

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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PARQUE NATURAL
Sierra Norte
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MORE INFORMATION

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Sierra Norte de Sevilla
• UNESCO
• Global Geoparks

• ROUTE

Linear

• LENGTH (OUTWARD)

3,9 km

• ESTIMATED TIME (OUTWARD)

1 hour and 15 minutes

• DIFFICULTY

Low

• TYPE OF TRAIL

Track with rocky surface

• LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Mountain environment, with moderate altitudes and slopes, and Mediterranean vegetation with a predominance of meadows and scrubland. Relatively sheltered valley with developed riparian forest.

• SHADE

Plentiful

• SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

• RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

• PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Sevilla / Cazalla de la Sierra y Constantina

• SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

920 - Constantina

• START / END COORDINATES

37° 55' 44,96"N – 5° 42' 55,80"O

37° 53' 57,44"N – 5° 43' 47,57"O



HOW TO GET THERE

On passing the level crossing on the A-455 road coming from Cazalla de la Sierra in the direction of Constantina, in the vicinity of the railway station, take the lane on the right that leads to the Molino del Corcho recreational area, the starting point of the trail.



PARKING

There is a car park with about 13 parking spaces at the beginning of the trail.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

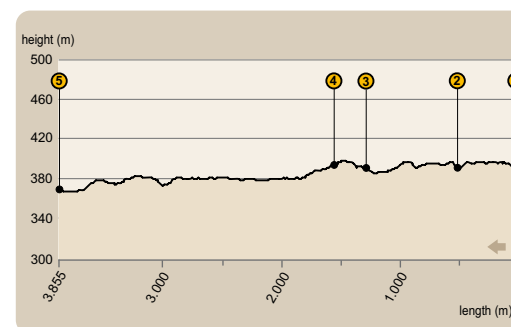
The main concessionaire of regular bus lines in the area is Linesur (tel. 954 90 23 68; www.linesur.com). The Cazalla-Constantina railway station is located very close to the start of the trail (consult services and timetables at www.renfe.es or tel. 902 24 02 02).



OTHER TRAILS

This trail links up with the Las Laderas trail. The Sierra Norte de Sevilla Greenway is located nearby. This trail, with a length of 19 km, links the railway station of Cazalla de la Sierra-Constantina with Cerro del Hierro, passing through San Nicolás del Puerto.

PROFILE OF ROUTE



• MAXIMUM GRADIENT

32 m

• MAXIMUM HEIGHT

400 m

• MINIMUM HEIGHT

368 m



CORK GRINDING



Watermills have a millenary history. Already a Greek epigram exhorted “women who toil at the mill” to cease grinding and sleep late, because “Demeter has commanded the nymphs to do the work that your hands do”. Even so, the greatest proliferation of flour mills on the banks of the rivers with the greatest flow and constancy, such as the Rivera del Huéznar, did not take place until the 18th century.

There are records of this cork mill as a flour mill in the Middle Ages, and that it belonged, at the time, to the council of Seville, but in the 19th century its facilities were enlarged and its power was increased to abandon grains and grind cork, obtaining a product with different applications, the main one being the manufacture of cork stoppers, although there are many others such as agglomerates or as raw material.

The location of the mill was favourable, as it added to the energy source the surrounding cork oak groves, the good communications, especially since the arrival of the railway, and the incipient industrialisation that took place in the area, with the foundry of El Pedroso as a prime example. At this time, the mill employed fifty workers in three shifts. In the seventies of the last century, the nymphs were dispensed with.





Recreational area

The start of the trail is signposted at the Molino del Corcho recreational area (check [1] on the map), which is just under a kilometre and a half from the Cazalla-Constantina railway station. If we come from there we cross the level crossing over the tracks, and immediately take the track to the left. In four hundred metres we reach the Molino del Corcho, an old flour milling factory, first, and then a cork mill, powered by hydraulic energy, which today has been converted into rural accommodation. Next to the mill, a large ash tree stands out among the gallery forest canopy, with a height of almost 25 m and a trunk circumference of six metres.



After about five hundred metres we reach the recreational area that takes its name from the mill, as does the trail that starts here and which we are about to follow. We are next to the railway bridge of Los Castillejos, under which the Las Laderas path runs, which would take us to Cazalla de la Sierra.

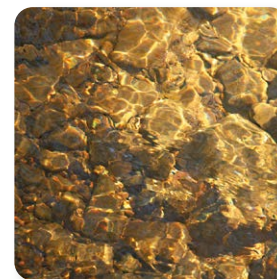
On the other hand, we maintain our previous course between the railway track and the river for a further 400 metres, crossing the river and taking the first turn-off on our left.

Bridge of the Three Spans

This is the name of the bridge [2] that we see in front of us when we make the turn, and over which we will cross to the other side of the river. It is an opportunity to stop and contemplate the forest that covers and accompanies the river for miles. We will be able to notice many of its details, but they will only be a small part of what really counts.



