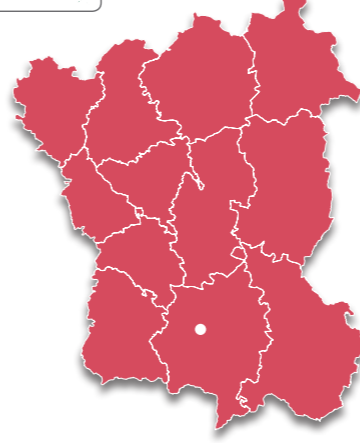


NATURE TRAIL MONFRAGÜE GREENWAY



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PASTURES OF OAKS AND CORK OAKS IN THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE MONFRAGÜE NATIONAL PARK

Located in the Monfrague National Park and Biosphere Reserve transition area, this route makes the most of the Madrid-Valencia de Alcántara railway line, following close to the track that currently lends this service, among the oak and corn oak pastures in which the cattle and Iberian swine graze.



EX-108 road, via which, after crossing the Tíetar river, you can reach the Bazagona neighbourhood (3.5 km away, belonging to Malpartida de Plasencia) and the stop with the same name (4.5 km away).

MONFRAGÜE NATIONAL PARK AND BIOSPHERE RESERVE

This National Park is located in the north east of the province of Cáceres, with the Tajo river being its main axis. It has a more or less rectangular shape, with a south east/ north east orientation, with mountain ranges to the north and the river to the south determining its borders.

This space has been protected since 1979 when it was declared as a Natural Park with Royal Decree 1927/1979 of 4 April. Later, the area was also named as a Special Protection Area for Wild Birds (1991 and expanded in 2004) pursuant to the Birds Directive 79/409/EEC, a Site of Community Importance following the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 2003, including the park and its surroundings. Last of all, in 2007 by means of Act 1/2007 of 3 March, it was declared as a National Park.

Monfrague is considered as one of the largest and most representative sites of Mediterranean forests and scrubland. It has been highly conserved, treasuring a wealth of flora and fauna, despite the fact that throughout its history, human intervention in this space has not been scarce.

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4. After a kilometre and a half, the railway track is neared again and is crossed via a concrete bridge. The railway track is then moved away from again for another kilometre until arriving at a new walkway that runs along on of the arms of the Calzones creek. The following walkway
5. The trail stays parallel to the railway track for more than 7 km, during which only a few metres separate the old track from the new one. At this point, the trail crosses the track once again via a concrete bridge. Furthermore, during this section, the landscape of oak pastures changes to corn oaks, which are not only used in farming, but they are also used in the cork industry, as you can tell by the harvested tree trunks.
6. After crossing the last concrete bridge, the trail moves definitively from the railway track until the end of the route. The route passes along a wide curve, first among some more cork oaks, and then among oaks again, and Iberian swine replaces the cattle as the most abundant livestock. The last walkway, over the Haza creek, indicates that there is barely a kilometre and a half until the end of the trail.
7. During this last kilometre, the last gatehouse in ruins is left to the right. This was probably also used for the railway and it is located next to an irrigation pool. The final point of this route is reached just below an asphalt path that connects the different livestock estates in the area. Said path allows you to access the Haza de la Concepción mansion (2.4 km away), as well as the

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 - Monfrague National Park Visitor's Centre: 0034 927 199 134

