

## 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



## HUELVA

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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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## Aracena

## Fuenteheridos



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### ROUTE

Linear walk

### LENGTH (OUTWARD)

11,3 km

### ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

4 hours

### DIFFICULTY

Average

### TYPE OF TRAIL

Track

### LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Typical hilly landscape with moderate slopes. Open fields with chestnut woods, dehesas, olive groves 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. 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. Please be extremely careful when crossing the road.

### PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Huelva / Fuenteheridos, Cortelazor,  
Los Marines y Aracena

### SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

917 - Aracena

### START / END COORDINATES

37° 53' 55,25"N – 6° 34' 07,98"O

37° 54' 19,13"N – 6° 39' 08,98"O



### HOW TO GET THERE

The main road to Aracena is N-433 (Seville-Lisbon), from which the trail starts in an industrial park located to the north-west of the city, in front of the gas station.



### PARKING

There is car park at the start of the trail and there are also places nearby to leave your vehicle



### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

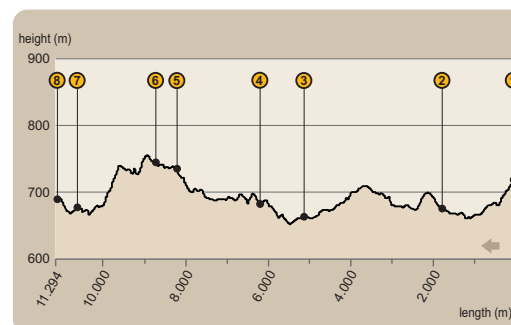
The main companies running regular bus routes in the area are Casal (tel. 954 99 92 90; www.autocaresbernardo.com) and Damas (tel. 959 25 69 00; www.damas-sa.es).



### OTHER TRAILS

The natural park has an extensive offering of marked trails. The closest trails are two that begin in Aracena, in the direction of Corteconcepción and Linares de la Sierra. The Alto del Chorrito trail starts near Los Marines. The GR-47 footpath goes through Fuenteheridos and links the Santa Eulalia shrine with Hinojales and the GR-48 footpath.

### PROFILE OF ROUTE



### MAXIMUM GRADIENT

114 m

### MAXIMUM HEIGHT

652 m

### MINIMUM HEIGHT

538 m

## CHESTNUT TREES

Although chestnut trees cover significantly less surfaces than the *dehesa* landscapes with their holm oaks and cork oaks, chestnut trees are the defining landscape of the Sierra, and chestnut products are one of its specialities. Chestnut trees grown in limestone-rich, humid soils, and compete with the climactic domain of oaks, which demand more altitude and humidity.



According to some authors, the ancient woods of Pyrenean or Portuguese oaks were cut down during the expansion of the Christian kingdoms (*Reconquista*) to make room for vegetable gardens and vineyards, which were in turn replaced by the chestnut trees that you can see today. Chestnut trees may or may not have been brought by settlers from the north of Spain, but there is evidence of their introduction at the expenses of previous forests, a successful process that was completed in the 16th century.





## Aracena Fuenteheridos

### Aracena

The trail starts at an industrial park to the north-west of Aracena, just off the Seville-Lisbon road (N-433) and in front of the gas station. If you are coming from Seville, take the second exist at the roundabout and continue to the end of the industrial park and the start of the trail (see [1] on the map). Leaving behind the outskirts of the town, the trail crosses a riverside patch of chestnuts, and takes the form of a traditional path, characterized by masonry walls at both sides. This is not surprising, since this trail is an actual historical path: the drovers' road to Seville.



### The change of seasons

These trees, including chestnut trees, are deciduous trees that radically change their appearance with seasons, transforming the entire landscape.



Small paths leading to farmsteads and cottages branch off right and left. After a little over a kilometre and a half, the trail goes own to a valley with vegetable gardens and meadows, leaving a footpath [2] leading to the stream to the right. Continue straight on for over a kilometre, enjoying



You will also see apparently abandoned olive groves. As the trail progresses into more harsh areas, this state of abandonment is extended to the cottages and to the path itself.

At this stage you will be walking parallel to the main road, albeit it lies to the other side of the low hills called, rather dramatically, Cumbres de Pelete. You are walking in the northern slope (technically, the ubac), in which plants that demand more humidity can thrive, such as Pyrenean or Portuguese oaks; specimens of both species grow among ferns, laurestine and butchers' broom.



the shadows of the chestnut trees, until arriving to a treeless area, dotted with just a few striking specimens of cork oaks. Cottages are scattered around the area, and a little further on, a large livestock shed. About eight hundred metres on, to your left, you can see another livestock shed. When you reach them, cross the Los Marines - Cortelazor road [3].



