

NATURE TRAIL RIVER RIVERA DEL ACEBO

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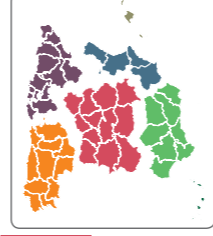
SEVEN ROUTES BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

The River Rivera del Acebo Nature Trail is located in the north of the province of Cáceres. This 15-kilometre long trail through the lands of Cáceres is made up of seven routes that either depart from the recreational area of "El Jevero" or are linked with the ones departing from there. 2 kilometres away from the town of Acebo, the spot where this route begins is home of the natural pools of the River Rivera de Acebo, which invite the traveller to enjoy a refreshing bath before or after the hike.

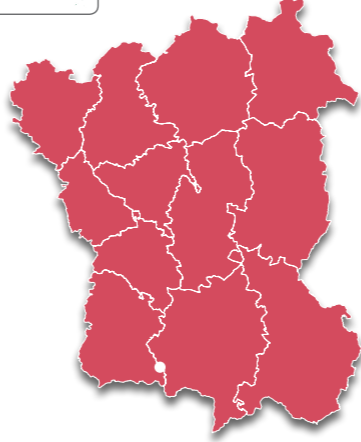
Since 1993 the Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and the Environment's Nature Trails Program aims to restore former transport infrastructures such as railway tracks, cattle trails and traditional routes, for public use and enjoyment.

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 the River Rivera del Acebo 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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The seven routes making up this naturtrail are:

NO. 1. PRADO DE LAS MONJAS RESERVOIR ROUTE

1a. From the recreational area of "El Jevero", the only place equipped with drinking water fountains along the route, the trail goes uphill northbound crossing a walkway over the pools. The initial stretch runs among brooms and ferns until reaching "Pista del Molino", which borders a maritime pine reforestation area.

1b. The traveller must pay attention not to branch off towards other routes that start halfway, such as route no. 2.

1c. The route ends at the Prado de las Monjas reservoir, where it is connected to routes no. 3 and no. 7.

NO. 2. VENTOSA VIEWPOINT ROUTE

2a. This route begins in the middle of route no. 1 and goes uphill among heathers, brooms and rockroses through a small hill range that borders a maritime pine reforestation area.

2b. The traveller must pay attention not to branch off towards other routes that start halfway, such as route no. 2.

2c. After reaching an altitude of 794 metres at the top of the hill of La Ventosa, endpoint of this route, the journey can be resumed through the link with route no. 4.

From this endpoint, the traveller can sight the valley of the Arrogujo stream on the right and the valley of the Rivera del Acebo River on the left, crowned by the

Jálima peak, which, being 1,492 metres high, is the highest peak of Sierra de Gata.

NO. 3. PUENTECITOS ROUTE OR LA CERVIGONA WATERFALL ROUTE

3a. After leaving the right margin of the Prado de las Monjas reservoir, the Puentecitos route runs parallel to the course of the namesake stream. This is the brook of Los Puentes or Los Puentecitos, one of the streams departing from La Cervigona.

3b. Leaving the reservoir behind, the Rivera de Acebo River is crossed and the trail continues through the bottom of the valley and climbing it up through its left bank. As we go up, the route narrows among the heathers that give way to alder trees and other river bank species.

3c. After crossing the river again, the route turns and goes upstream the Allisos stream, which is enclosed between slate slabs.

3d. The route ends near a building, an old electrical plant that is very close to the La Cervigona waterfall.

NO. 4. LA CERVIGONA VIEWPOINT ROUTE OR PUERTO DE CASTILLA NORTE ROUTE

4a. This route, which begins in La Ventosa Viewpoint, is part of the Puerto de Castilla Trail, which is several centuries old.

4b. The route runs through the side of the Teso de Santa María towards the firebreak located in the highest area of the route.

4c. The route ends at the Prado de las Monjas reservoir, where it is connected to routes no. 3 and no. 7.

NO. 5. PUERTO DE CASTILLA SUR ROUTE

5a. The route, which is also part of the old Puerto de Castilla Trail, departs from the Molino de Acebo bridge. From there, it starts going up through a steep track towards the north to end at La Ventosa.

