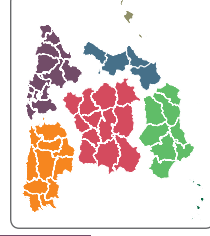


# NATURE TRAIL OJOS NEGROS



Guide to the  
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1. The starting point of this nature trail towards Puerto de Escadón is located at the old Santa Eulalia station on road A-1511 in the direction of Bozondón.
2. The route begins by crossing a steppe with a number of cultivated fields, through which rural roads cut across small gullies, streams and seasonal streams. The route passes close to a few isolated farmhouses before reaching a nucleus known as Las Granjas. Immediately, the road crosses an asphalt agricultural road and a long section shared with vehicles begins, though traffic is light.
3. Returning to the trail, the route continues along a section where the remains of old bridges and agricultural roads can be seen along the old Ojos Negros mining railway. There is a level crossing as the trail enters Cella by a new roundabout and it then passes through an old barn that still stands alongside an industrial fence.
4. After Cella station, restored as a picnic area, the route continues in the direction of Gaudé over dry land, approaching the modern Mudéjar motorway (A-23) and the slopes of the valley. Finally, it crosses under the N-234 and then over the railway track via a pedestrian walkway that offers excellent views. The small parish of Gaudé sits alongside the route and from the station you can make a brief stop in the village to fill your water bottle from the drinking fountain beside the church.
5. The Nature Trail continues along a flat stretch before crossing the A-23 motorway in the direction of Conclud.



Gullies in the sandstone terrain at the foot of Caldecebro

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 Ojos Negros 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.

**TELEPHONES OF INTEREST:**

- City Council of Teruel: 0034 977 868 018

6. After visiting the city of Teruel, a World Heritage Site, the trail crosses an area of beautiful gullies at the Punta de la Hoya Blanca before slowly climbing to pass under the viaduct of the A-226 and A-23 motorways. The motorway will cross our path again several times below.
7. Soon the pine forests of La Hoya de Teruel come into view. The slope begins to climb gently to reach the viaduct over the course of the River Seco and cross the A-23 via an overpass.
8. After the viaduct is the station of Valdecebro, in the middle of a pine forest that prevents problems of erosion. Great ditches, two tunnels and four viaducts continue to cross the pine forests of Puerto del Escadón, where information panels mark the end of the Ojos Negros Nature Trail, although the route, in good condition and well-signposted, can be followed as far as Sagunto.



Artesian aquifer in Cella

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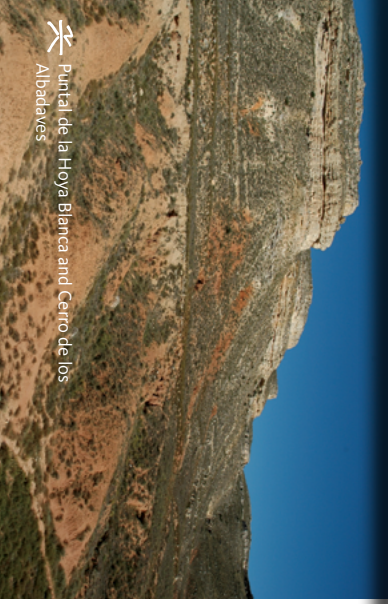


The open slopes of the wide Jiloca Valley are made from sandstone, clay and limestone and are home to a rich biodiversity unique to this steppe habitat. Travellers will have no difficulty finding esparto fields, stone curlews, larks and little bustards.