### Los Marines

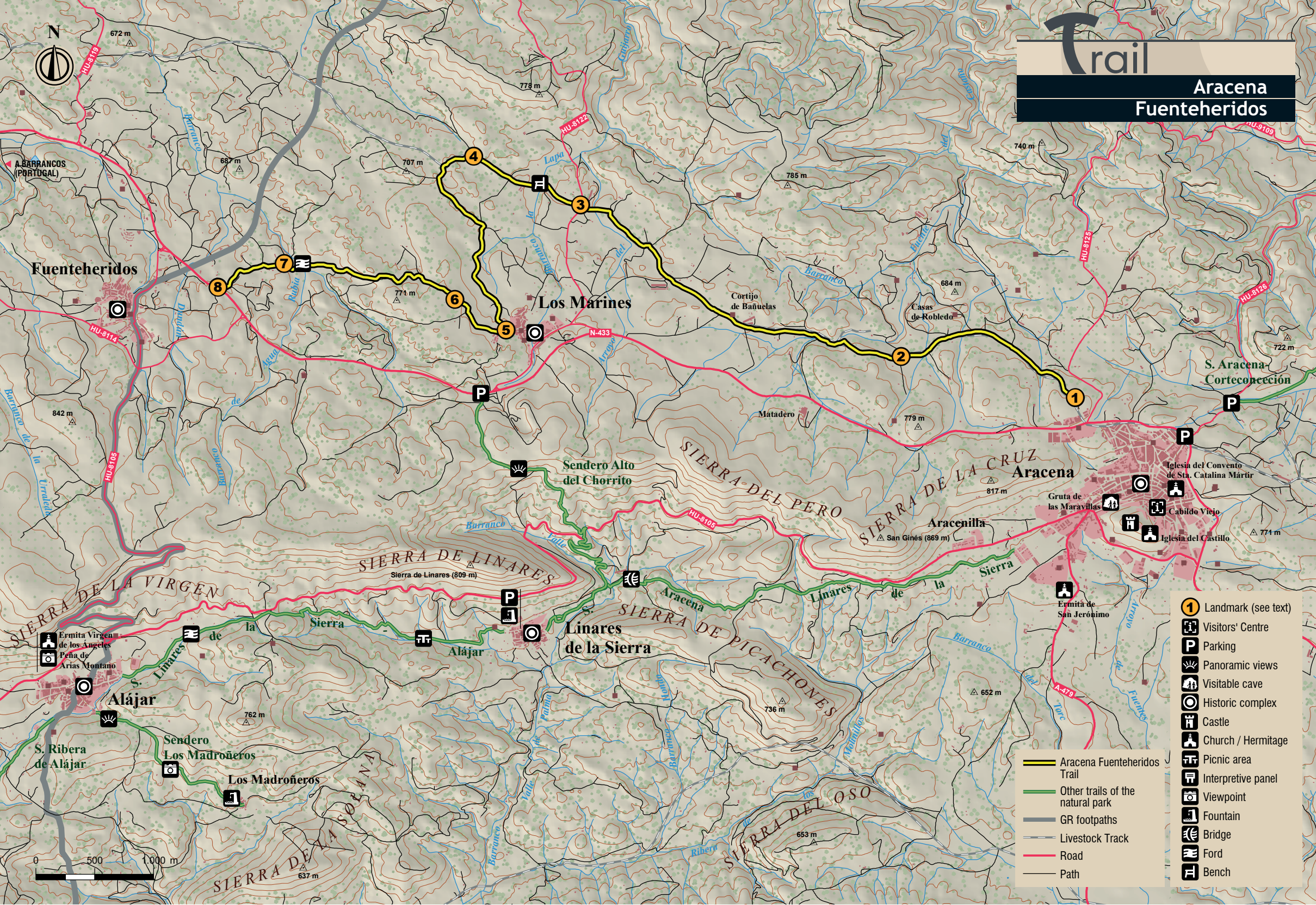
The trail goes down to the Guijarra stream, which has a dense riparian vegetation, in which large specimens of black poplar are especially noteworthy. After crossing the stream, the trail foes up to a fork [4]; leave the main road and take the left path. This path makes a wide curve to Los Marines to the south. This section is the path is a pretty paved road, lined by walls covered in ivy, navelwort, ferns and other species.



The path runs just by to Los Marines [5], a pretty town well worth a short detour. Leaving Los Marines behind, the trail goes uphill again. After a few metres, you can see, by the right wall, a water cistern covered by a whitewashed stone vault [6] The trail goes on for about a kilometre and a half crossing a *dehesa*-like landscape until crossing the Buenvino stream and, shortly afterwards, a larger path [7]. Turn left to take this path. After about six hundred metres you will find the main road [8] near Fuenteheridos. And this is the end of this trail.

The signals along this trail invite you to experience the pleasure to walk a historical path between two of the most noteworthy towns in this Natural Park. The fact that it is an old, historic trail shows in its current state of conservation.

The landscape surrounding it is also full of echoes of the traditional way of life: vegetable gardens and livestock, a diversity of trades in a changing, unequal environment, and a relationship with nature that ranged from struggle to harmony.



- 1 Landmark (see text)
- ☒ Visitors' Centre
- P Parking
- ☀ Panoramic views
- 🕒 Visitable cave
- 🏰 Historic complex
- 🏰 Castle
- 🏰 Church / Hermitage
- ☒ Picnic area
- ☒ Interpretive panel
- 📷 Viewpoint
- 🗿 Fountain
- 🌉 Bridge
- 🚶 Ford
- 🪑 Bench

- Aracena Fuenteheridos Trail
- Other trails of the natural park
- GR footpaths
- Livestock Track
- Road
- Path

