

GOOD PRACTICE



Please leave rubbish in the bins provided



Walk on the marked paths



Please respect private property



The capture of animals is not permitted



Starting fires is strictly forbidden



Fishing is prohibited



Plant collecting is not allowed

Emergency phone: 112

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Sierra de Aracena
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MORE INFORMATION

Cabildo Viejo Visitors' Centre. Plaza Alta s/n. Edificio Cabildo Viejo. Aracena. Huelva. Tel.959 12 95 53/4.

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Trail

Ribera de Jabugo

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OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



• ROUTE

Linear

• LENGTH (OUTWARD)

4,8 km

• ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

1 hour and 45 minutes

• DIFFICULTY

Low

• TYPE OF TRAIL

Compacted soil footpath

• LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Typical hilly landscape with moderate slopes. Riverside gallery forests, chetsnut woods, dehesas and Mediterranean woodlands. Extensive cattle breeding of cattle, sheep and pork (at the montanera feeding state, that is, letting the pigs feed on acorns just before being slaughtered). Small agricultural holdings. Footpaths typically lined by masonry walls. White villages

• SHADE

Frequent

• SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

• RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear. Check that the water from fountains is safe to drink.

• PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Huelva / Galaroza, Jabugo y
Castaño del Robledo

• SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

917 - Aracena

• START / END COORDINATES

37° 55' 28,98"N – 6° 42' 42,56"O
37° 53' 46,29"N – 6° 42' 25,52"O



HOW TO GET THERE

The road N-433 (Seville-Lisbon) passes by Galaroza near its crossing with road N-435 (Badajoz-Huelva). As the N-433 crosses the village, the trails branches off just at the old facilities of the Santa Teresa electricity company.



PARKING

There is a car park with some 15 places at the start of the trail.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

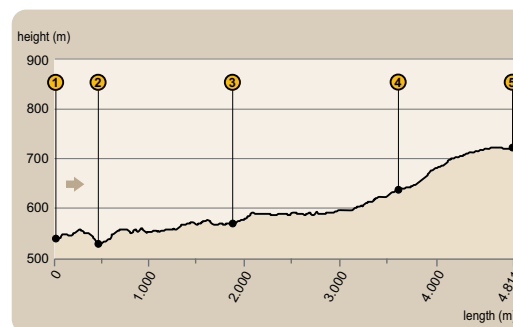
The main companies running regular bus routes in the area are Casal (tel. 954 99 92 90; www.autocaresbernardo.com) and Damas (tel. 959 25 69 00; www.damas-sa.es).



OTHER TRAILS

The natural park has an extensive offering of marked trails. Nearby trails include two trails that start or end in Castaño del Robledo: Castaño del Robledo - Puente de los Casares and Rodeo al Cerro del Castaño. Two GR routes pass through Galaroza: GR 41-3 and GR 42-1.

PROFILE OF ROUTE



• MAXIMUM GRADIENT

193 m

• MAXIMUM HEIGHT

722 m

• MINIMUM HEIGHT

529 m

JABUGO

Jabugo is an important town in the area. Its name, however, is inextricably linked to Iberian pork and its products, especially high-quality cured ham. This is because there is a protected denomination of origin which, until recently, used to be called Huelva Ham and now it is simply called Jabugo Ham, although it applies not only to the produce of the town but of the entire Sierra de Huelva.



According to the managers of the denomination of origin, the area in which ham and shoulders are made constitutes a naturally consistent area in which ecological factors, together with technical and human factors, contribute to create a product with a distinct personality made of the traditional characteristics of the Sierra de Aracena.



The number of Iberian porks controlled under the denomination of origin is limited to about 150,000 specimens, which allows to make over 40,000 hams and shoulders annually. The income from this industry supports an important sector that markets many products beside ham, such as cold cuts (cured loin, morcón, saucisson, morcilla..) or fresh pork meat.





