

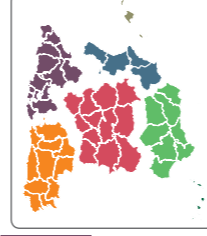
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NATURE TRAIL RIU



Guide to the Nature Trails of Spain



SECTOR NORTHEASTERN PENINSULAR



TWO TRAILS BY THE WATER

The Segre River guides these two alternative trails from the suburban park of La Mitjana in Lleida: heading North, it leads to the Chapel of Butsènit, while heading South it leads to the confluence of the Sèquia de Torres and the Canal of Serós. Two relaxed walks through riverside forests and the most significant wetlands in the area.



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TRAIL 1

1a. Both trails start at the walkway by the Liceu Escolar and run along the most urban section of the river.

1b. Instead of crossing the pedestrian walkway, this trail leads us along the left bank of the Segre River. As a result, hikers will pass by three bridges but only cross the fourth one, the Pardinyes Bridge, to go to the other river bank.

1c1. From this point, it is possible to return along the opposite river bank to the concrete walkway that links both sides of the river.

1c1. Another option is to continue toward a water park with sluices that retain the river water. In this area, there is a climbing wall and recreational fishing is allowed.

1d. The trail moves upward surrounded by trees up to the Avenida Pearson, and then continues in parallel to a sports area next to a skateboarding area and a radio controlled car circuit. A little further on, the road arrives at the Font i Quer roundabout. This area can be easily identified thanks to the Ous den Siurana sculpture of two metal eggs at the entrance of the Natural Park of La Mitjana where this trail ends.

TRAIL 2

2a. If we head South from the trailhead, this nature trail will run among landscaped areas to the left Segre River bank. This trail starts at the same point as the first one, then goes

under the Universidad Bridge and then under national roads N-230 and N-11 toward the waste water treatment plant where the waste water of Lleida is processed.

2b. Still surrounded by riparian vegetation, the trail now follows a dirt road up to a walkway where it is possible to cross over to the town of Butsènit or go straight along the old path to Albatarrac, always in parallel to the river.

2c1a1f. Taking the old path to Albatarrac, passing under the AVE high-speed railway line bridge there is a resting area. Further on, the trail comes to an end at the confluence of Sèquia de Torres with the Canal of Serós.

2c1f. Taking the path that crosses the river to Butsènit, it is possible to visit the wetlands, also known as the Aiguamolls de Rufea. This section, surrounded by riparian vegetation and a small wooden fence goes under the railway bridge again, with some access paths to private poplar groves and crop fields to the right.

2d. Further on there is a resting area by the water of the lagoon complex of Rufea that then continues toward a concrete walkway, allowing passage to the other side of the Segre River bank or to keep going along the same bank. Behind us we will discover a beautiful panoramic view of the city of Lleida.

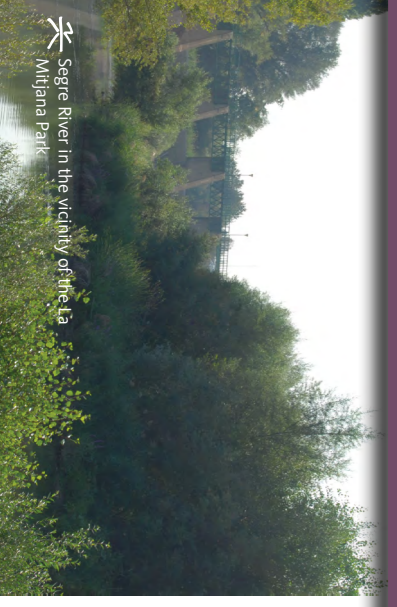
2e. The trail finally arrives at a fork where it continues along the Camí de la Cerverera leading to the last resting area, right before the end of the Nature Trail at the Chapel of Butsènit.

