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JAÉN - RIVER GUADAJOZ

NATURE TRAIL ACEITE GREENWAY.



Guide to the
Nature Trails
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1. This trail starts in Jaén, at the sports centre "La Fuentezuela", which is located at Ronda Juez Juan Ruiz Rico, in the northern part of the city, where soon after its starting point there is a rest area. Throughout its course, the trail winds between olive trees (Jaén is the province with the highest density of olive trees in the world). Not only will olive trees accompany the traveller along the path, but so will the characteristic smell of olive presses. Shortly after the starting point the trail crosses Los Torreones Archaeology Route, a 32km circular route which merges again with the Nature Trail as it approaches La Aldehuela, and continues between fortresses, towers, castles and medieval watchtowers. One can also come via the trail the leads to Tower of Aldehuela, which is only 800 metres away, and visit the remains of a square, two-storey fortress covered with pointed vaults, where we can still see the remains of an hydraulic system used for watering the surrounding fields.
2. This trail continues to the Torredelcampo station, where there is a rest area and after that, it passes through two tunnels and two iron viaducts built by Daydé and Pillé, disciples of Eiffel. Not only are these viaducts interesting for their structures but they also offer marvellous panoramic views.
3. A little further on we find the Torredonjimeno stop, which also has a rest area.
4. After that, two walkways and the A-306 are crossed before reaching the municipality of Martas, where the station
5. If we continue our journey, we will arrive at Vado-Jaén station and a new rest area. This station, seven kilometres from the closest towns or villages, was once a major railway junction. After that, we will find another one of the nine viaducts located on this route, this one built over the River Viboras and, alongside it, a single semi-circular medieval arch bridge.
6. After crossing two other viaducts, the trail reaches Alcaudete station, which has been converted into a private house and next to it is a rest area. The following section is overlooked by the Laguna Honda Nature Reserve and the Laguna del Chinche Nature Reserve, the two best preserved wetlands in the province of Jaén. Their water levels fluctuate considerably throughout the year, but ornithology enthusiasts can observe a number of threatened species here, such as the white-headed duck and the common teal, as well as other less common but equally interesting species.
7. Shortly after passing by these lagoons, we reach the trail's final two viaducts. The last one crosses the River

CROSSING A SEA OF OLIVES



This nature trail has a length of over 54 kilometres. The track then reaches the Subbética Greenway Nature Trail, between Jaén and the River Guadajoz; and the Córdoba section of the Olive Oil Greenway Nature Trail, between the border of the municipalities of Moriles and Lucena and the stop at Campo Real.

This trail runs through the province of Jaén along part of the old railway line which took the produce of this province and Córdoba, especially olive oil, to the port of Málaga. For this reason the railway became popularly known as "the Oil Train". If there is one single thing that characterises this nature trail, it is the vast olive horizon it crosses and the star product that gives the trail its name.

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 Aceite Greenway Nature Trail. Jaén - River Guadajoz 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.

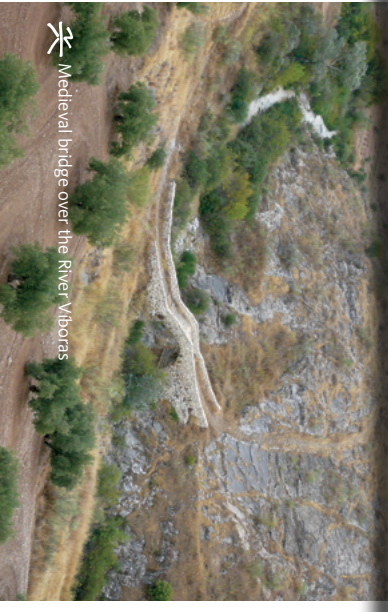
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Guadajoz, which at this point acts as a natural border between the provinces of Jaén and Córdoba. This point marks the end of this trail, while on the other side of the viaduct the La Subbética Greenway Nature Trail begins.

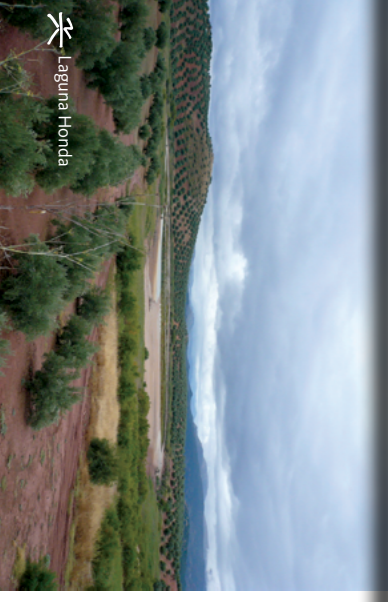
ON THE BATTLEFIELD

The history of the province of Jaén is rich, as evidenced by the many archaeological remains found here. Once occupied by the Carthaginians, Romans, Moors and Christians, its strategic location as a gateway to Andalusia through the River Guadalquivir and as a natural access route to Castile, through the Sierra Morena pass, saw this land play host to thousands of battles. Some of these were decisive moments in the history of Spain, in particular the Battle of Las Navas de Tolosa, which gave rise to the decline of the Moorish presence on the Iberian Peninsula, or the Battle of Bailén, after which the French troops withdrew to the North before Napoleon returned with his army, to occupy the whole Peninsula, save for Cádiz.