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1. The Monfrague Nature Trail leaves from the area known as Las Habazas, next to the EX-208 road crossing and the Madrid-Valencia de Alcántara railway, at less than 2 km from the Monfrague train station and some 13 km from Plasencia and 8 km from Malpartida de Plasencia, passing entirely through the lands of this latter municipality.
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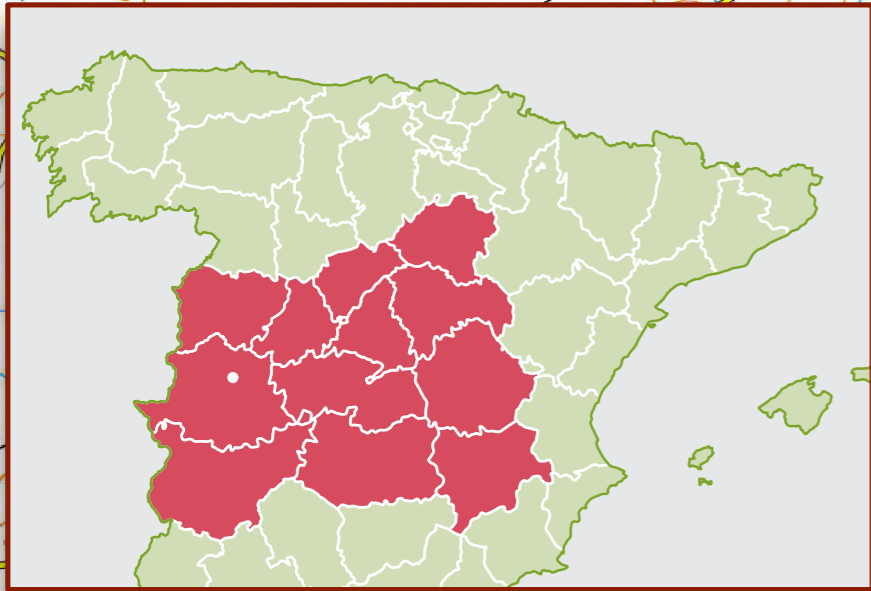
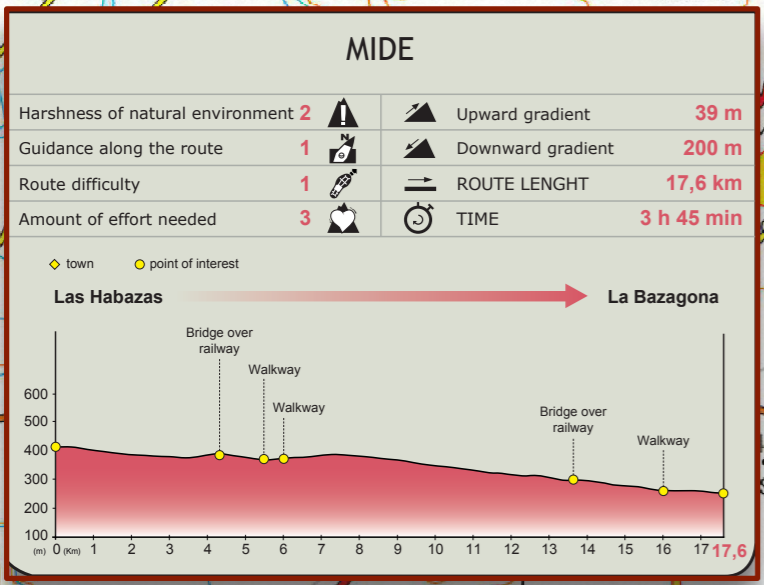
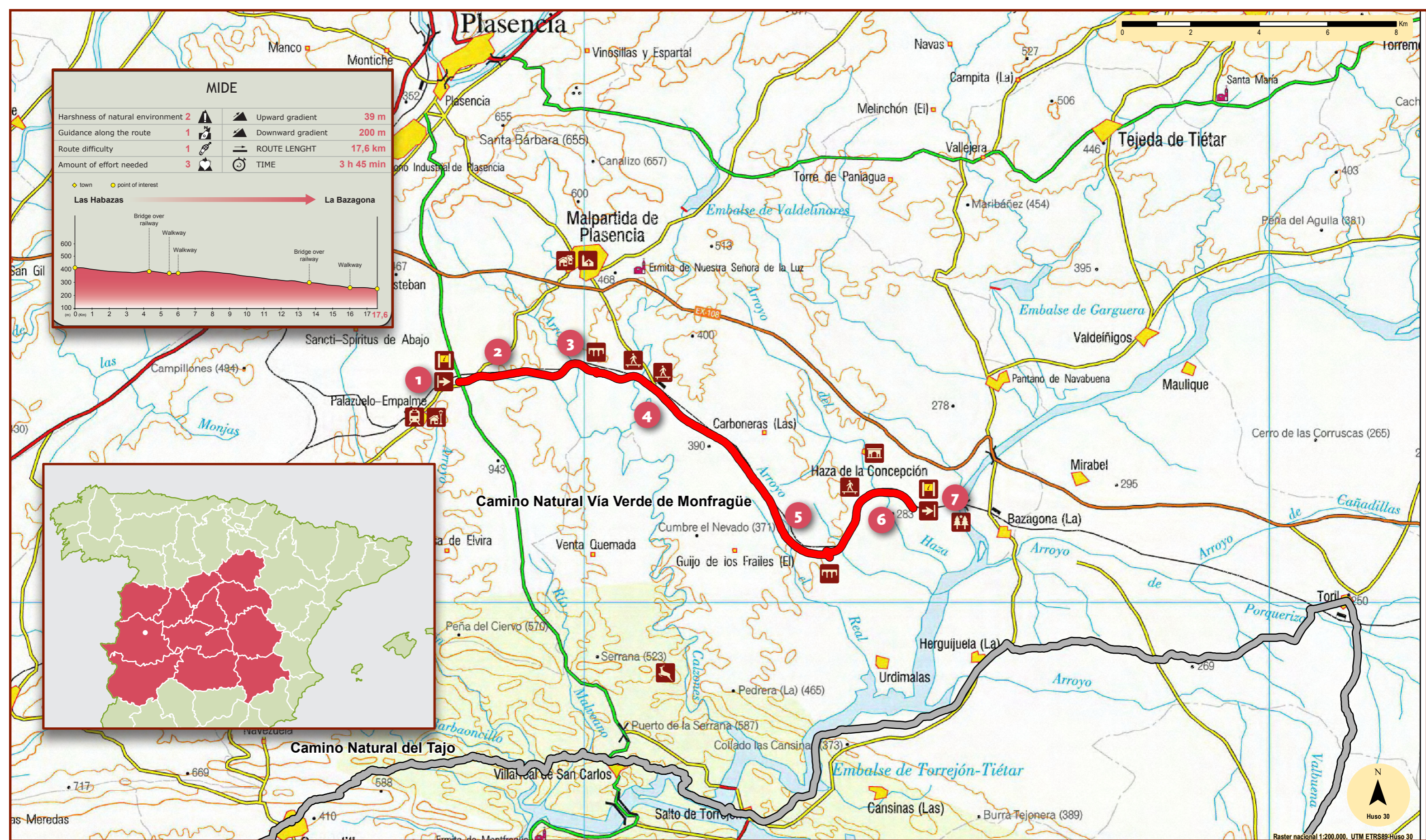
Walkway over Calzones brook



La Haza brook from the walkway over it



Harvested cork oak



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