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NATURE TRAIL GUADALIMAR GREENWAY



Guide to the
Nature Trails
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1. The route begins at the viaduct over the Guadalimar river, nearby the Linares-Baeza railway station in the Arquillos (Linares) spot, and ends at the Horcajo (Begjjar) spot, running among riparian landscapes, meadows and olive groves. From the viaduct the traveller can see, upstream, an old hydroelectric power station and the drowned weir that channels the water towards the hydroelectric power station. Downstream, the Linares-Baeza station can be seen on the right bank of the river, as well as the bridge of the N-322 road.
2. Following the itinerary and after passing under the highway and by a small stretch at the foot of its embankment, you will reach an old abandoned oil mill, where you can see the different elements that comprise this kind of installations, such as big tanks and silos, apart from diverse equipment. After crossing under the N-322 road, the typical landscape of the area can be seen from the road, a landscape where countryside intermingles with olive groves and systems related to the agricultural exploitations of the area.
3. You will have to cross the Pichingo and Ibrós streams via walkways, which give way to the first of the numerous tunnels that you will find along the journey. Starting from this point, the trail starts coming closer to the banks of the Guadalimar river, until it reaches its bed.
4. Following the trail, you will cross over the Valdeparra stream and go into the second tunnel. From this

- point onwards, the trail starts moving away from the Guadalimar river in order to make itself way among the vast olive groves, which are evidence of the main economic activity of the area. Apart from the olive trees (*Olea europaea*), you will find diverse wild species which are characteristic of this environment, such as common fig (*Ficus carica*), brooms (*Retama sphaerocarpa*) and mastic (*Pistacia lentiscus*).
5. Approximately two kilometres further on, the trail comes closer to the Guadalimar meadow again, and an old canal that runs parallel to the trail can be seen. From this area you can see, to the west and in the distance, some hills that are home, at their highest spot, to the ruins of the Cástulo Archaeological Site and the castle of Santa Eufemia. The European rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) dens start being plentiful at the slopes of the trail.
6. In the two following kilometres, nearby the town of Guadalimar, the trail runs barely 200 metres away from the town centre. At some spots some interesting plant formations stand out in the slopes, such as those of ravengrass (*Saccharum ravennae*) and salt cedars (*Tamarix* sp.).
7. When the trail meets the JA-4108 road leading to Torreblassopedro, if you want to cross it you need to be extra cautious because there is a dangerous curve with really poor visibility. On the other side of the road,

FROM THE GUADALIMAR MEADOWS TO THE BEGÍJAR LANDS



This trail runs completely among olive groves coming closer to the Guadalimar river on its northern half, which allows travellers to enjoy views over it. The itinerary is dotted with bridges and numerous tunnels that dodge abrupt gorges and high hills. The district Estación Linares-Baeza is located some kilometres to the southeast of the town of Linares and to the right bank of the Guadalimar river. This small village has always been known for its railway station, which makes it a transitory, departure or arrival area for tens of trains that pass by this station every day. Somehow, this locality is linked to the romanticism of this unique means of transport and, since its foundation, thousands of travellers have passed by this station.

more tunnels await you in a landscape dominated by olive groves. After passing the seventh tunnel you will reach a rest area where this stretch of the trail ends, nearby Begjjar.

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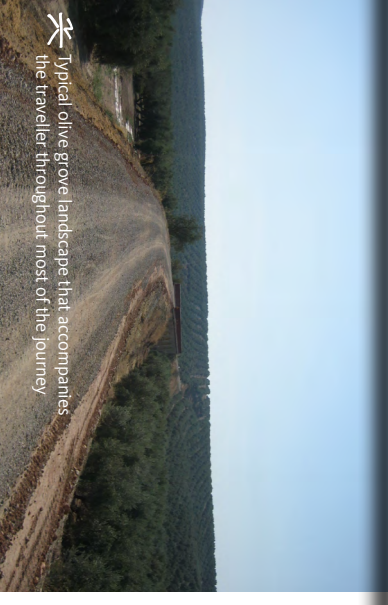
Guadalimar is born as a consequence of the 'Colonization plan of the Province of Jaén', consisting of a district built by the Ministries of Public Works and Agriculture between the years 1954 and 1958. In the meadow that takes its name, in the municipal district of Lupión.

