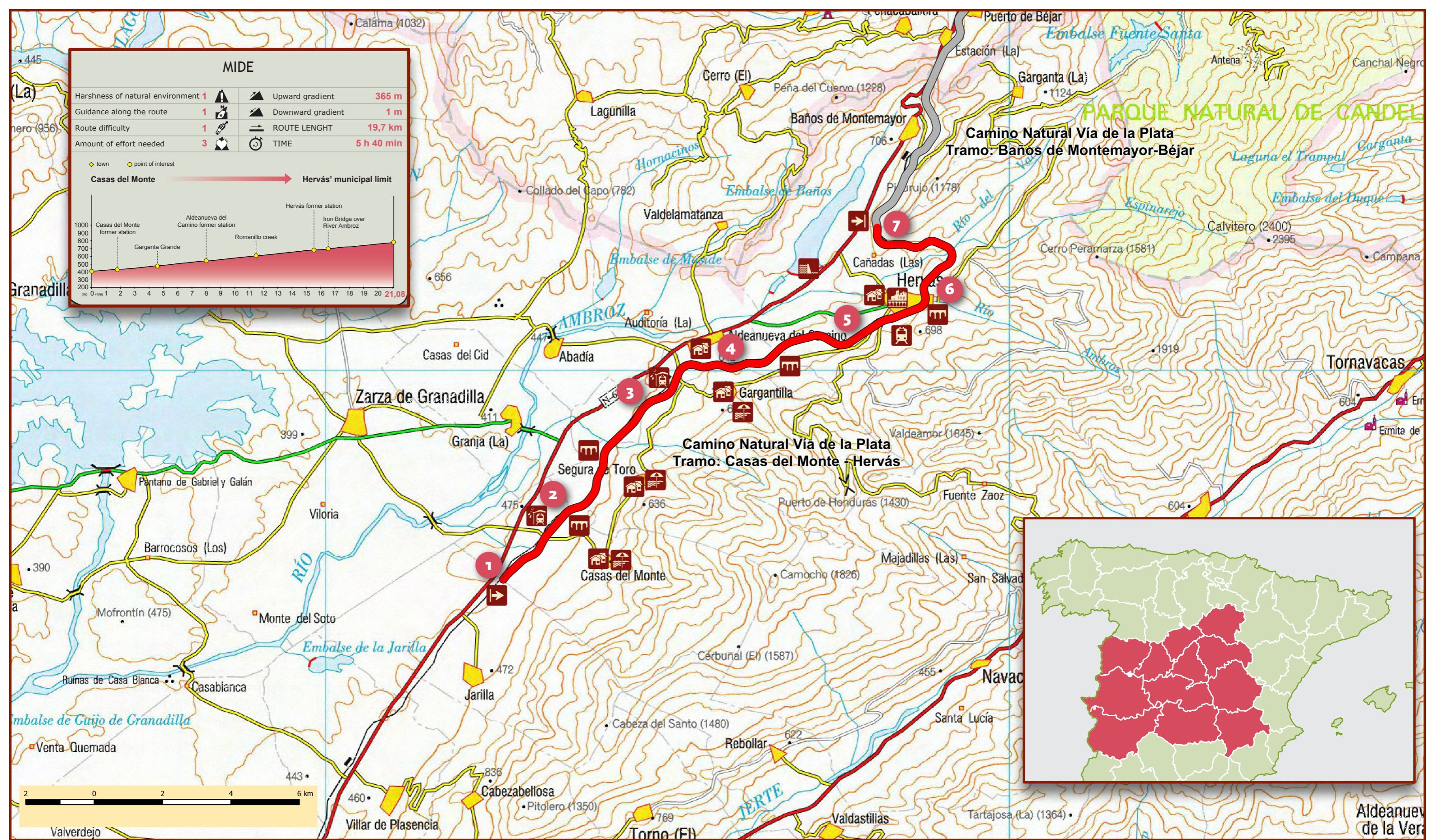


MIDE

Harshness of natural environment	1	▲ Upward gradient	365 m
Guidance along the route	1	▼ Downward gradient	1 m
Route difficulty	1	≡ ROUTE LENGHT	19,7 km
Amount of effort needed	3	⌚ TIME	5 h 40 min

◆ town ● point of interest

Casas del Monte → Hervás' municipal limit



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NATURE TRAIL
**VÍA DE LA PLATA.
 CASAS DEL MONTE -
 HERVÁS SECTION**

- Starting point
- End of trail
- Former station
- Town
- Monumental area
- Bridge
- Bathing area
- Dam