



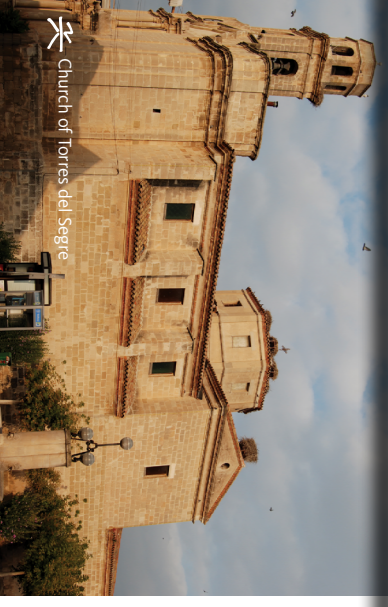
Guide to the  
**Nature Trails**  
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NATURE TRAIL  
**RIVER SEGRE AND UTXESA  
RESERVOIR**

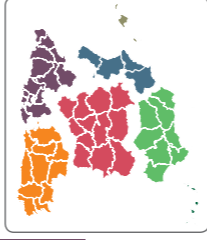
The trail starts near the LP-7043 road bridge at the entrance of Torres de Segre. From here, two different itineraries are available.

The first one is a short path, less than one kilometre in length, that connects two bird observatories over the River Segre banks.

- 1a. The trailhead is located next to the commemorative plaque that pays tribute to the opening of this nature trail and then turns left up to the observatory at the reservoir. Bird watching is possible any time during the year.
- 1b. Back to the trail, going straight on along the path there is a recreational area. The trail follows the course of the river in parallel and passes by two turn-offs to the left before it reaches the second bird observatory over the River Segre. The second trail is an enjoyable walk that leads to the Utxesa reservoir.
2. The initial section runs through the urban area of Torres de Segre along the Carrer de Raxal del Pont, passing by the impressive parish church to the right. At this point, the trail turns left at the Carrer de Creu and goes straight ahead along the Carrer de Pau Casals up to a roundabout where it turns left heading for Utxesa.
3. Following the nature trail signs, the trail leaves this town at kilometre point 3 and arrives at the Canal de Serós. From this point the trail goes on along the wooden fence to the right.



Church of Torres del Segre



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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 River Segre and Utxesa Reservoir 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.

**TELEPHONES OF INTEREST:**

- City Council of Torres de Segre: 0034 973 79 60 05.
- City Council of Utxesa: 0034 973 79 27 89.

4. The trail continues parallel to the canal for about 1.5 kilometres, surrounded by fruit orchards, headed for the "Elevated Observatory 19", located after kilometre point 5. Here it is possible to contemplate bird species as striking as grey herons, great crested grebes, cattle egrets, mallards or black-winged stilts.
5. The track then reaches the Caminet del Pantà at an intersection where hikers must turn left. This section runs parallel to the Secà reservoir surrounded by reeds and canes, plant species typical of wetlands. Passing through a section with wooden fences to both sides, the trail continues straight on.
6. This Caminet del Pantà leads to another intersection, this time with the road to Utxesa which we must follow along its left side. As the trail goes on, it reaches the Jòquers Viewpoint that offers a panoramic view of the Secà reservoir.
7. Back to the road, hikers can take a detour to the recreational area of Fonteneta or continue the trail, now headed for the information and welcome point. At such point, guided tours are offered both along the River Segre and the Utxesa reservoir. Bicycle rental and accommodation at the fishermen refuge to the West of the reservoir are also available.
8. Only a few metres after the information point, there is a walkway over the Canal of Serós. The trail crosses the road once again and then enters a pine forest toward



Dock at the Utxesa reservoir

**WETLANDS AND MIGRATORY BIRDS**

The River Segre and Utxesa Reservoir Nature Trail is 15 kilometres away from Lleida. It connects a section of the River Segre with the Utxesa Reservoir for 13 kilometres, although it can get a couple of kilometres longer when doing all trail branches.

The section along the River Segre is surrounded by riparian vegetation such as several poplar species and alder trees, home to a wide range of bird species, particularly aquatic birds.

The Utxesa Reservoir is a unique place, granted status of Nature Wild Fauna Reserve in October 1990 due to the considerable diversity of species it is home to. It is included in the Plan of Spaces of Natural Interest in Catalonia (PEIN) for its great biodiversity, although its main importance relies on it being an essential place for migratory bird species.



the road headed for the Pescadors residential complex. Having passed through such urban area, then the trail heads to the right up to the reservoir water.

