

La Viñuela

The long walk through the heart of the park: 13 km through the shaded valley of the Viñuela stream, with its dense understorey of strawberry trees, a wood of centuries-old Pyrenean oaks and the wide horizons of the raña of Cabañeros, red deer country.



Red deer on the raña of Cabañeros.

DISTANCE

13 km

semicircular route

TIME

3–3.5 h

full route

ASCENT

+150 m

cumulative

DIFFICULTY

Moderate

stony sections

A **semicircular** route. Figures from the park's official fact sheet.

Variant	Distance	Time
Full route from the car park (CM-4017, km 80–81)	13 km	3–3.5 h

 **Dogs:** yes, on a lead

Booking: not needed if you walk it on your own

Groups of more than 15: park guide, by prior booking

Good footwear: stony sections

Best season: autumn to spring

01 Distance from Cork Valley

46.6 km

Measured to the car park at km 80–81 of the CM-4017. The official fact sheet places the start 14 km from Retuerta del Bullaque, and Cork Valley is **32.6 km** from Retuerta: the two figures tally.

Road distance to the start of the walk, measured on the OpenStreetMap road network from Cork Valley in Hontanar.

 [Directions from Cork Valley \(Google Maps\)](#)

 [CM-4017 car park, km 80–81 on Google Maps](#)

MAPA Route map (real trace)



Point 1 opens Google Maps when tapped; points 2 to 5 are indicative (approximate positions along the route). Route drawn from OpenStreetMap data (© OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL licence): OSM maps 9.4 km of track and path; the return stretch to the car park, about 3.5 km, is unmapped and shown as a dotted line. Distances, ascent and times from the park's official fact sheet.

02 Waypoints and how to get there

The route starts at the **car park built by the park on the CM-4017**, the road linking Horcajo de los Montes with Retuerta del Bullaque, between kilometre posts 80 and 81: 17 km from Horcajo and 14 km from Retuerta. The track leaves directly from the road.

- 1** **CM-4017 car park, km 80–81** — start and finish; the track leaves directly from the road.
GPS: 39.3803, -4.5140 · [Open in Google Maps ↗](#)
- 2** **Valley of the Viñuela stream** — a shaded stretch with a dense understorey of strawberry trees (approximate position).
- 3** **Oak wood** — centuries-old Pyrenean oaks (approximate position).
- 4** **Raña of Cabañeros** — the park's open plain, with panoramic views and red deer; in September and October, the rut (approximate position).
- 5** **Portuguese oak wood and La Hornera junction** — a stand of Portuguese oak before the route closes back to the car park (approximate position).

⚠ Still to be checked on the ground: the return stretch to the car park, about 3.5 km that OpenStreetMap does not map and which is shown as a dotted line.

03 The walk

From the CM-4017 car park, the track climbs the **valley of the Viñuela stream** along its shaded side, below the **Sierra del Chorito**, through a dense understorey of strawberry trees, and enters the **oak wood**, with a stand of sturdy, centuries-old Pyrenean oaks. This is the coolest, shadiest part of the walk.

The path then opens onto the **raña of Cabañeros**, the park's great plain, with panoramic views and, almost always, red deer in sight — in September and October you can hear the rut. The ground fills with rockrose and the return crosses a **Portuguese oak wood** and passes the La Hornera junction before closing the semicircle: 13 km in all, 150 m of ascent and between 3 and 3.5 hours. There are stony sections: wear proper footwear.

04 Photographs



A red deer browsing a holm oak on the raña.



Views over the raña.



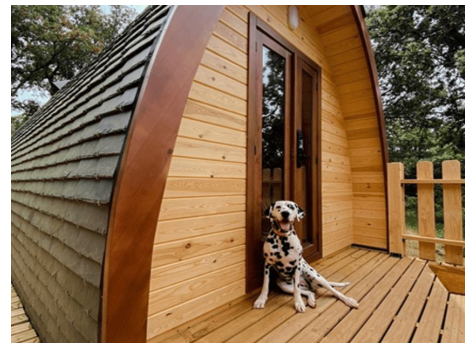
Storks on the raña, with the sierra behind.



Sunset over the raña.



Scrub in flower: the rockrose ground the route crosses.



At Cork Valley your dog sleeps indoors with you; in the park it only has to be on a lead.

05 Practical information

WHAT TO TAKE

- Water and something to eat
- Hiking boots
- Sun cream and sunglasses, especially in summer
- A lead for your dog (compulsory)
- Binoculars for the deer

PARK RULES

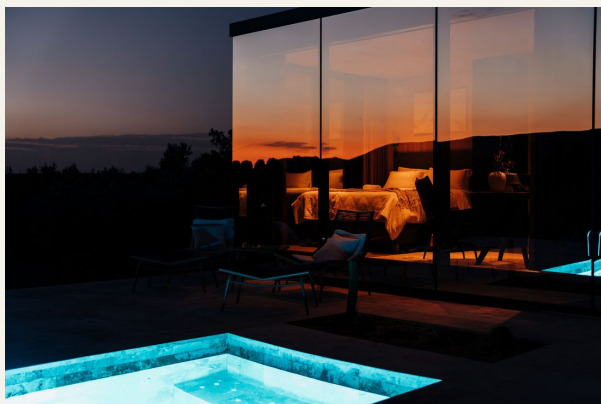
- Stay on the waymarked paths
- No fires, camping or drones
- Do not take plants, stones or fossils
- Take your rubbish out of the park
- Good footwear: stony sections
- Groups of more than 15 people: with a park guide



Dog friendly. The park allows pets on every walking route, always on a lead. They may not enter the visitor centres.

No permit or booking is needed if you walk it on your own. **Groups of more than 15 people** must go with a park guide, requested at reservasparquesnacionales.es or on **+34 926 78 32 97** · usopublicocabaneros@oapn.es.

06 Where to stay



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