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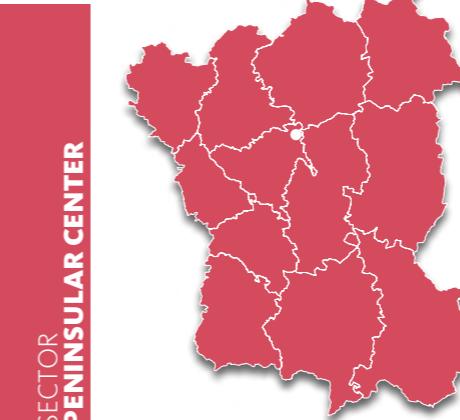
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- In order to reach the starting point of this nature trail, you need to start at Brea de Tajo and follow the Mondéjar trail until it crosses the Cañada Real Take the Cañada Real towards the left, and some meters on, you will see an information panel marking the start of this nature trail. From here, you can admire an agricultural landscape interspersed with holm oaks, kermes oaks and scrubland, where the green shades of olive tree groves, vineyards and the Mediterranean mountains contrast with the reddish colors of the barren lands, with their soils rich in clay and their cereal crop fields.
- After the first crossing, you will see the remains of one of the old shepherd's shelters along the route, known as "Chozo del Callejón".
- For most part of this stage, you can see an uncultivated plot of land, demarcated by milestones, marking the traditional width of the Cañadas Reales: go Castilian varas. After the crossroads with the Cañamera trail, you will see the "Chozo del Quiñonero".
- The trail goes on among crops and wastelands with thyme, gromwells and kermes oaks, entering the area of "Las Lomas". After a strong descent, the route reaches the road of Orusco de Tajuña to Brea de Tajo (M-229). At this point, you can stop and rest for a while sitting on the benches for this purpose.
- After crossing the road, you can see the mount "El Robledal", a perfect example of the Mediterranean hills,

as well as "El Pozo de la Yesera" and the "Corrales de Calero".

- The trail keeps descending among helm-oak groves and ancient olive tree groves, until it reaches a crossroads with a path, where there is a small rest area with a bike rack.
- The trail crosses the cattle road "Cordel de Merinas", along the trail from Carabaña to Brea del Tajo. You can also go back to the village using this route. The nature trail, however, continues straight up to the road from Carabaña to Brea de Tajo (M-221), and, further on, up to the road to Valdarcete to Brea del Tajo (M-222).
- From here, the trail will take you through the fields of Valdarcete, arriving at a hill where you will enjoy some nice panoramic views. Further on, the trail meets the road from Valdarcete to Estremera, where you will find a rest area. After a descent, the trail arrives at a crossroads, where you must go straight.
- This point marks the beginning of the stage leading to Fuentidueña de Tajo, passing by the viewpoint of Las Faldas del Valle.
- There are several ups and downs along this stage of the trail, until you reach the crossroads with the Fuentesaúco trail, where our trail keeps ascending toward the Cerro de la Muela. Further on, a descent will take you to the point where the streams Fuentesaúco and Valseco meet.

CHOZOS: SHEPHERDS' SHELTERS

Along this nature trail, you will see different types of traditional rural structures serving as shelter for shepherds and their cattle in the long, transhumant travels. "Chozos" are round or rectangular structures made in limestone and assembled scarcely using any mortar. They sheltered shepherd at night and from inclement weather. Their walls were usually thick and about 3 meters tall, topped with a cone-shaped roof with small windows or openings for the smoke of the fires lit inside to get out.

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WITH HISTORY

The 'Cañadas Reales' were cattle routes regulated by a royal edict by King Alfonso X the Wise, and allowed shepherds to move their cattle from winter to summer pastures and vice versa upon payment of royalties. The 'Cañadas Reales' were always linked to the 'Concejo Superior de La Mesta', a very powerful cattle organization created in 1273 which was granted special privileges that allowed transhumance to reach its maximum splendour during this age.



A WALK ON THE FIELDS OF MADRID

This beautiful, simple route is located in Southeastern Madrid and uses the former Cañada Real Sorian Oriental, one of the nine cattle routes crossing the Iberian Peninsula from North to South and one of the four crossing the Autonomous Region of Madrid. Along its 24 km, the trail crosses the 'Corrales de Calero' landscape, typical from Brea de Tajo. This will take you through the meadows and the pastures 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 beauty of these pastures is also your responsibility.

