



NATURE TRAIL LANUZA RESERVOIR



Guide to the
Nature Trails
of Spain

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1. This trail starts at the entrance of Sallent de Gállego by the A-136 Road, before crossing the river. A few metres ahead, the trail climbs up a slight slope and continues among box and rowan shrubs, until reaching a livestock building, where it turns in the direction of the reservoir.
2. This first stretch continues by a path lined with walnut trees until reaching a recreational area which invites the visitor to take a break and calmly take in and enjoy the mountain landscape that surrounds them. Looking back, there is a beautiful view of the Peña Foratata, a 2,341 m mountain whose slopes reach Sallent de Gállego.
3. As the reservoir becomes wider, the trail narrows to a path covered by leafy vegetation. The visitor leaves birch trees, hazels, cherry trees, ash trees and willow trees behind as the landscape turns into grazing pastures. From this point the town of Lanuza can be seen at the other side of the reservoir. Every summer, on the third and fourth week of July, this town is host to the Pirineos Sur music festival.
4. The trail continues to a second recreational area where, again, the walker may take a break and enjoy the views over the Tena valley.
5. The nature trails goes straight to its finishing point, where the walker has two alternative routes back to Sallent. Either they take the same route back to Sallent, or they go back along the reservoir shore and walking calmly through Lanuza, although this extends the route

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TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE NEXT TO SPRING CREEK WATERS

The Lanuza Reservoir Nature Trails is located in the Tena Valley, in the North of the province of Huesca and in the heart of the Aragon Pyrenees. This simple trail, which stretches over barely 3 km, starts in the town of Sallent de Gállego and leads to the head of the Lanuza Reservoir.

In this walk, the visitor may admire not only the monumental beauty of the Pyrenees valleys, their extraordinary biodiversity, its ancient traditions and a distinctive cuisine, but also seize the opportunity to practice adventure and mountain sports of any kind all year long.



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to almost 7 kilometres and some stretches are not adequately prepared.

SALLENT DE GALLEGO

This small town in the Aragon Pyrenees is located at an altitude of 1,305 m, at the tail of the Lanuza reservoir at the foot of the Peña Foratata mountain. Many mountain treks start in Sallent, and ski may also be practised in the nearby Formigal ski resort.

FORMIGAL

Formigal is a ski resort located in the municipality of Sallent de Gállego. It consists of a residential complex attached to the Aramón Formigal ski station, which boasts the largest ski area in Spain and is located just a few kilometres from the French border.

The local church, built in the Upper Argonese Mozarab style is today located in the winter ski station of Formigal. It was moved here, brick by brick, from Barsarín, when the village was left unpopulated. It was first built back in the 11th century and was enriched over the centuries by different artistic elements. Inside, the church houses a plate-resque altarpiece and the venerable image of the Virgen de las Nieves (Our Lady of the Snows), the local patron.

Formigal has become an important international centre for skiing, climbing and snow sports. It boasts 130 kilometres of slopes, a snowshoeing circuit, ski-lifts with the capacity for over 30,000 skiers per hour, a health centre, sledding slopes and several special slopes. What's more, visitors can enjoy a range of establishments, bars, restaurants, shops and local nightlife spots.

ESCARILLA

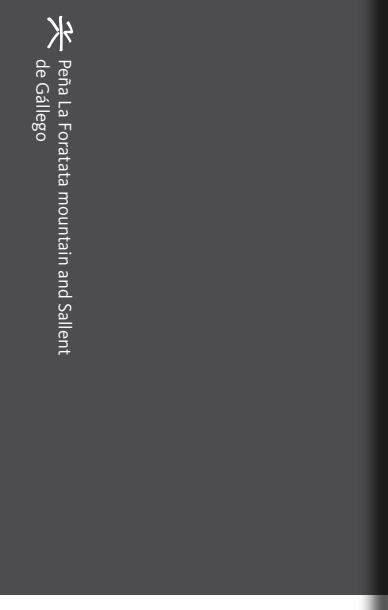
At the heart of the Argonese Pyrenees and bathed by the waters of the Escarra and Gállego rivers, right in the Tena Valley, the village of Escarilla is considered one of the most beautiful corners in the area.

