

Corral de Cantos Walk

The big climb from Hontanar: up the Navas de Estena path and along the ridge to **Corral de Cantos**, at 1,421 m one of the highest summits in the Montes de Toledo, and down the forest track to the Collado de la Madroña. A long, unmarked route for experienced walkers only.



Corral de Cantos, in the background, from the raña at Hontanar.

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DISTANCE

17.4 km

loop

TIME

5 h 30 min

with stops

ASCENT

+718 m

total climb

DIFFICULTY

Hard

according to the Wikiloc track

A **loop** from Hontanar. Figures from the Wikiloc track by Josuns (May 2021): about 5 h 30 min with stops.



Dogs: yes, fit and on a lead

Waymarking: none, the track is essential

Off-path: about 3 km along the ridge

Best season: autumn and spring

Avoid: fog, rain or strong heat

01 Distance from Cork Valley

3.5 km

3.5 km by road from Cork Valley to the car park by the municipal pool in Hontanar.

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

 [Directions from Cork Valley](#)

 [Hontanar car park on Google Maps](#)

[View and download the track on Wikiloc](#)

MAP Route map



The numbered points open Google Maps when tapped. Route drawn from the track published on Wikiloc by Josuns, over tracks, streams and roads from OpenStreetMap (© OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL licence). The arrows show the direction of the walk.

02 Waypoints and how to get there

Park in **Hontanar**, following the signs to the municipal swimming pool, 3.5 km from Cork Valley. From there a paved lane soon turns into a forest track and enters the pine wood.

- 1 Hontanar car park** — follow the signs to the municipal swimming pool and park there. Start and finish.
GPS: 39.6106, -4.4984 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 2 Senda de Navas de Estena** — on a sharp bend by a gully the path leaves to the right; there is no sign.
GPS: 39.5900, -4.4957 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 3 Meadow by the CM-4151** — from here you climb beside an estate fence up to the ridge.
GPS: 39.5867, -4.5064 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 4 Corral de Cantos** — the summit, with a fire lookout hut and steps up to the top.
GPS: 39.5709, -4.4784 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 5 Collado de la Madroña** — after a barrier on the track you drop to Hontanar along the Senda de la Madroña.
GPS: 39.6095, -4.4812 · [Open in Google Maps](#)

▲ Unmarked route. About 3 km along the ridge are practically off-path, through rockrose and young oak, using an estate fence as your guide. Do not attempt it without the track on your phone or a GPS.

03 What the walk is like

From the car park a track enters the pine wood and slowly loses height among pines and oaks. On a sharp bend by a gully, with no sign at all, the **Navas de Estena path** leaves to the right, crosses two gullies and climbs beside the last one: one of the loveliest stretches, and from here on it is all uphill. The path comes out on a track and, near the CM-4151 road, at a pleasant meadow that is ideal for a rest.

From the meadow you climb beside an estate fence up to the **ridge of the sierra**. Here the paths disappear: about 3 km are almost off-path, through rockrose and young oak that slow you down, following the fence to **Corral de Cantos**, recognisable by its fire lookout hut. The way down is the forest track that reaches the hut, for several kilometres, to the **Collado de la Madroña**, and from there the Senda de la Madroña back to Hontanar.

04 Photographs



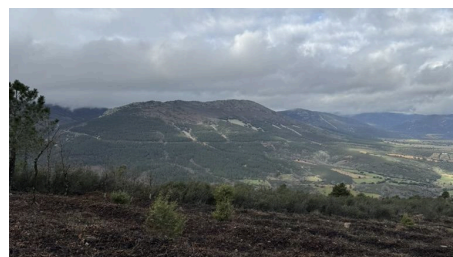
Corral de Cantos, in the background, from the raña at Hontanar.

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Hontanar, at the foot of the sierra.

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The valley from the track down, in the last few kilometres.

05 Practical information

WHAT TO TAKE

- Plenty of water and something to eat
- Hiking boots
- Sun cream, a cap and sunglasses
- A charged phone with the track downloaded
- A lead for your dog

RULES IN THE HILLS

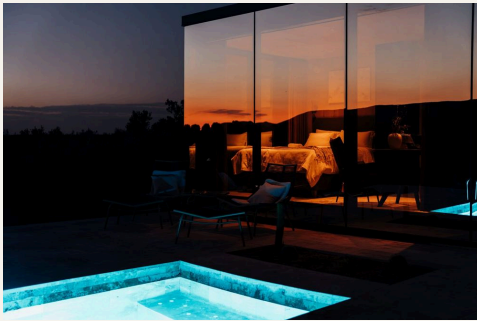
- Stay on tracks and paths
- Close any gates you open
- No fires
- Respect livestock and private estates
- During the hunting season, avoid hunt days

- Take your rubbish home

 **Only for fit dogs.** Always on a lead. The ridge section has rockrose and thick scrub.

No booking or permit is needed, but mountain experience is: carry the Wikiloc track on your phone or a GPS, plenty of battery, and tell someone your route. There is little shelter from the wind at the summit.

06 Where to stay



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