## THE OJOS NEGROS RAILWAY

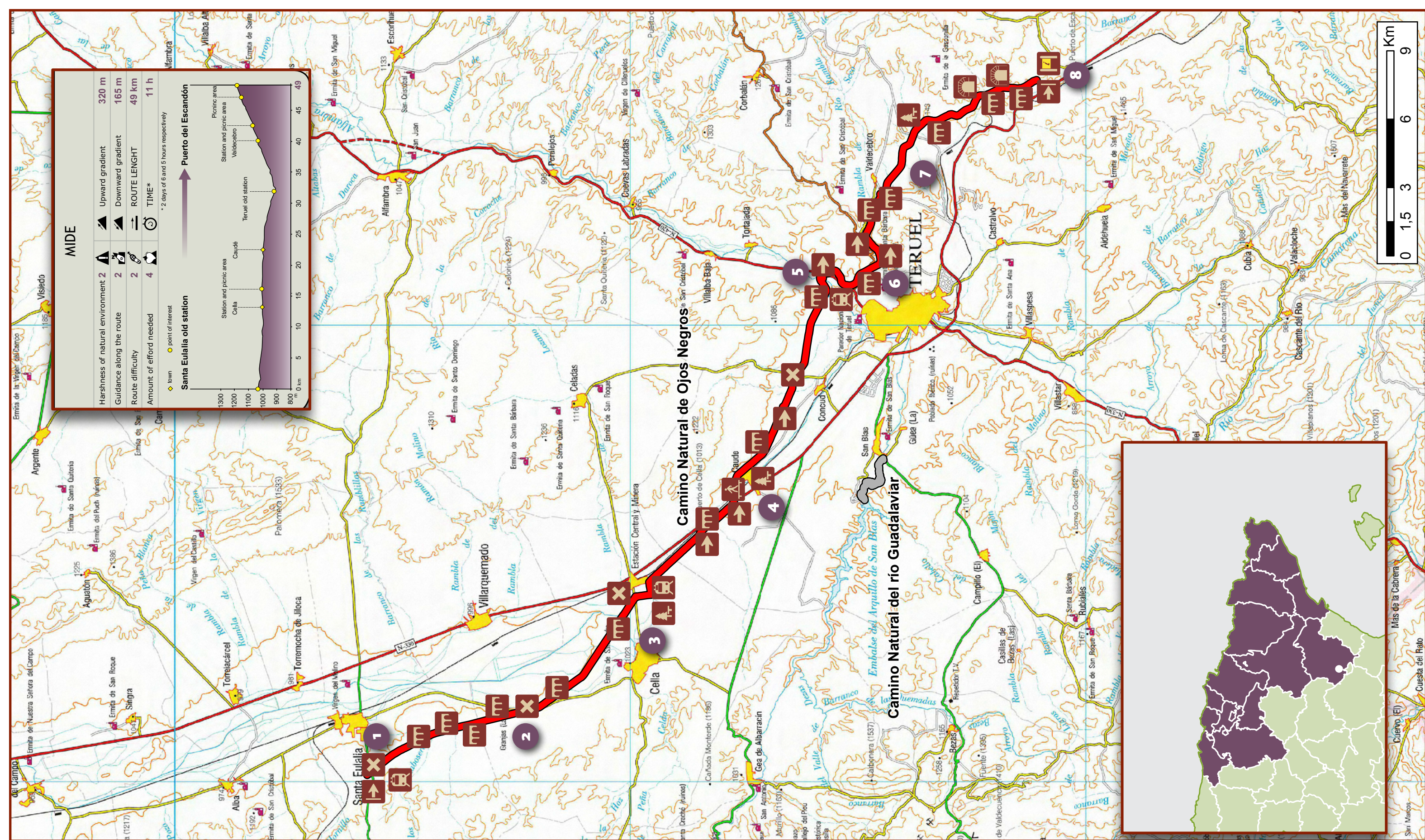
Ojos Negros was an old iron mine located at the foot of the Sierra Menera in the province of Teruel. A long narrow gauge railway line used to connect the mine over 200km to the steelworks in Sagunto. Oddly enough, since before its construction, another wide gauge railway line, which remains in operation, has run parallel to the former and is also outfitted for the transportation of passengers. However, the mining company thought it would be more profitable to build their own.

After several decades of intense use, it was forced to ask Renfe if it could use its track to solve the bottle neck caused by its own insufficient method of transport. The line was closed in 1972. Ten years later, the Spanish mining crisis occurred, resulting in the collapse of the mining company and of the metal industry of Sagunto, which had thrived up until then.



Punta de la Hoya Blanca and Cerro de los Albadaves





**MIDE**

Harshness of natural environment	2	Upward gradient	320 m
Guidance along the route	2	Downward gradient	165 m
Route difficulty	2	ROUTE LENGTH	49 km
Amount of effort needed	4	TIME*	11 h

\* 2 days of 6 and 5 hours respectively

town  
 point of interest  
 Station and picnic area  
 Picnic area  
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 Valdecabro  
 Teruel old station  
 Caudé

**Santa Eulalia old station**



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- Starting point
- End of trail
- Information panel
- Rest area
- Train station
- Junction
- Underpass
- Bridge
- Tunnel
- Walkway