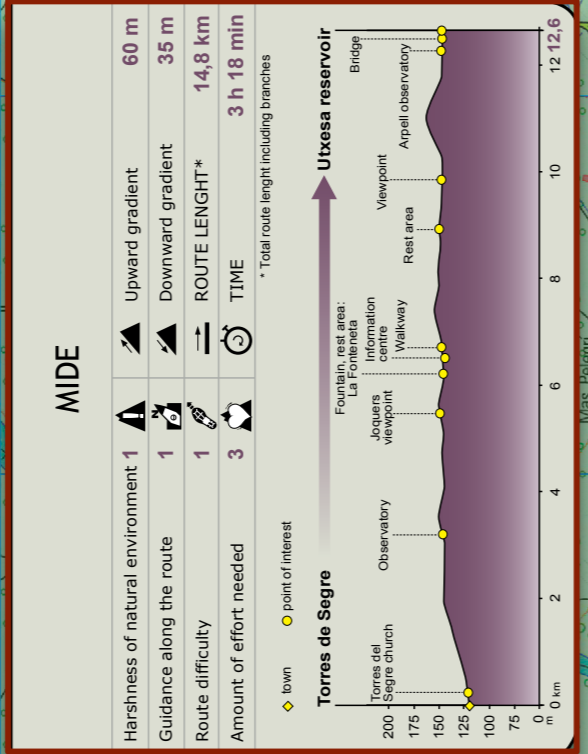
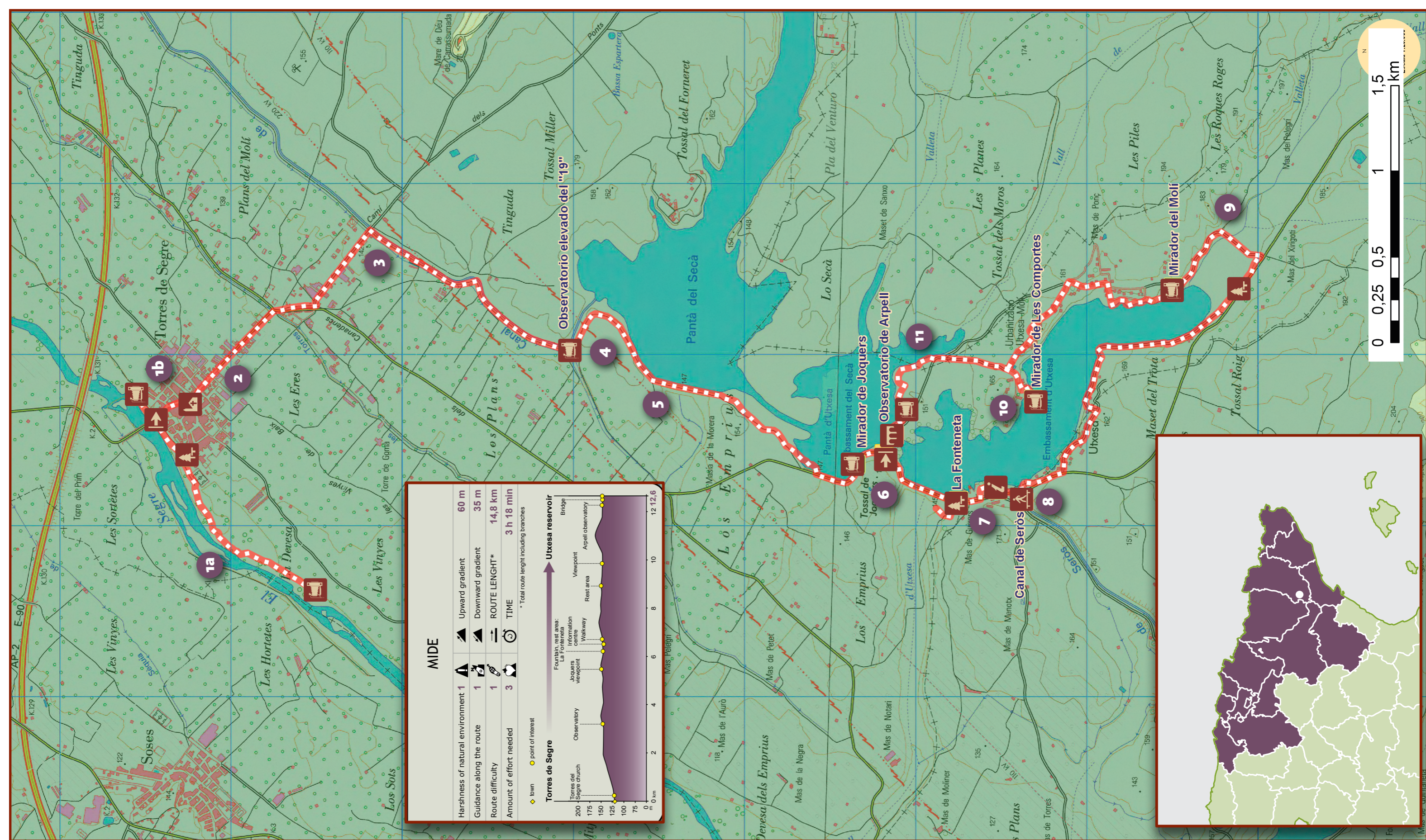
9. Right before kilometre 10 of the trail, there are several fishermen stands where fishing competitions are often held. The trail continues straight ahead and, passing a recreational area, merges with another track to the left. Skirting the Southern edge of the reservoir and turning left once again, the trail reaches the Moll Viewpoint where we can find the remains of an old mill.

10. The trail then turns right and enters the Utxesa-Moll urban development. Following the signs, it crosses another residential area and reaches an intersection where hikers can move away from the trail for a while and take a break to admire the landscape from the viewpoint of Les Comportes.

11. The final stretch of the trail continues along the Camino de Les Piles up to another intersection where, once again going straight ahead, we can find the Arpell Observatory. Only a few metres away there is a bridge where the Utxesa Reservoir trail ends, as this second Nature Trail route comes to an end.



Arpell observatory



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- Starting point
- End of trail
- Rest area
- Viewpoint
- Religious building
- Interpretation centre
- Walkway
- Bridge