

View from the Viewpoint of San Fabián



La Fuente Madre, an underground aqueduct



Castle of Castejón de Monegros

The castle is built in pure Gothic lines, and, even after its transformation into a shrine, the façade and towers are practically untouched, and, by the water reservoir, the remains of what might have been a watch tower may be appreciated.

It was built in the 13th Century; the oldest reference we have of this castle is dated in 1211. It is placed atop a hill north to the town, where visitors can enjoy a complete view over Castejón de Monegros. Nowadays, the castle holds the St Sebastian and St Fabián Shrine.

CASTLE OF MONEGROS

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This remarkable site can be visited, as it is well preserved. The quality of stone, the architectural system used to build it and the proper use and maintenance by locals have contributed to its preservation for generations.

"La Madre" is an underground aqueduct whose origin is unknown. It is located among three valleys and its layout starts at the dip in Val del Carro, a somewhat arid area.

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FUENTE MADRE

The trail continues across hills, plains and ravines and reaches the Viewpoint of San Sebastián, where the descent begins. This extraordinary promontory offers visitors a view of the Castle of Castejón and the Chapel of Santa Ana, tiny in the distance.

The trail goes back into town, passing by the municipal sports centre and the school. It heads South, crossing road HU-831 and follows a shaded path toward the Chapel of Santa Ana, at the end of a promontory that presides over the town. Santa Ana being the patron saint of the town, every year a religious pilgrimage is held at this chapel in her honour.

From the chapel, the last trail section continues along a stretch shared with motor vehicles, fenced by wood logs, back to the start point at Fuente de Arriba.

Another trail branches out of Fuente de Arriba. This trail is for the exclusive use of pedestrians and cyclists and is surrounded by farmlands, leading toward Fuente Madre, an underground aqueduct that supplied water to the town of Castejón. At the destination there is a recreational area for the enjoyment of visitors.

From Fuente de Arriba, the trail runs along the streets of the town toward the Castle of Castejón, a gothic-style building from the early 13th century located at the top of a hill, north of the town. Near this fortification and next to a resting area there is the Chapel of San Sebastián y San Fabián that offers a beautiful view of the area.

The trail continues skirting the area known as La Cordera along an elevated stretch where there are several viewpoints over the astonishing landscape of Los Monegros. From the Viewpoint of San Fabián we can observe junipers, thyme and rosemary scrubs, species that are able to withstand the high temperatures of the area and the gypsum-rich ground.

ROUTE TO FUENTE MADRE

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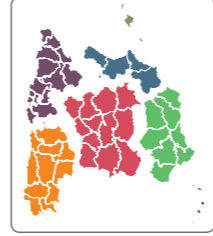


A TRAIL TO CELEBRATE A CENTURY OF ENGINEERING

The Castejón de Monegros Nature Trail is a loop trail in the vicinity of the town of the same name, in the South-East of the province of Huesca.

For 11 kilometres, the trail runs through a landscape dominated by the nearby Sierra de Alcubierre, where the patient and steady work of its former inhabitants who were determined to cultivate these arid lands in spite of the difficulties, can still be seen today.

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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 Castejón de Monegros 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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NATURE TRAIL CASTEJÓN DE MONEGROS

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The trailhead is located in the town of Castejón de Monegros, next to the Fuente de Arriba fountain, which is the only drinking water source along the whole trail. There is an information board explaining the most important features of the trail.

