

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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MORE INFORMATION

Cabildo Viejo Visitors' Centre. Plaza Alta s/n. Edificio Cabildo Viejo. Aracena. Huelva. Tel.959 12 95 53/54.

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NATURA 2000



Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura
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• ROUTE

Linear

• LENGTH (OUTWARD)

3,6 km

• ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

1 hour

• DIFFICULTY

Average

• TYPE OF TRAIL

Track

• LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Typical hilly landscape with moderate slopes. Open fields with chestnut woods, dehesas, pine woods and Mediterranean forest. 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. Waterfalls. White villages.

• SHADE

Scant

• SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

• RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

• PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Huelva / Castaño del Robledo
y Santa Ana la Real

• SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

917 - Aracena

• START / END COORDINATES

37° 53' 34,94"N – 6° 42' 19,36"O
37° 52' 10,67"N – 6° 42' 30,70"O



HOW TO GET THERE

Drive to Castaño del Robledo by road HU8114, between N-433 (Seville-Lisbon) and N-435 (Badajoz-Huelva). Once in Castaño del Robledo go south, to the end of Rosario street: this is where the trail begins.



PARKING

There is a car park with some 12 places at the start of the trail.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

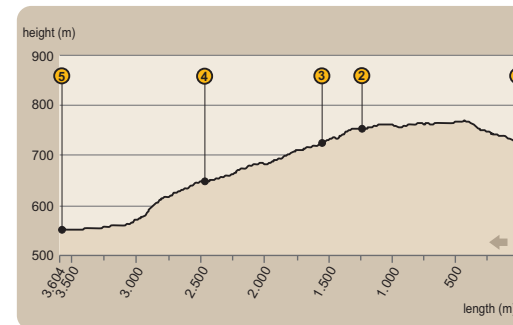
The main companies running regular bus routes in the area are Casal (tel. 954 99 92 90; www.autocaresbernardo.com) and Damas (tel. 959 25 69 00 ; www.damas-sa.es).



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: Ribera de Jabugo and Rodeo al Cerro del Castaño.

PROFILE OF ROUTE



• MAXIMUM GRADIENT

218 m

• MAXIMUM HEIGHT

768 m

• MINIMUM HEIGHT

550 m



BIRDS

On the way up you can see many birds such as great tits, typical warblers, chaffinches, black red starts and even Iberian green woodpeckers and great spotted woodpeckers. From this vantage point you can see the large birds of prey that fly over the sierra, such as the griffin vulture or the cinereous vulture, which is a threatened species and in all of Western Europe, it can only be found on the south-west of the Iberian Peninsula.



It is also possible to spot red kites in winter and black kites in summer, as well as different species of eagles. In the early evening this is a privileged spot to gaze at the stars and to listen to tawny owls and other nocturnal birds of prey that live in hollows in hollows chestnut trees or holm oaks.





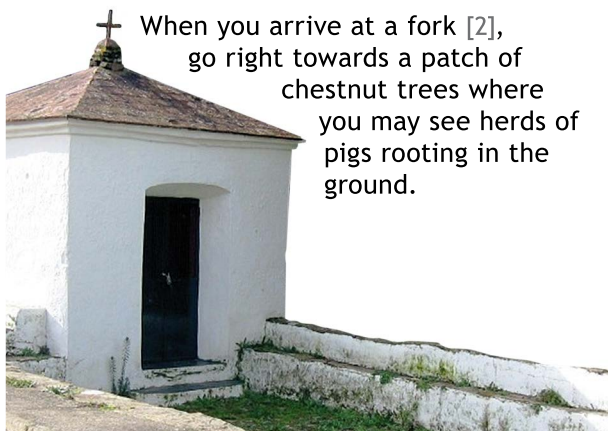
Trail Castaño del Robledo Puente de los Casares

Castaño del Robledo

The trail starts in a pebble paved road that leads to the graveyard from Rosario street, in the southern tip of Castaño del Robledo (see [1] on the map). Just before the graveyard, easily identifiable by the tall cypresses that rise over its walls, you can see the shrine called Humilladero de la Virgen del Rosario, a common place of worship on the road.



The trail goes first around the graveyard walls and then up among pines, holm oaks, cork oaks and the odd chestnut tree. You are on a humid area on the north side of the La Picoteja hill (804 m), where numerous species of plants thrive in the abandoned agricultural fields surrounding the village. Some interesting species are heath, strawberry trees or laurestine.



When you arrive at a fork [2], go right towards a patch of chestnut trees where you may see herds of pigs rooting in the ground.

Panoramic views

The trail ceases to go uphill, and after a flat section between pine trees and cork oaks, crosses a shrubby area [3], from where you can have a view of the rounded hills to the south, which is the direction in which you are progressing.



After enjoying this view and resting after the climb, keep progressing, now downhill, to the valley below. You can see that the surrounding vegetation gradually changes; this is explained by the fact that the trail is turning south, to more sunny areas. For this reason, plants like rockroses or wild lavender are increasingly present.

Views are still magnificent, although you may also be drawn to the heath at the sides of the path, especially when it blooms in winter. Very soon, a bright line can be seen at the bottom of the valley, tracing the river course. Those are the high black poplars, raising their naked branches in the air in winter or showing their leaves, bright green leaves in springtime and deep yellow in autumn.