It was designed by the architect José A. Corrales Gutiérrez with 154 housing for farm hands, school, church, administrative buildings, two houses for teachers, business and merchant house, opened personally by Franco in 1961, being called from the beginning and until not long ago 'Guadalimar del Caudillo'. Since then, it is part of Lupión and five hundred inhabitants coming from families in Lupión, Begjjar, Baeza, Ibrós, Bélmez, Hornos, Pontones and other neighbouring towns live there.

Bridge parallel to the Guadalimar river.

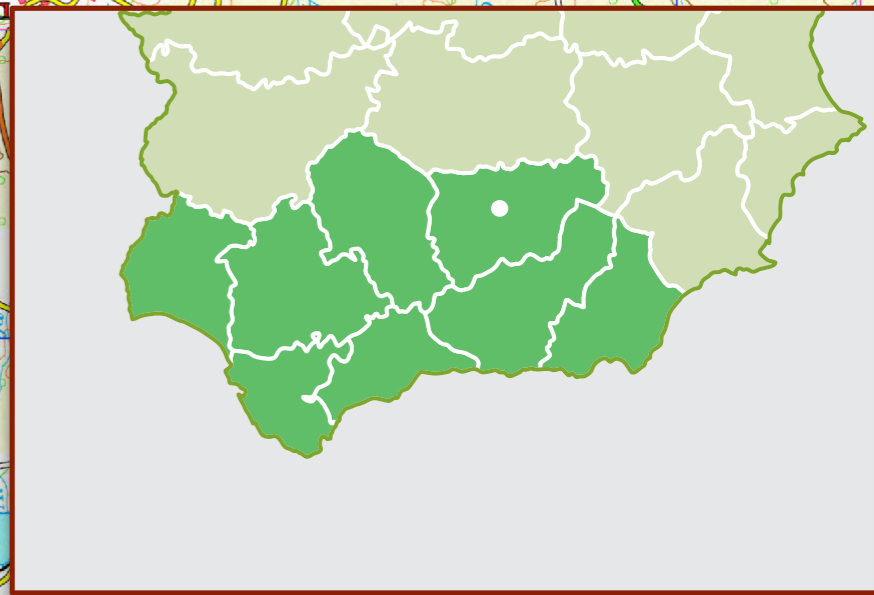
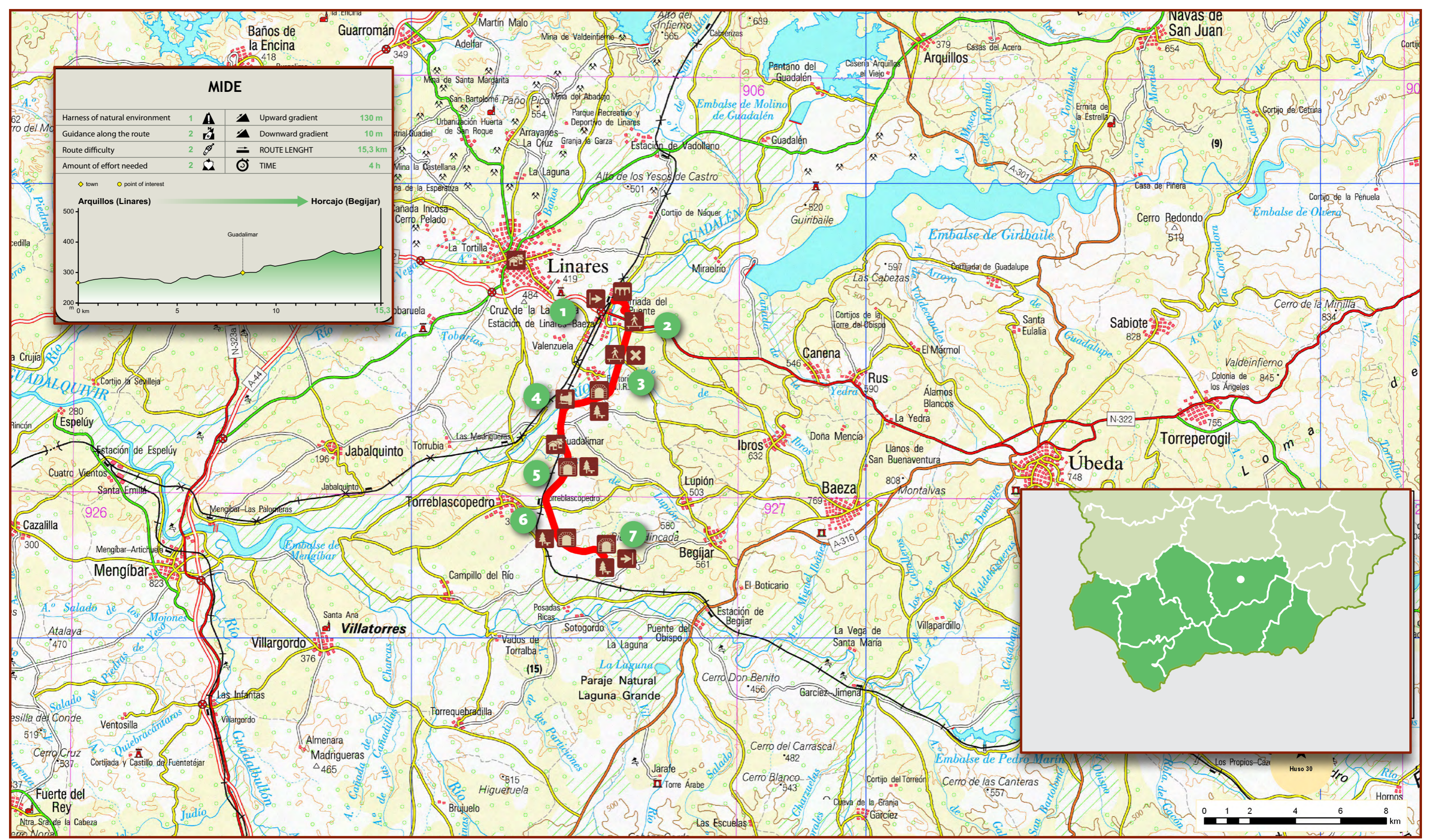
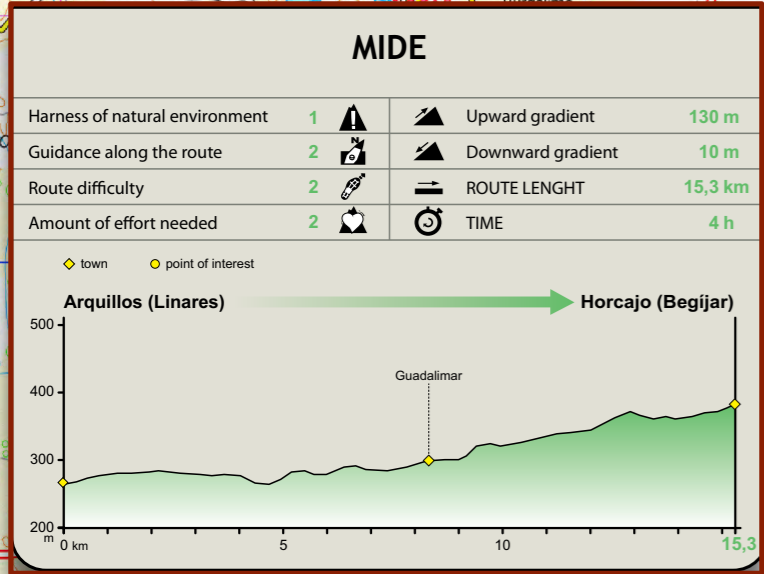


Typical olive grove landscape that accompanies the traveller throughout most of the journey.



Before reaching the end of the trail you pass by one last tunnel.





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- Starting point
- End of trail
- Rest area
- Walkway
- Town
- Bridge
- Tunnel