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



## The Road of Montes de Toledo GR 212



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This is the last stage of the route that connects the capital of **Toledo** with **Puebla de Guadalupe** through the mountains of Toledo, one of the traditional pilgrimage routes to the Royal Monastery. The section that concerns us is a route of just twelve kilometers, comfortable to practice. It runs in its entirety along paths with good firm ground, starting from **Alía** along the Camino Viejo de Guadalupe, through olive groves, until reaching the Posa picnic area, located in a grove of Rodeno pine (*Pinus pinaster*). From here the ascent begins towards the Collado del Madroño among cork oaks (*Quercus suber*), holm oaks (*Quercus ilex*) and some areas of scrubland, to descend and later cross the stream of La Hoja.



It continues to the Guadalupejo river looking for the path that will take us to the remains of the El Estanque mill (15th century). From here to the outskirts of Guadeloupe, the landscape changes to a gallery forest with alders (*Alnus glutinosa*), ash trees (*Fraxinus angustifolia*), willows (*Salix alba*) and poplars (*Populus alba*), covering the path in some sections with a vegetal vault. Throughout the tour it is possible to observe raptors in flight such as griffon vultures (*Gyps fulvus*), buzzards (*Buteo buteo*) or golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*), have an encounter with the timid roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*) or, in the early days of Autumn, listen to the bellowing of the red deer (*Cervus elaphus*).



A DEPENDENT OF THE OWNER



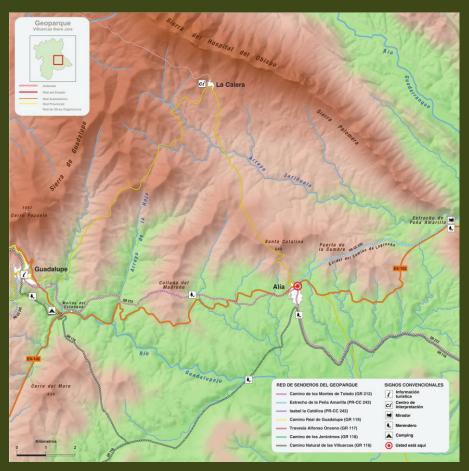
Estimated time: 3 h. 15 min. Route type: trail Maximum height: 693 m Minimun height: 496 m Positive slope: 455 m Negative slope: 419 m.

MIDE criteria: 5 maximum, 1 minimum



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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 Guadarrangue 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.



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