These routes take us to the countryside to discover forgotten trails and traditional routes for public use and enjoyment. Environment's Nature Trails Program aims to restore forgotten trails in order to leave everything as you found it. The conservation of these paths is also your responsibility.

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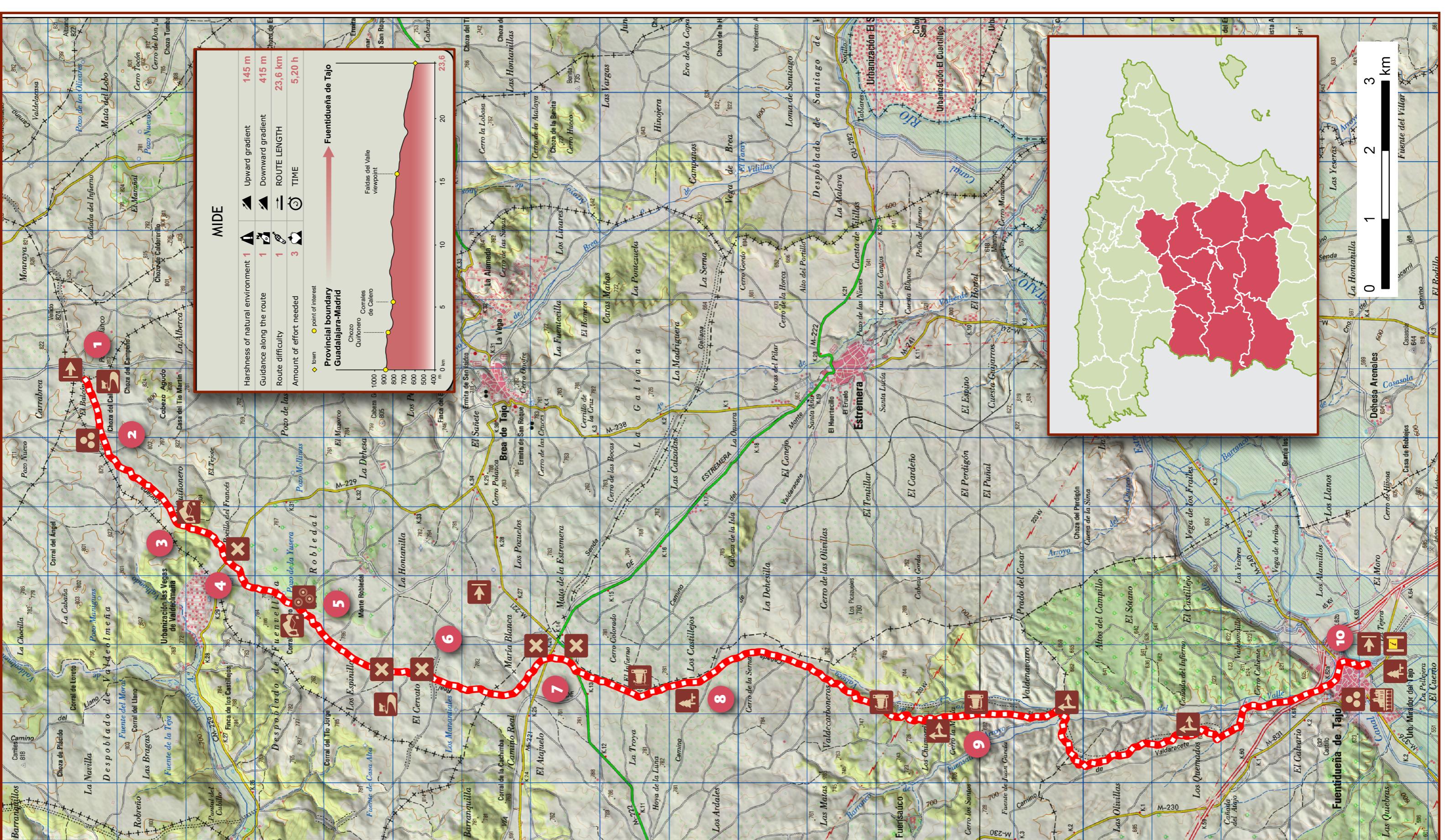
“Chozo del Quiñonero”, ancient merino cabin



The Tagus river-crossing Fuentidueña



Corrales de Calero



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Starting point

End of trail

Rest area

Cabin

Junction

Detour

Other sights of interest

Information panel

Viewpoint

Cattle road

Ruins

Monumental area