As we have gone to the other shore, we have also arrived at the other municipality. We are now at Constantina, through which we continue to advance without moving away from the river. If we look on the right bank, that of Cazalla de la Sierra, some seven



hundred metres after the bridge, we will find the ruins of another mill [3]. Two hundred and fifty metres more, still next to the river, we will reach a recreational area [4], which tempts us to take a rest and have a drink. The protagonist of the area is a centenary holm oak with a huge crown.



Mountain Hermitage

We follow the path along the outline of the riverside woodland, with extensive meadows on our left, which will undoubtedly also attract our attention, because of themselves and also because of their contrast with what we have on our right. In just over a kilometre we reach the foot of the hill on which stands the hermitage of the Virgen del Monte, patron saint of Cazalla de la Sierra, which we have probably already found on the other side of the river.

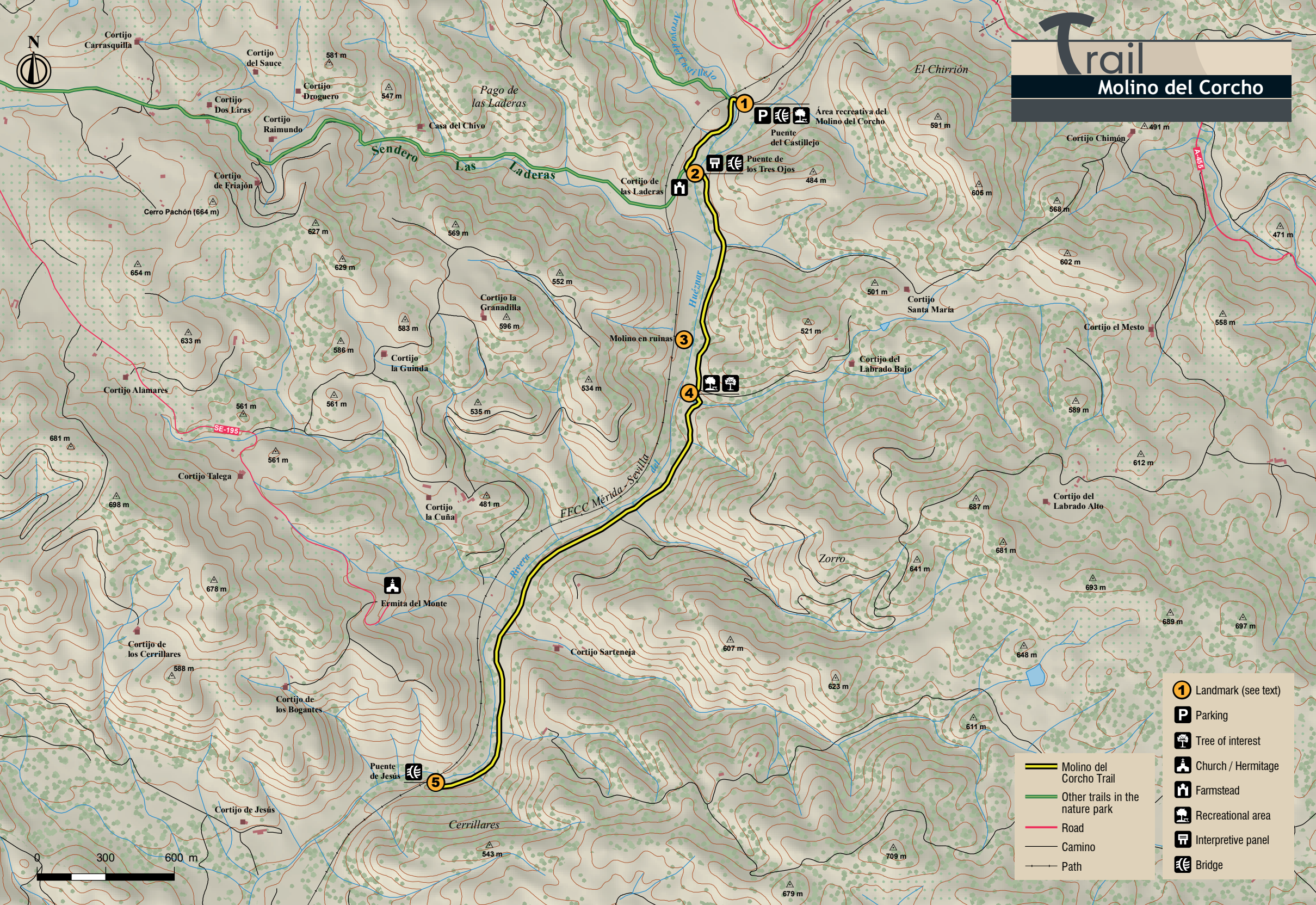


We now have just over a kilometre to go to the Jesús bridge [5], where the railway crosses the river, and where the path ends.



Trail

Molino del Corcho



- 1** Landmark (see text)
- P** Parking
- Tree of interest
- Church / Hermitage
- Farmstead
- Recreational area
- Interpretive panel
- Bridge

- Molino del Corcho Trail
- Other trails in the nature park
- Road
- Camino
- Path