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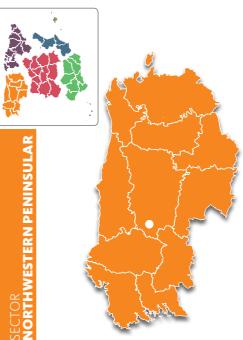
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We invite you to visit them and offer you the keys to enjoy the trip. In this brochure you will find a brief description of the Cacabelos - Quilós Nature Trail and the map for the journey, along with recommendations to make the most of this experience. 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. 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.

le trails and traditional routes, for public use and enjoyment.

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, catt-



of Roman settlements where, even then, the Romans them-selves would have enjoyed the wines that these fertile lands still produce today, under the Bierzo Designation of Origin. One does not have to stray far from this route to visit some

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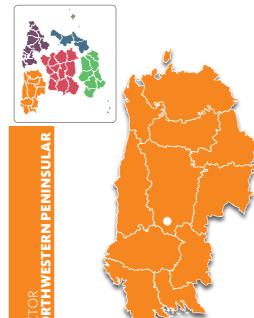
nearby pre-Roman archaeological sites.

with the French section of the Camino de Santiago.

The geographic depression of El Bierzo is home to a number

Cacabelos is a municipality located in the heart of the area known as El Bierzo, in the north-east of the province of León. The trail begins here and follows the River Cúa along its lower course for some 4 kilometres until it reaches Quilós where one can admire the traditional stone and slate architecture.

ROMAN PRESENCE AMONG THE VINES



CACABELOS - QUILÓS

The nature trail starts from Cacabelos in the direction of the village of Villafranca del Bierzo, just before the brid-

ge over the River Cúa. The path winds through a poplar wood by the river and around the last few houses of the

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CASTRO DE VENTOSA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

A small wooden bridge crosses a canal before reaching a roundabout where it is linked with the road to Quilós. Arriving in the village, there are several examples of the

local architecture to be observed along with traditional

The trail then runs alongside road LE-712, parallel to a canal and past a number of houses and fields. This entire section has been repopulated with cork, linden, holly, chestnut, oak and cedar trees, which provide shade, as well as many variations of vines typical of the area.

After some 700 metres, the route swings away from the river, past some houses and towards a crossing where the concrete path ends. At the roundabout we take Calle de la Edrada which leads to Quilós. After crossing

the street, we continue north along an asphalt path.

LA EDRADA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

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After passing a fountain, the nature trail ends at a small

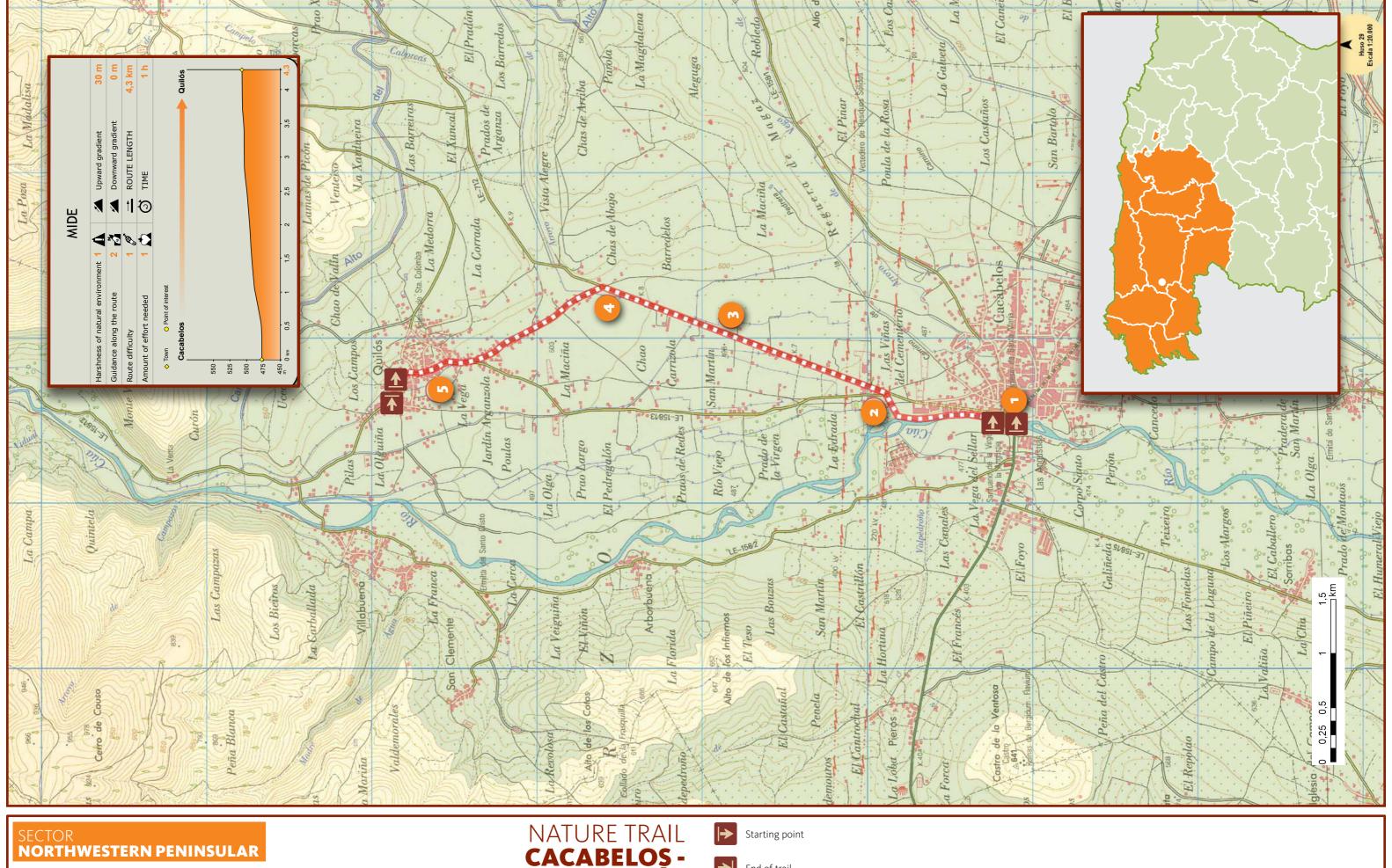
roundabout decorated with a stone column at its centre.

CACABELOS ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM











NATURE TRAIL CACABELOS -QUILÓS



End of trail



Information panel