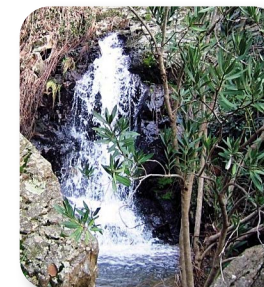
Low

The trail reaches the edge of a steep slope [4], and zigzags downhill. Please be careful because there is danger of slipping. Vegetation is lush in this section, there are holm oaks and large strawberry trees, and even the odd Mediterranean hackberry tree.



The trail continues along a meandering stream, after one of which a path branches off and leads to the Chorros de Joyarancón, a spectacular waterfall fifty metres high, although it may or may not be active depending on rainfall. By the foot of the waterfall there is a fine specimen of Portuguese oak.

You will finally reach the watercourse of the Casares stream, and cross it back and forth. You can enjoy the shadows of the black poplars that you have seen during the trail. In less than five hundred metres you will reach the road between Alájar and, after about one kilometre, Santa Ana la Real [5], the end of this trail.

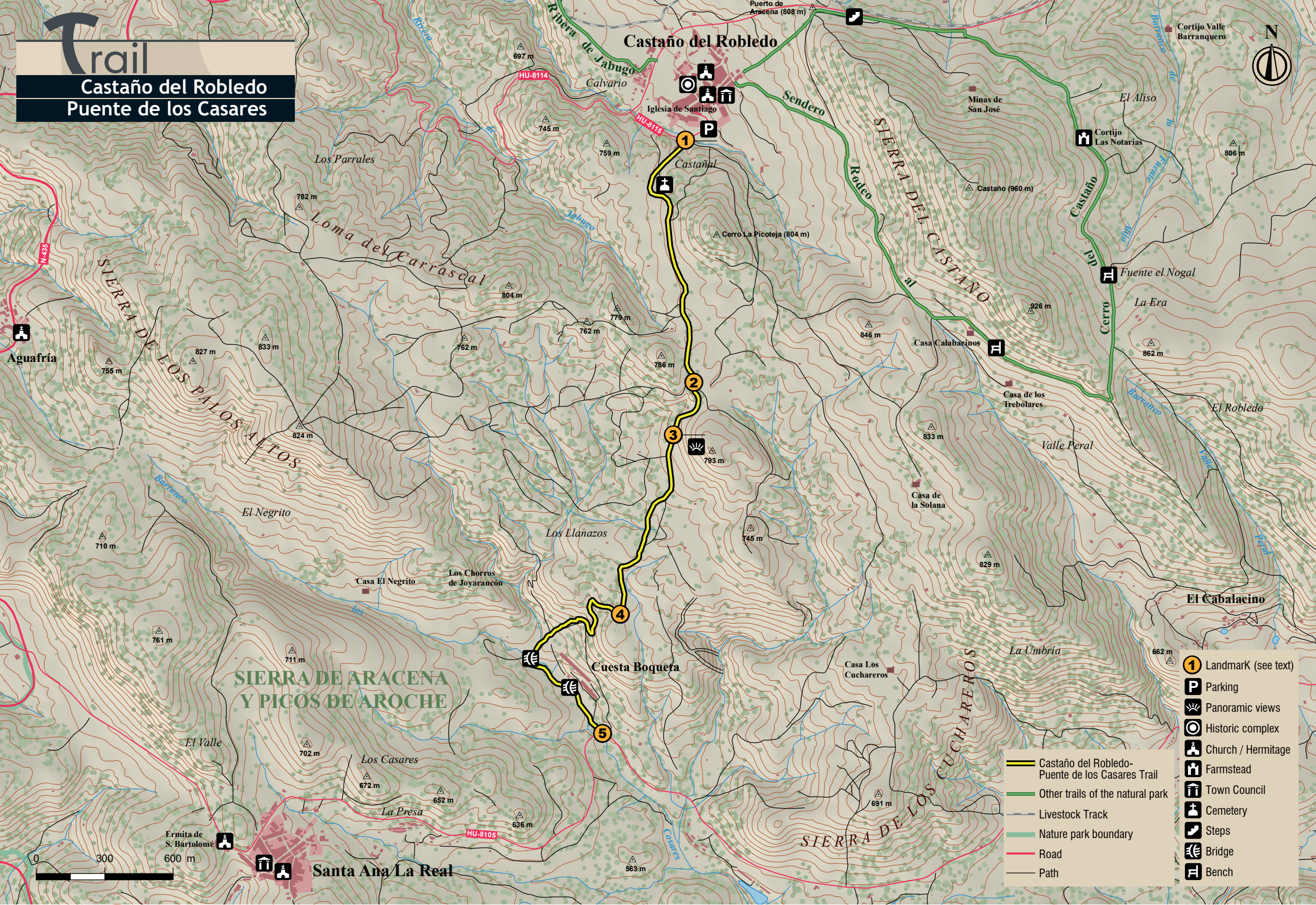


Is the starting point of many paths that allow to know better this privileged sport, characterized by dehesas and chestnut woods in original landscape patterns, adorned by the flashes of colour of rivers and shrubs.

The trail that leads to Puente de los Casares has some special characteristics, such as running along two different rivers or passing by a magnificent waterfall, although you are sure to find your very own favourite spot.

Trail

Castaño del Robledo Puente de los Casares



- 1 Landmark (see text)
- P Parking
- ☀ Panoramic views
- ⊙ Historic complex
- ⛪ Church / Hermitage
- 🏠 Farmstead
- 🏛 Town Council
- ⚰ Cemetery
- 👣 Steps
- 🌉 Bridge
- 🪑 Bench

- Castaño del Robledo-Puente de los Casares Trail
- Other trails of the natural park
- Livestock Track
- Nature park boundary
- Road
- Path