Trail Ribera de Jabugo

Galaroza

Although the trail can be made in either direction, for the purposes of this guide we will consider that it starts in Galaroza, in the Seville-Lisbon road (N-433) next to the old facilities of the Santa Teresa electric company (see [1] on the map). The trail first runs south-east, lined by high walls, across an area of vegetable gardens, dotted by a few Portuguese oaks. Barely five metres down the road, the trail crosses the Múrtigas river [2]. This first section is cool and shadowed, and this shows in the vegetation: stones are covered in ferns and navelwort, and laurestine and butchers' broom line the path.



You are getting close to Ribera de Jabugo, which discharges in the Múrtigas very close to the point where you crossed it, and then you will cross a small stream, a tributary to both, using a small cement bridge. The landscape is dominated by riparian vegetation, characterised by black poplars and willows.



Ribera de Jabugo

The trail continues south parallel to the Ribera del Jabugo, which will be to your right for the most part of the trail. At the other side of the trail runs the N-435 road to Zalamea la Real.



Trees abound: black poplars and chestnuts by the river, and cork oaks to the left. This is a popular nesting place for birds, and it is possible to spot, or hear, robins, goldfinches, serins or buntings, especially near vegetable gardens, or great tits, jays or nuthatches in the woody areas. If you are lucky, you can spot a specimen of great spotted woodpecker pecking away at a tree or a brightly coloured common kingfisher in the river.



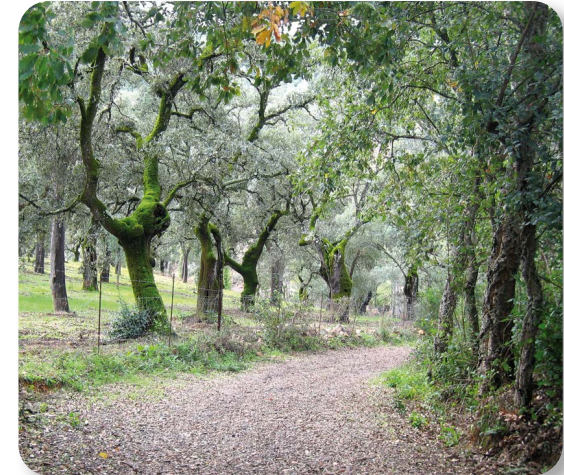
After having walked for about two kilometres, you will find the remains of an old irrigation canal [3], that diverted water from the river and towards vegetable gardens, mills or minor power plants. The trail comes closer to the river and allows us to enjoy the shadow of hazel trees and ashes, and the usual black poplars. The area becomes more open, and the river is crossed by means of a small pond. Once crossed, continue straight on, leaving to your right a path that leads to Jabugo.

The climb to Castaño del Robledo

Turn left on the next crossroads and cross the river again - this time without a bridge. The woods in this area include some specimens of alders. Continue walking along the riverside until reaching the path from Cortegana to Castaño [4], an old drovers' road, and turn left to take it.



You will now walk uphill and east, away from the river. The woods in this area are characterized by cork and holm oaks, and also Portuguese oaks in shadowed areas. The slope is quite steep, with sections of stone steps.



As you approach Castaño del Robledo, the slope becomes milder, the path becomes wider and vegetable gardens dominate the landscape.

