



Pond of Moll' Gocálvo



Panoramic view of Lucena del Cid



Source of the Lucena river

**LUCENA DEL CID**

Situated on the medium-sized mountain of l'Alcalatén, at an altitude of 568 m, and 33 km from Castellón, Lucena del Cid is strategically located on the narrow, elongated back of a mountain spur, in the middle of some foothills which, like a gigantic and rough staircase, descend from Penyagolosa (the maximum height in Valencia) to the sea. From its high position, it dominates the eponymous deep river valley, which has been a route of access to the high lands of the interior since bygone times.

**8.** The trail continues by following the course along the left bank passing in front of the Molino el Batán, which was used in bygone times to card wool. A few meters further on, you will cross the river once again at the point indicated to then follow its course up a slope on the right bank. You will leave, on your right-hand side, the wastewater plant of

**4.** On passing over a stone bridge, you join a concrete section that runs along the left bank. After passing by an interesting washing place built over the irrigation canal you cross over the river again via another ford. After passing nearby a restored mill, it is interesting to stop and look at an old stonework wall.

**7.** The trail continues alongside the river to then immediately reach one of the most interesting bathing points on the journey. In addition to a small canyon dug out of the rock, this spot contains an area of water retained by an irrigation dam and a recreational area.

**3.** From here, you cross the river via an unusual structure that is an irrigation canal, a ford and an irrigation dam all at once. Now, on the right-hand bank of the river, the track starts its climb. Along this stretch you can see traditional vegetable gardens irrigated by the river, a country house estate (Mas de Mollón) and the environment.

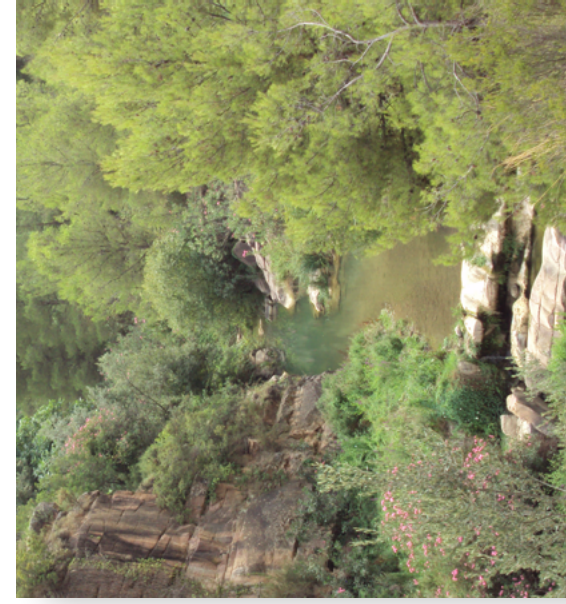
**9.** It is at this point where you must cross the river to go up a steep slope on the other side. After reaching the top of the upper part of the path, the descent begins, leading you for the last time to the Lucena river. But before you get there, you should stop half-way down to take a look at the panoramic view of the spot known as Toll Blau. Here you can also see the last mill on this route, known as the Moll' de Penya Roja. After passing over the walkway that crosses the river, you should take the track on the right to then reach, just after passing the Mas de Penya Roja, the end of this route.

**6.** Just before crossing an old stone bridge, you can stop to look at a small canyon dug out by the water. Once you have passed the bridge, you reach the ruins of a group of mills that used water power in a sequential way, passing from the highest to the lowest. The latter was destroyed by a flood. A few metres further on, the trail turns to the right, climbing above the valley to then descend again to the level of the riverbed. On the right, you can see a long walkway over the river, La Badina, which leads to the town of Lucena del Cid.

**5.** The trail continues at river level to then climb slightly and link up to a tarmacked section leading to a small group of houses, and then lead you to the riverbed once again further on. A short way on along this stretch, you will soon come to a small gravel beach. Approximately at this point, the trail is raised over the river and has a very well preserved 200-300 metre-long traditionally paved stretch.