ELS AIGUAMOLLS DE RUFEA

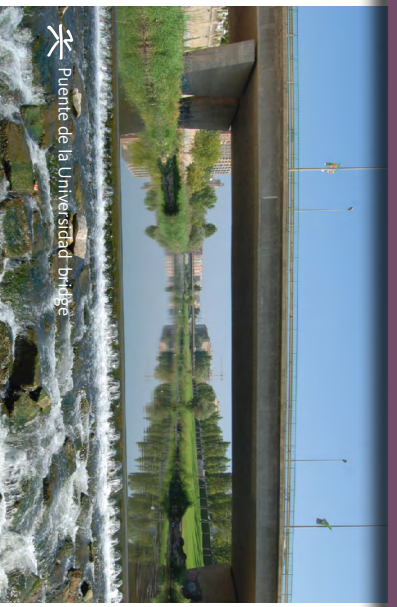
Els Aiguamolls de Rufea is a wetland area of significant ecological and social interest located near the Chapel of Butsènit, halfway between La Mitjana and the Urxesa reservoir.

This important wetland was formed as a consequence of the consistent aggregate extraction developed in the area until the 1980s. The excavated wells and pits soon prompted the appearance of lagoons, since the groundwater table is very close to the surface. The space, very deteriorated by past extraction activity, has been restored with riparian vegetation such as poplars, ash trees and alder trees that have recolonised the primeval environment dotted with holes and debris.

The Rufea wetland area is part of the Riu Nature Trail which runs through the rural area of Lleida, connecting spaces high in natural and human value with water, making it the main feature of the journey and therefore the most important ecological corridor in the area.