This strategic location is evidenced by the great variety of fortresses comprising the Route of the Castles and the Battles, which offers visitors the chance to see the fortresses, castles, monuments and historic sites located in the different municipalities of the provinces of Ciudad Real, Jaén and Granada, and which include all the routes along this nature trail.



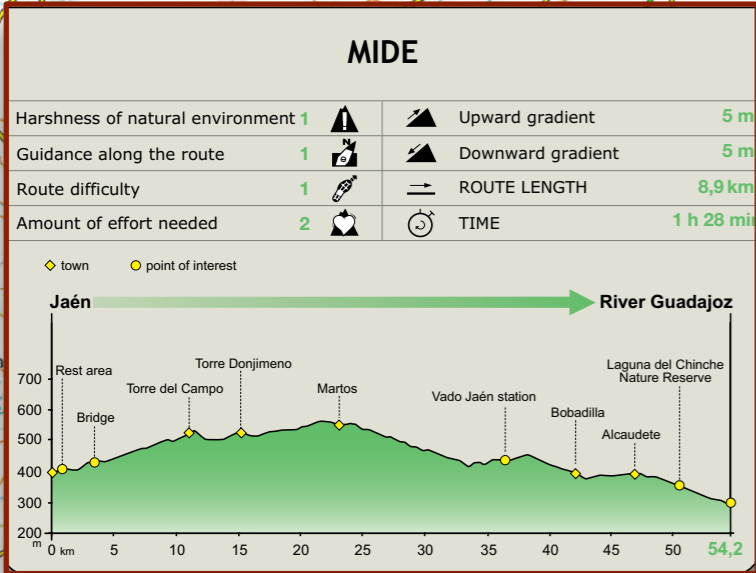
Medieval bridge over the River Viboras



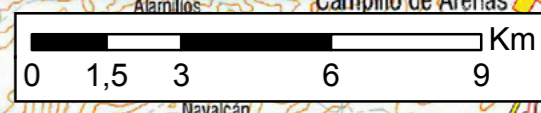
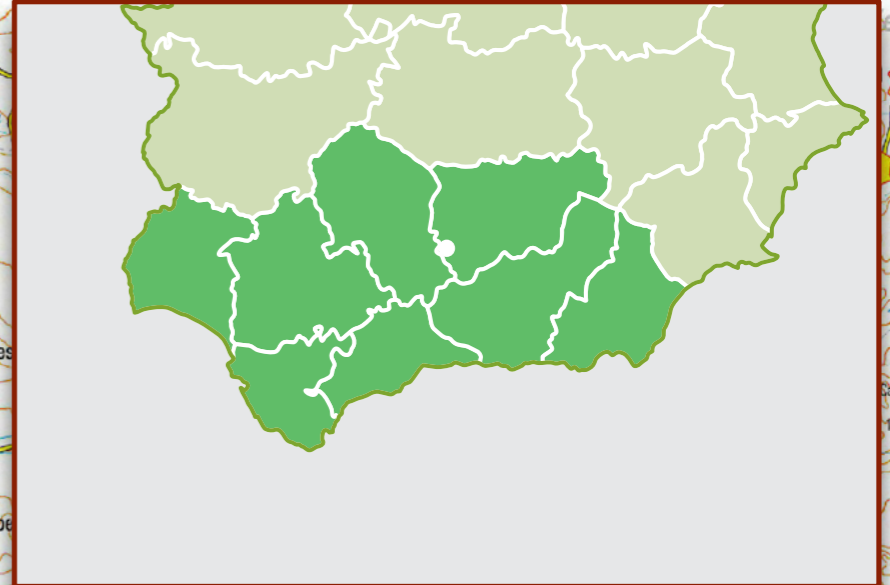
Laguna Honda



Cortijo, typical country house of the zone



Camino Natural Via Verde del Aceite. Tramo Jaén - río Guadajoz



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- Starting point
- End of trail
- Rest area
- Train station
- Viewpoint
- Detour
- Junction
- Underpass
- Walkway
- Bridge
- Tunnel
- Other sights of interest