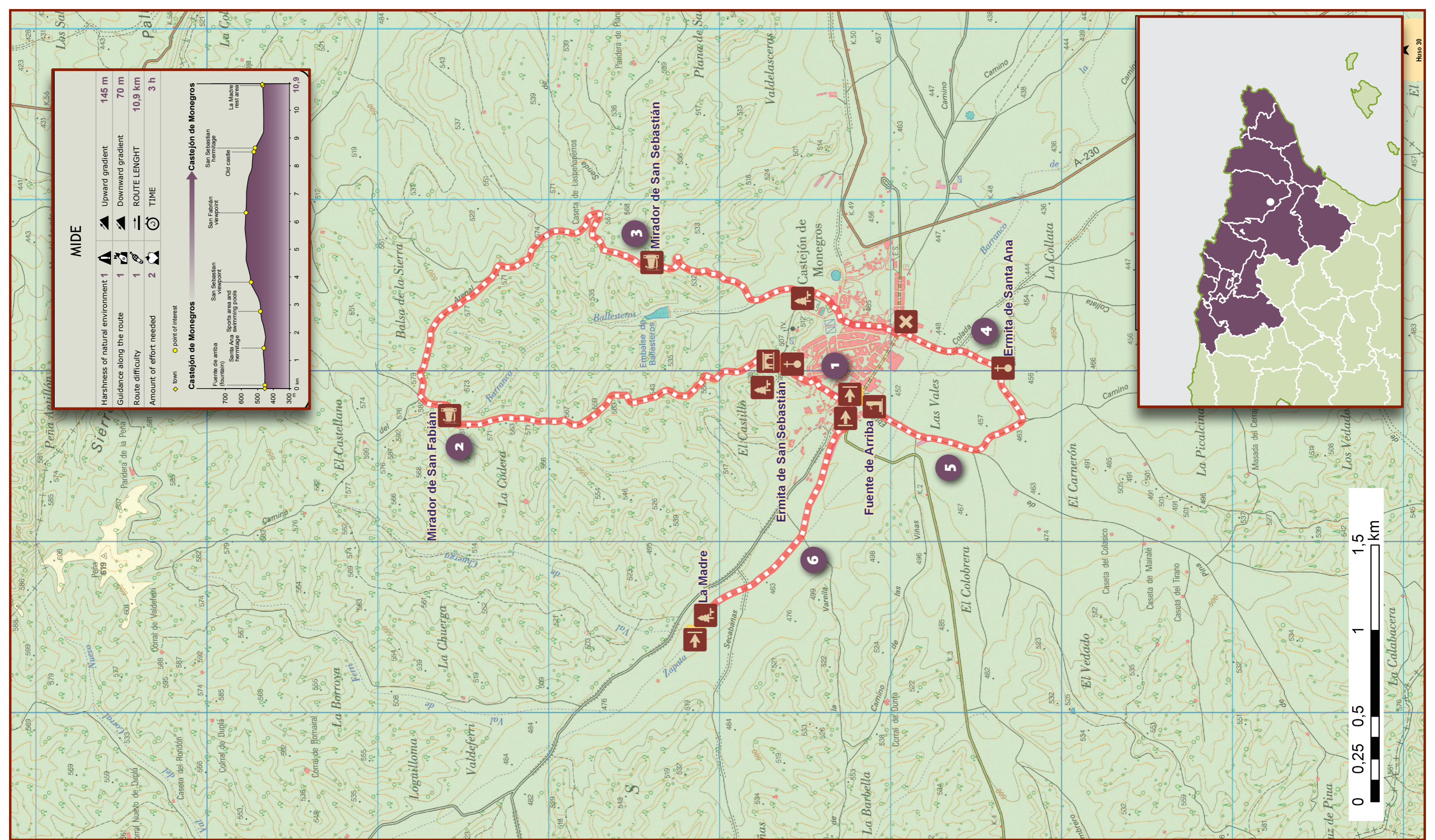
There are two possible routes. The first one, a loop trail, leads to the Castle of Castejón de Monegros and borders the area of La Cordera. The last stretch of the trail, however, returns in the opposite direction, passing by the Chapel of Santa Ana.

The second route, shorter than the first one, goes directly to "Fuente Madre".

LOOP TRAIL

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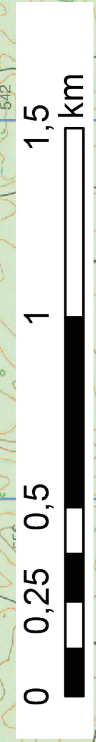
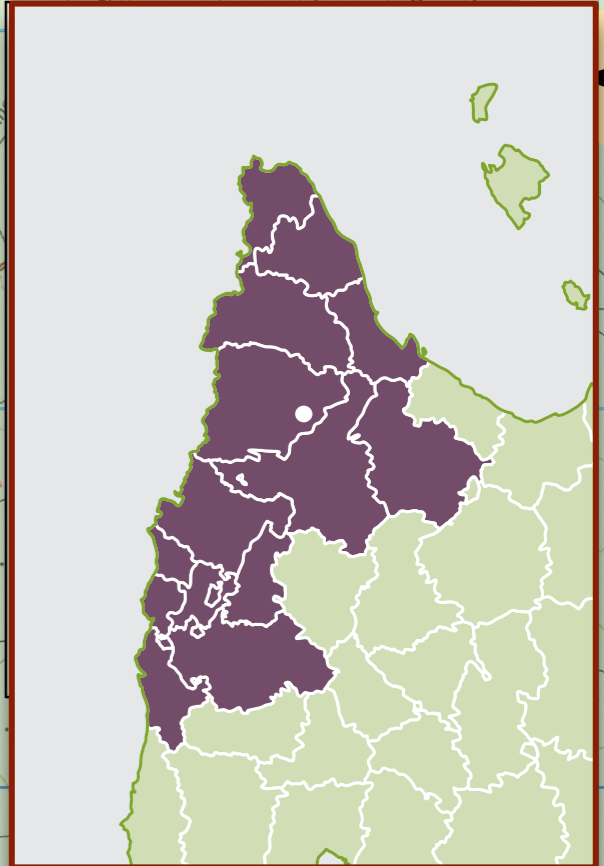


MIDE

Harshness of natural environment	1	▲	Upward gradient	145 m
Guidance along the route	1	👉	Downward gradient	70 m
Route difficulty	1	👉	ROUTE LENGTH	10,9 km
Amount of effort needed	2	👉	TIME	3 h

◆ town ● point of interest

Castejón de Monegros



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NATURE TRAIL
CASTEJÓN DE MONEGROS

- Starting point
- End of trail
- Fountain
- Rest area
- Viewpoint
- Hermitage
- Junction