Segre River in the vicinity of the La Mitjana Park



Puente de la Universidad bridge



Riparian vegetation

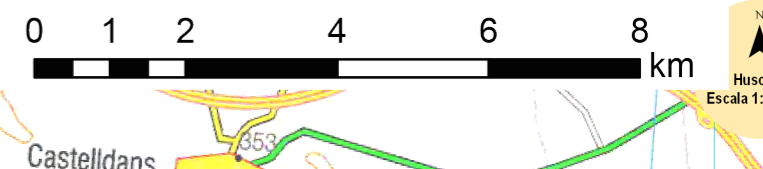
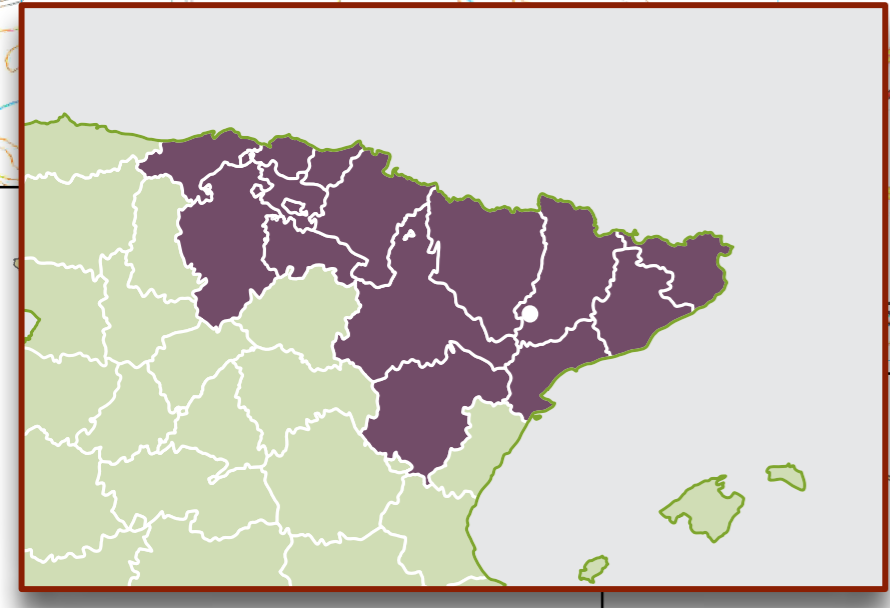
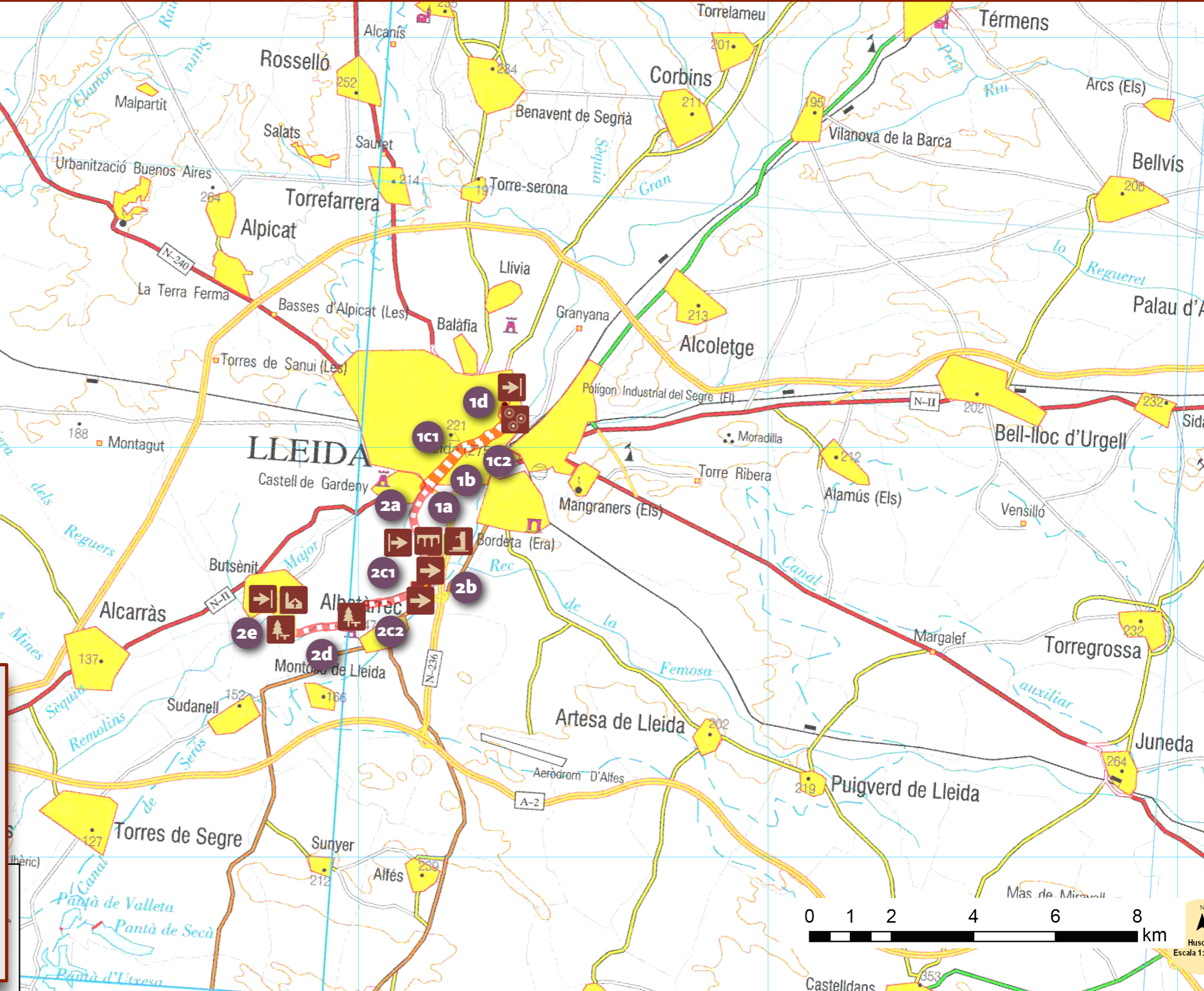
MIDE

Harshness of natural environment	1	▲ Upward gradient	30 m
Guidance along the route	1	▼ Downward gradient	10 m
Route difficulty	2	≡ ROUTE LENGHT*	14,9 km
Amount of effort needed	3	⌚ TIME	3 h

* Total route length including branches

◆ town ● point of interest

Bustenit hermitage → **Parc de Mitjana**



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**NATURE TRAIL
CASTEJÓN DE MO-
NEGROS**

- Starting point
- End of trail
- Fountain
- Rest area
- Underpass
- Religious building
- Bridge
- Other sights of interest