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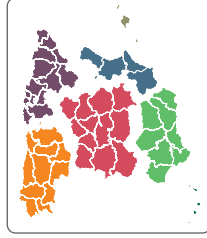


**A ROUTE FOR WALKING, SWIMMING,  
ENJOYING AND LEARNING**

Along the Molins d' Aigua Nature Trail, you can verify the different ways in which man was related to water in the past, maintaining a balance with the environment he lived in. This relationship between water and man is evidenced in the different uses that can be seen along the trail, such as for energy, production and recreational purposes, which are materialised through mills, vegetable gardens and bathing areas.

This route runs along diverse types of paths and enables you to get to know the valley of the Lucena river from different perspectives, as you can walk at riverbed level and climb up to where you can see the whole river, enjoying spectacular views of the valley and the town of Lucena del Cid.

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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.

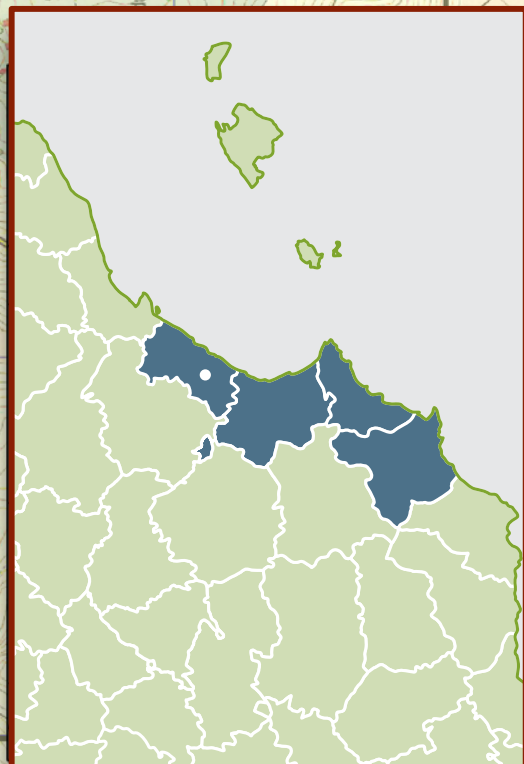
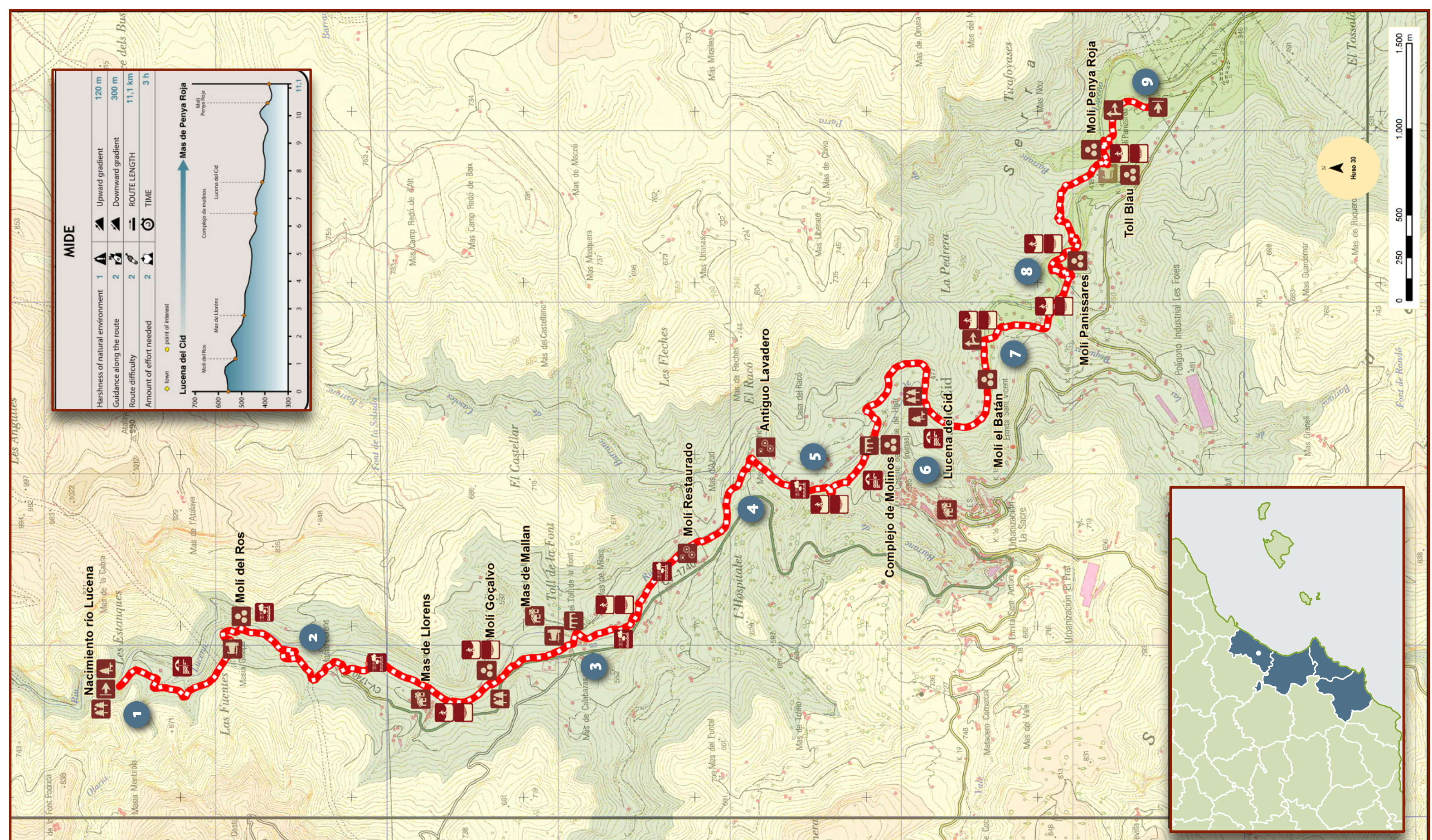
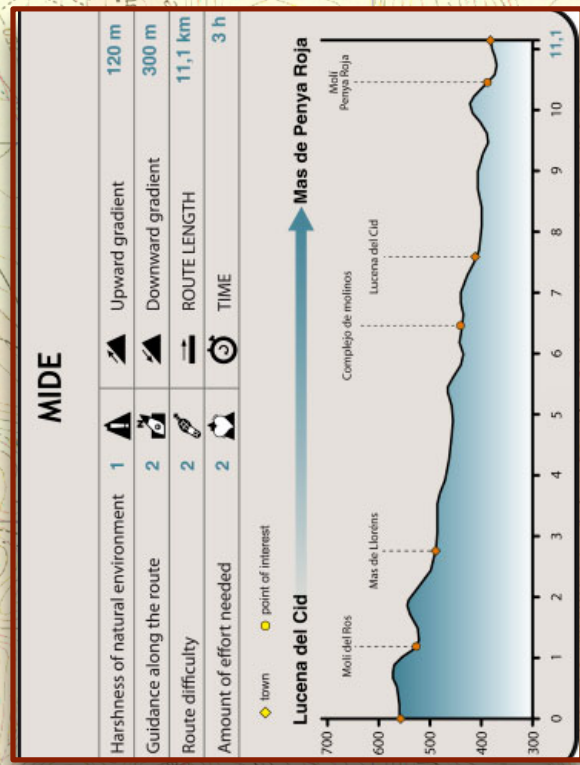
We invite you to visit them and offer you the keys to enjoy the trip. In this brochure you will find a brief description of the Molins d' Aigua Nature Trail and the map for the journey, along with recommendations to make the most of this experience. We only ask one thing of you: do not forget to leave everything as you found it. The conservation of these pathways is also your responsibility.

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- End of trail
- Rest area
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- Other features of interest
- Feature of environmental interest
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- Ruins
- Flood zone
- Beach area
- Cross only if the ravine allows