

La Plaza de los Moros

A short waymarked climb to the summit of La Umbría (812 m), the Plaza de los Moros, where the remains of a Bronze Age settlement survive and one of the finest panoramas of the Montes de Toledo opens up, with black vultures, griffon vultures and golden eagles overhead.



Horcajo de los Montes at the foot of the sierra.

DISTANCE

3.5 km

circular, from the car park

TIME

1 h 30 min

circular

ASCENT

+150 m

cumulative

DIFFICULTY

Easy to moderate

stony sections

A **circular**, waymarked route, self-guided with a leaflet. Figures from the park's official fact sheet.

Variant	Distance	Time
From the car park (1 km from Horcajo)	3.5 km circular	1 h 30 min
From the village of Horcajo de los Montes	the official fact sheet gives no distance	3 h 30 min

 **Dogs:** yes, on a lead

Booking: not needed if you walk it on your own

Park guide by prior booking (guided version)

Waymarked and self-guided with the park leaflet «Un bosque mediterráneo»

Best season: autumn to spring

01 Distance from Cork Valley

64.5 km

63.5 km from Cork Valley to Horcajo de los Montes and another **1 km** along the lane signposted with a green board off the Horcajo–Alcoba de los Montes road.

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

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

 [Start of the track \(car park\) on Google Maps](#)

MAPA Route map (real trace)



Points 1, 2 and 3 open Google Maps when tapped. Track and circuit drawn from OpenStreetMap data (© OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL licence): 717 m of track plus a 2.2 km circuit, adding up to the 3.5 km of the official fact sheet. Distances, ascent and times from the park's official fact sheet.

02 Waypoints and how to get there

The route starts at a **car park on the edge of Horcajo de los Montes**, reached by a signposted lane off the Horcajo–Alcoba de los Montes road (CM-403), 1 km from the village. It is the same starting point as the Sierra del Castellar de los Bueyes route. From there, 700 m of track lead to the start of the waymarked circuit.

1 Car park — start of the track, 1 km from Horcajo along a signposted lane off the CM-403.
GPS: 39.3198, -4.6379 · start of the track as mapped on OpenStreetMap · [Open in Google Maps](#) ↗

2 Start of the waymarked circuit — the path leaves the track and begins to climb through holm oak, cork oak, Portuguese oak and strawberry tree.
GPS: 39.3181, -4.6309 · [Open in Google Maps](#) ↗

3 La Umbría summit · Plaza de los Moros — 812 m; remains of a Bronze Age settlement and a panorama over the Montes de Toledo.
GPS: 39.3163, -4.6351 · [Open in Google Maps](#) ↗

- 4 **Descent on the sunny side** — the circuit rounds the hill and returns to the starting point; watch your footing on the stony sections.

⚠ Still to be checked on the ground: the exact position of the car park. OpenStreetMap does not record it, so the map places the start where the mapped track begins, and the distance has been measured to Horcajo de los Montes plus the kilometre of signposted lane given in the official fact sheet.

03 The walk

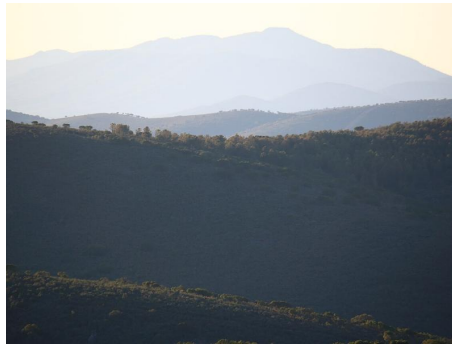
From the car park, 700 m of track lead to the start of the waymarked circuit, which climbs the hillside through **holm oak, cork oak, Portuguese oak and strawberry tree**. The ground is stony in places: wear proper footwear.

The summit of **La Umbría** (812 m) is the **Plaza de los Moros**: it preserves the remains of a Bronze Age settlement and offers one of the finest panoramas in the Montes de Toledo. With luck, black vultures, griffon vultures and golden eagles will be riding the air above the ridge. The circuit rounds the hill and brings you back to the start: 3.5 km with 150 m of ascent.

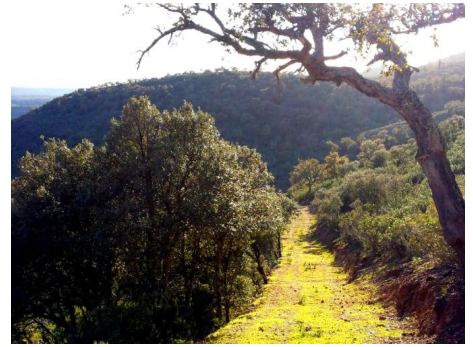
04 Photographs



A traditional chozo: the herders' and charcoal burners' huts that give the park its name.



Sunset over the sierras of the park.



Park landscape (Gargantilla).



Holm oak woodland in the countryside around Horcajo.



The park's sierras, the landscape that opens up from the top.



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 birds of prey

PARK RULES

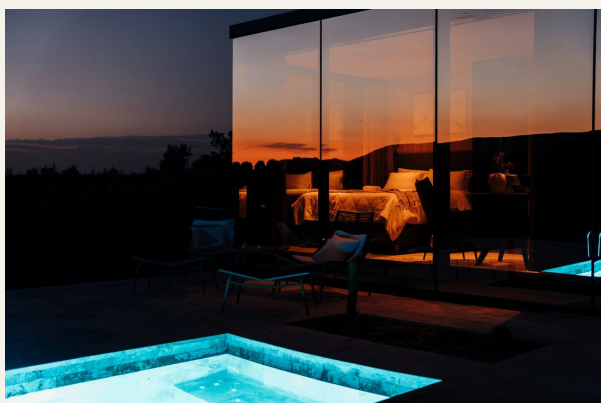
- Stay on the waymarked paths
- No fires, camping or drones
- Do not take plants, stones or fossils
- Take your rubbish out of the park
- Proper footwear: stony sections
- Follow the circuit waymarkers



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

No booking is needed if you walk it on your own: the route is waymarked and self-guided with the park leaflet «Un bosque mediterráneo». There is also a **guided version**, bookable at reservasparquesnacionales.es or on **+34 926 78 32 97** · usopublicocabaneros@oapn.es.

06 Where to stay



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The natural base for this walk: **adults-only, pet-friendly** rural accommodation in Hontanar, in the heart of the Montes de Toledo, 130 km from Madrid and 59 km from Toledo. Mirror Houses that reflect the dehesa, wooden cabins, a **private Nordic hot tub** and a saltwater infinity pool. Your dog sleeps indoors, goes everywhere with you and even has a pool of its own.

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