A village of incredible natural beauty, it is surrounded by beech, pine and fir forests. Its historic centre retains the popular and traditional mountain-top architecture, influenced heavily by nearby France. Among the interesting sights worth visiting are the baroque Parish Church of the Virgen del Costeiral and the old stone bridge. The bridge is located on the road to Particosa and dates back to the 19th century.

Escarilla has become an ideal destination for those interested in adventure sports, climbing and walking.



Views from the trail



Peña La Foratata mountain and Sallent de Gállego

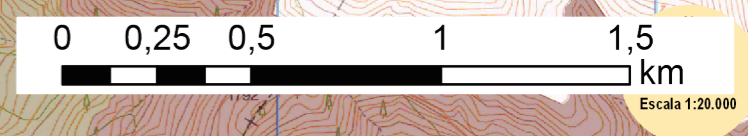
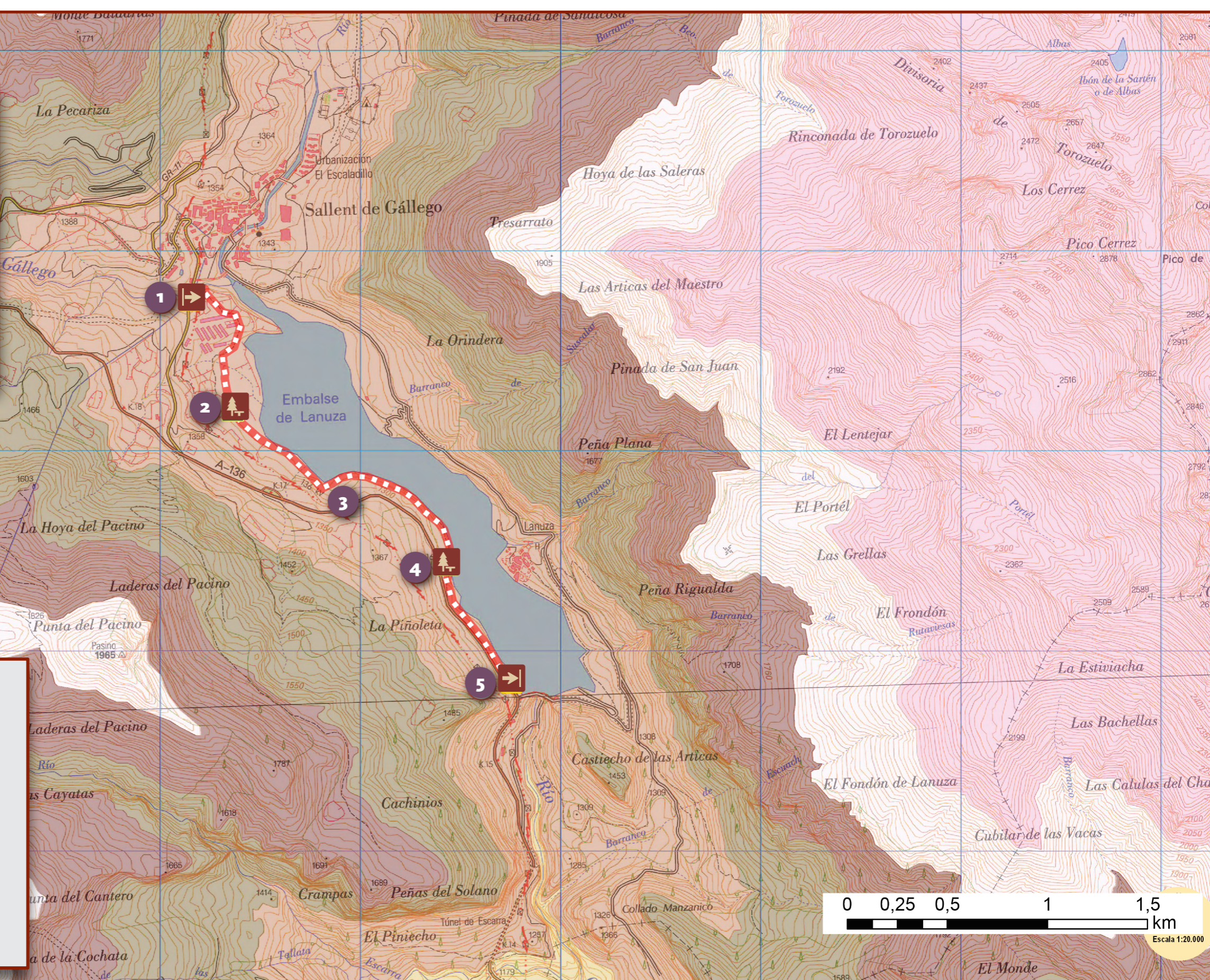
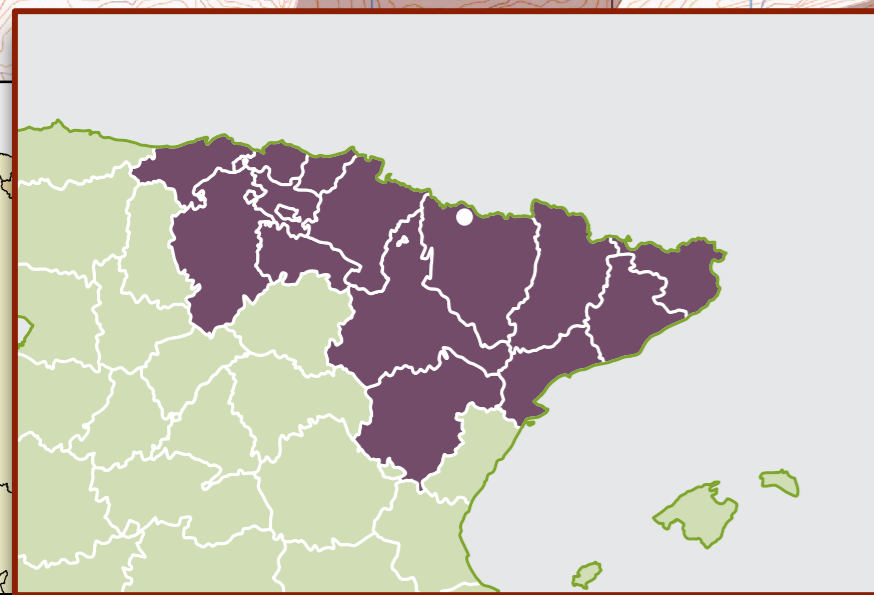
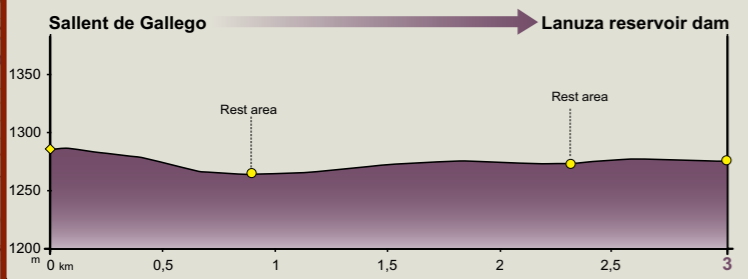


Path among box and rowan shrubs

MIDE

Harshness of natural environment	1	▲ Upward gradient	15 m
Guidance along the route	1	▲ Downward gradient	30 m
Route difficulty	1	ROUTE LENGTH	3 km
Amount of effort needed	1	TIME	30 min







◆ town ● point of interest



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-  Starting point
-  End of trail
-  Fountain
-  Walkway
-  Viewpoint
-  Other sights of interest