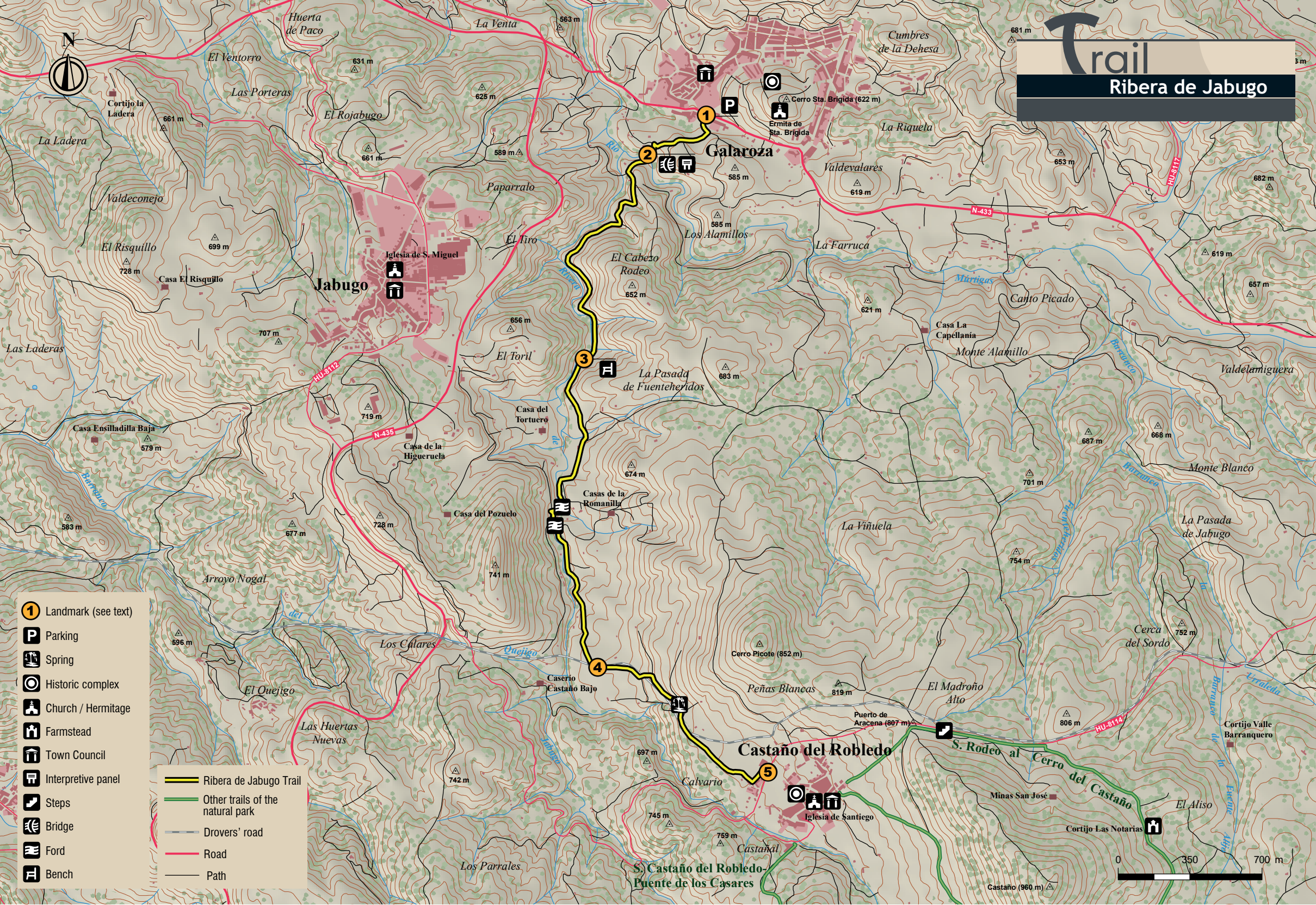
Take the road left between the El Calvario neighbourhood and the cold cults factory; this road will lead you to Fuenteheredos, the end of the trail. Across the road is Castaño del Robledo [5], a town which is, without a doubt, worth a visit.

This is without a doubt, one of the busiest trails in the Sierra de Aracena y Picos de Aroche Natural Park. This trail runs between two towns included in the General catalogue of Historical Heritage of Andalusia, Galaroza and Castaño del Robledo, running across a landscape with a rich monumental, cultural and natural value.

This landscape is characterized by dense woodlands, especially by the riversides, teeming with diverse forms of life.

Trail

Ribera de Jabugo



- Landmark (see text)
- Parking
- Spring
- Historic complex
- Church / Hermitage
- Farmstead
- Town Council
- Interpretive panel
- Steps
- Bridge
- Ford
- Bench

- Ribera de Jabugo Trail
- Other trails of the natural park
- Drovers' road
- Road
- Path

