

Hoz de Carboneros and Pico de la Sombrerera Walk

The most complete walk in this part of the Montes de Toledo: from the La Milagra hermitage to the **Hoz de Carboneros** gorge, a scrambling climb beside the **Cascada de los Fresnos**, a quartzite ridge to **Pico de la Sombrerera**, at about 1,400 m, and back down a forest track. Long, tough and spectacular.



Olive groves on the raña at Navahermosa, with the sierra behind.

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DISTANCE

19.1 km

loop

TIME

8–9 h

with stops

ASCENT

+660 m

total climb

DIFFICULTY

Hard

according to the Wikiloc track

A **loop** from the La Milagra hermitage. Figures from the Wikiloc track by australangel (April 2024): 9 h 20 min with rests, photos and visits.



Dogs: not recommended

Waymarking: only the Hoz path

Scrambling: yes, at the Cascada de los Fresnos

Best season: spring and autumn

Time: a full day

01 Distance from Cork Valley

5.6 km

5.6 km by road from Cork Valley to the La Milagra hermitage, where you park.

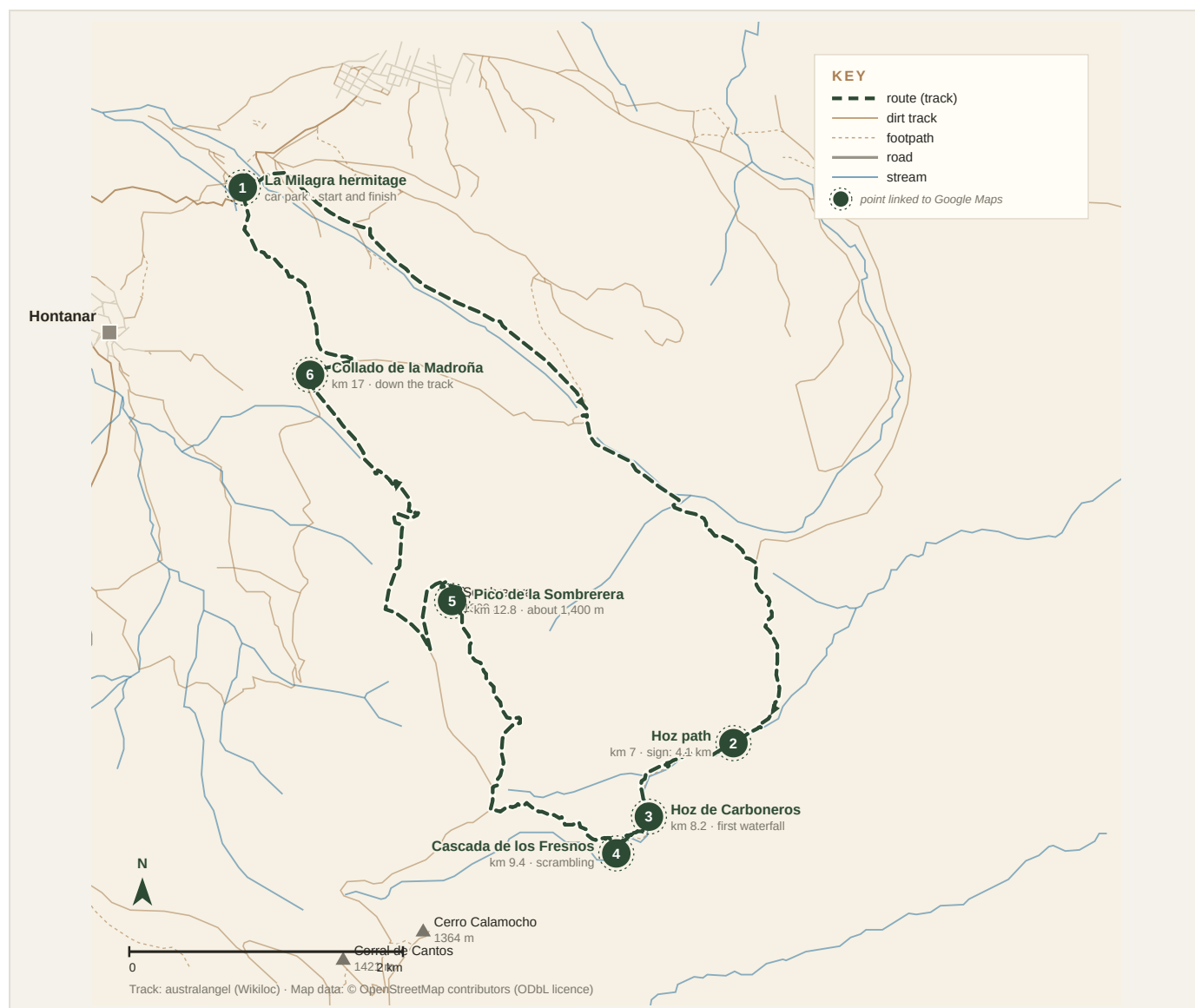
Road distance to the start of the walk, measured on the OpenStreetMap road network from Cork Valley in Hontanar.