5b. At this point, it is possible to head towards La Ventosa Viewpoint or to continue through Puerto de Castilla Norte Route towards La Cervigona, linking with route no. 4.

NO. 6. POOLS OF THE RIVER RIVERA DEL ACEBO ROUTE


6. The route runs near the three pools of the Rivera del Acebo River, beginning at the pool of Molino de Acebo, from where the traveller can head towards the recreational area of "El Jevero", where the other two pools are located. From here, the traveller can continue through the Prado de las Monjas Reservoir Route to reach the Puentecitos Route, a very short linking route that has rest areas both at the beginning and at the end.

NO. 7. JARA DEL REV STREAM ROUTE

7a. Departing from the edge of the reservoir, this route goes up through the side of the Teso de Santa María.

7b. The route has a steep slope, so some steps were built in order to make it more accessible.

7c. The mountain pass of La Ventosa, endpoint of this route, is linked with route no. 4 to continue towards La Cervigona Viewpoint or to return to the recreational area of "El Jevero" through routes no. 2 and no. 5.

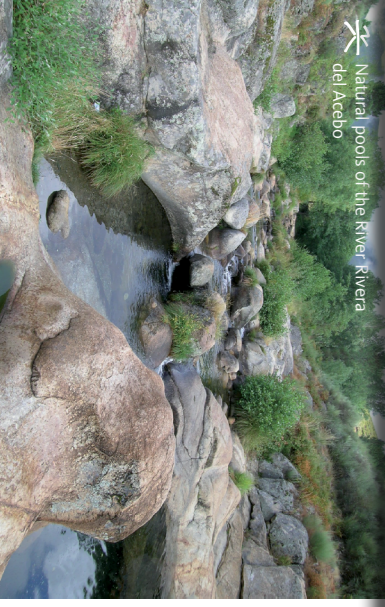
 Pine trees in the Puentecitos Route



 Puentecitos Route towards the waterfall of La Cervigona



 Natural pools of the River Rivera del Acebo



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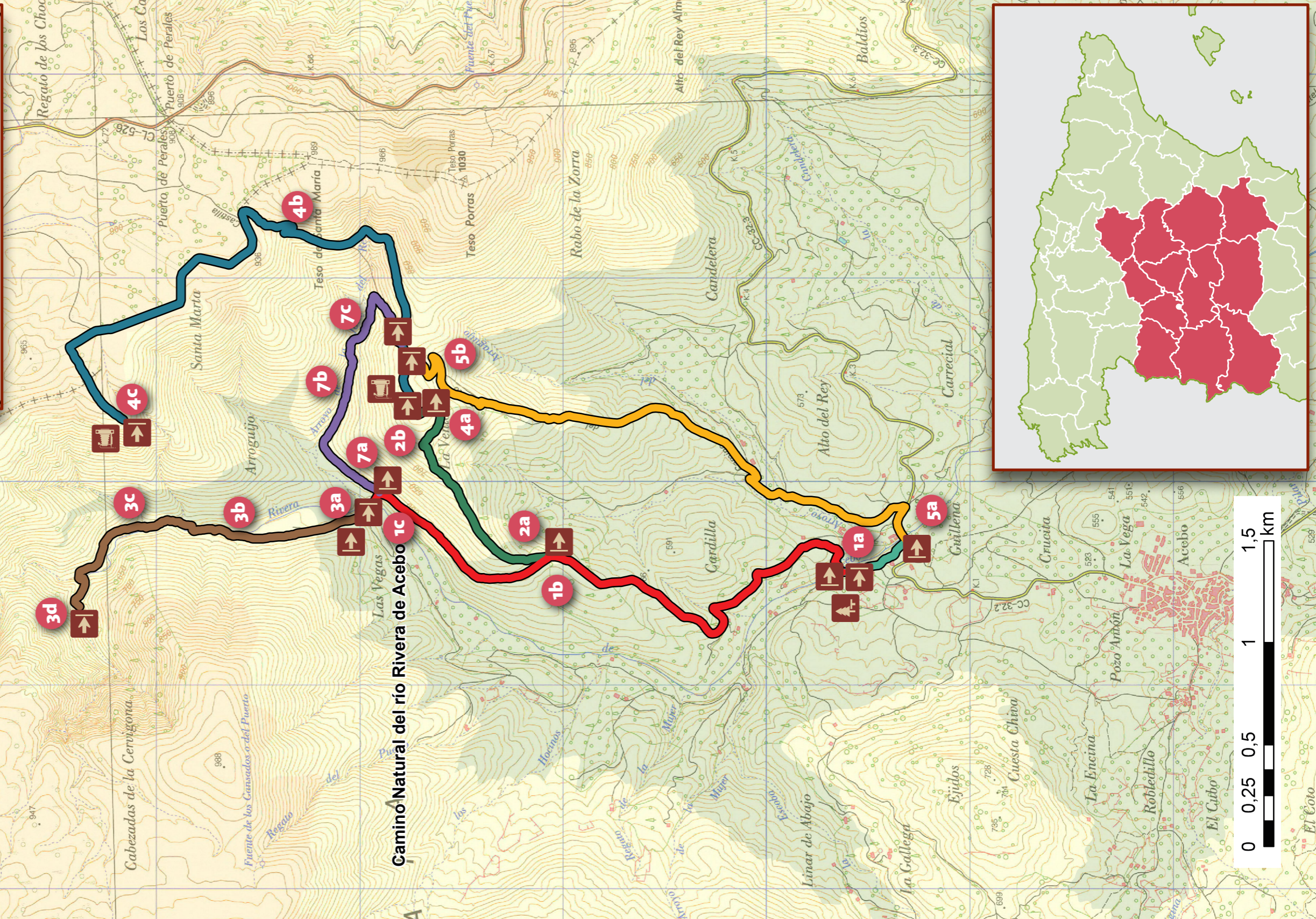
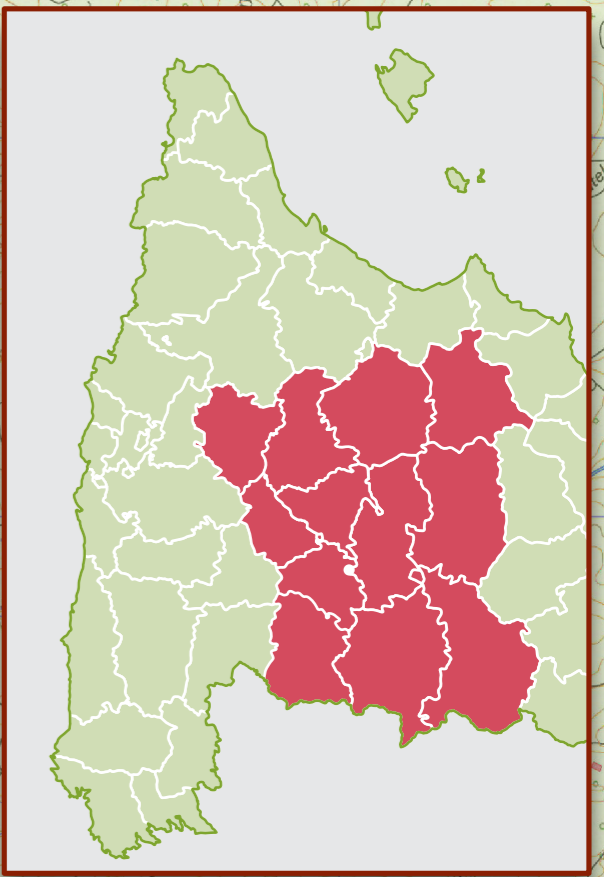
Harshness of natural environment	2	▲	Upward gradient	955 m
Guidance along the route	2	▲	Downward gradient	85 m
Route difficulty	3	▲	ROUTE LENGTH*	15 km
Amount of effort needed	3	▲	TIME	5,35 h

* Total length of the routes including forks

▲ point of interest

Prado de las Monjas reservoir

La Cervigona waterfall



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- Route starting point
- End of route
- Rest area
- Viewpoint