

A road that join the  
geopark with the historical  
región of La Vera.



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



Villuercas-Ibores-Jara  
Geopark  
Mundial de  
la UNESCO



## The Hieronymites' Road GR 118



Brochures of itineraries and geosites of the Villuercas-Ibores-Jara  
UNESCO Global Geopark, edited by the Province of Cáceres



## Hieronymite's Road.

This long-distance route connects the **monastery of Yuste**, in the region of La Vera, with that of **Guadalupe**, both of Hieronymite origin. In the geopark, it is located between the towns of Bohonal de Ibor and Guadalupe. Due to its length it is recommended to split it into at least two stages with overnight stays in Castañar de Ibor or in Navalvillar de Ibor.

It is a demanding itinerary due to its length and the slopes to be overpassed, whose heights range from 350 m from the beginning to 1100 m from the Hospital mountain pass. The route begins one km south of Bohonal de Ibor, entering the geopark through the valley of the Valdeazores stream, whose landscape alternates crops of olive trees and forests of cork oaks (*Quercus suber*) and holm oaks (*Quercus ilex*) and reaches the **raña de Las Mesillas** (geosite). At this point, the route crosses the EX118 road to descend to the town of **Avellaneda**, the origin of the current Castañar de Ibor.



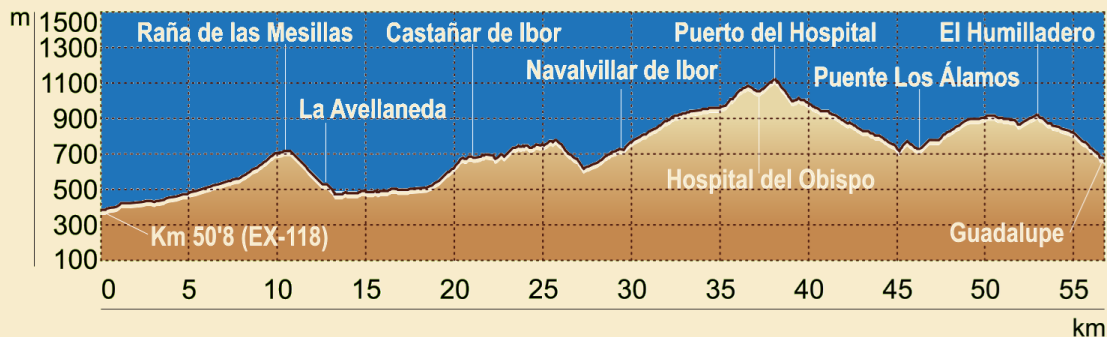
Old village of Avellaneda



Old mil on the Ibor riverside

From Avellaneda to **Castañar**, the road follows the Ibor river that is flanked by alders (*Alnus glutinosa*) and a nice riverside forest. It is interesting to visit the mills on the river bank and the **Cerro de la Mina geosite** on the same road. In addition, due to its proximity is worth mentioning the **Castañar cave**, the cavity with the greatest variety of aragonite speleothems in Spain and the **chestnut trees of Calabazas**, both geosites, the first being a Natural Monument and the second Singular Tree. The route continues towards Navalvillar de Ibor entering the Salóbriga gorge, where the Pyrenean oak forest (*Quercus pyrenaica*) begins to appear. The path reaches the old pilgrims' hostel of the **Hospital del Obispo**, where it connects with the Camino Real de Guadalupe, descending to the bridge of Los Alamos on the river Ibor, to go to the **hermitage of Humilladero** and **Guadalupe**, final destination of this route.

On the way, you can see summer raptors such as the European honey buzzard (*Pernis apivorus*), numerous forest birds such as the long-tailed tit (*Aegithalos caudatus*) and mammals such as the roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*).



2

Hazardness



Correct  
direction



2

Orientation



Change of  
direction



2

Difficulty



Wrong  
direction



5

Effort

### Data sheet.

Length: 56.7 km  
Estimated time: 17 h. 30 min.  
Route type: trail  
Maximum height: 1093 m  
Minimum height: 348 m  
Positive slope: 1728 m  
Negative slope: 1469 m.

MIDE criteria:  
5 maximum, 1 minimum



Castañar cave.



Calabazas chesnut tree



Cerro de la Mina geosite



Sierra de Viejas near Navalvillar



Hermitage of El Humilladero



Guadalupe. End point.

**Villuercas-Ibores-Jara UNESCO Global Geopark** is a member of the Global Geopark Network, international association that cooperates with the UNESCO Geoparks Programme in the common objective of enhancing the geological heritage among the cultural and natural ones for the sustainable development of the Geoparks territories.

The Villuercas-Ibores-Jara characteristic relief, named Appalachian Relief in geomorphology, is one of the Spanish geological contexts of international value. But it is not the only reference here. The Geopark presents a big number of interesting geological sites as the Cueva de Castañar, the Cabañas Castle viewpoint, the mount of La Viluerca, the valleys of the river Viejas and the river Guadarranque among the most visited. All of them have also natural and cultural sites. For example, the rock shelters with Chalcolithic paintings or the Royal Monastery of Saint Mary of Guadalupe, UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1993.



**VILLUERCAS IBORES JARA**  
**GEOPARQUE MUNDIAL DE LA UNESCO**

Consejo del Geoparque / Geopark Council