 [Directions from Cork Valley](#)

 [La Milagra hermitage 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 australangel, 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 by the **La Milagra hermitage**, in the municipality of Navahermosa, 5.6 km from Cork Valley. Walk a few hundred metres along the road towards Navahermosa and take a path on the right up to the second track.

- 1 La Milagra hermitage** — park by the hermitage. Start and finish.
GPS: 39.6219, -4.4869 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 2 Hoz path** — past the Collado de Portachuelo the signed path to the Hoz de Carboneros begins.
GPS: 39.5852, -4.4451 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 3 Hoz de Carboneros** — the gorge and its first waterfalls.
GPS: 39.5803, -4.4523 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 4 Cascada de los Fresnos** — the big waterfall; you climb up to its right with several scrambles. The hardest section.
GPS: 39.5779, -4.4551 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 5 Pico de la Sombrerera** — a survey pillar, two antennas and steps cut into the rock on the way down.
GPS: 39.5946, -4.4691 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 6 Collado de la Madroña** — you go down the Valcavero track to the hermitage.
GPS: 39.6095, -4.4812 · [Open in Google Maps](#)

▲ Unofficial route. At the Cascada de los Fresnos you have to scramble over rocks several times, with loose stones and no marked line, and then climb off-path along animal trails. No rope is needed, but experience is. If you lack it, go only as far as the Hoz and return along the same path.

03 What the walk is like

From the hermitage you climb to a track heading south-east for just over 5 km, with the **Valdecavero stream** on your right, to the **Collado de Portachuelo**, where you cross it on a small bridge. A kilometre and a half later the **Hoz de Carboneros path** begins (a sign says 4.1 km): easy at first, it gets harder as it enters the gorge, with a first waterfall and then the big one, the **Cascada de los Fresnos**.

That is where it gets serious: very steep paths to the right of the falls, several **scrambles** and loose stone. At the top spectacular views open up, and you keep climbing along animal trails to a track high on the sierra, then along the quartzite crest to **Pico de la Sombrerera**, with its survey pillar, two antennas and two small huts. You go down northwards by steps cut into the rock to the track, which leads to the **Collado de la Madroña** and, along the Valcavero track, back to the hermitage.

04 Photographs



Olive groves on the raña at Navahermosa, with the sierra behind.

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Quartzite scree, typical of the slopes of these hills.

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The Sombrerera range from near the La Milagra hermitage.

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

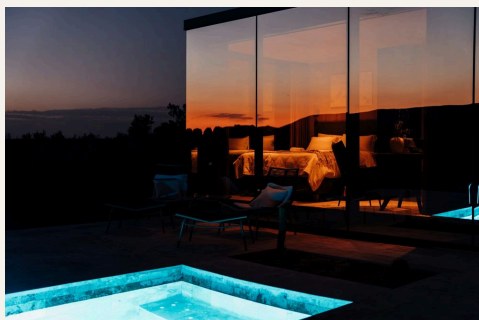
RULES IN THE HILLS

- 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

 **Not recommended for dogs** because of the scrambles at the Cascada de los Fresnos.

No booking or permit is needed. Start early: this is a full-day walk. Take the track, plenty of water, gloves for the scrambles, and do not attempt it on wet rock. As the track's author insists: "read before you go".

06 Where to stay



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