

Los Porches Walk

The easiest way to get to know the countryside around Hontanar: an 8.5 km loop that leaves the village, drops through holm oak and rockrose to the Arroyo de las Lanchas and comes back over the Collado de la Madroña, with a good view of the valley before you arrive.



Hontanar, at the foot of the sierra.

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DISTANCE

8.5 km

loop

TIME

2 h 30 min

with stops

ASCENT

+214 m

total climb

DIFFICULTY

Easy

according to the Wikiloc track

A **loop**: you start and finish in Hontanar. Figures from the Wikiloc track by chachol (February 2021).



Dogs: yes, on a lead

Waymarking: none, take the track

Technical difficulty: none

Best season: autumn, winter and spring

Shade: little in summer

01 Distance from Cork Valley

3.5 km

3.5 km by road from Cork Valley to Hontanar. The walk starts in the village itself, by the square.

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

 [Directions from Cork Valley](#)

 [Starting point in Hontanar 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 chachol, 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

The walk starts in the centre of **Hontanar**, at the information point by the square. From Cork Valley it is a few minutes along the Navahermosa to Navas de Estena road; park in the village streets or by the municipal swimming pool.

- 1 Hontanar** — the village information point, by the square. Start and finish.
GPS: 39.6107, -4.4978 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 2 Arroyo de Valdejachiva** — the first stream the track crosses, among holm oaks and rockrose.
GPS: 39.5968, -4.4933 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 3 Arroyo de las Lanchas** — the stream coming down from the sierra; here the walk turns back towards the village.
GPS: 39.5890, -4.4825 · [Open in Google Maps](#)
- 4 Collado de la Madroña** — an open view over Hontanar and the valley before dropping back into the village.
GPS: 39.6094, -4.4814 · [Open in Google Maps](#)

▲ Still to be checked on the ground: the exact ascent (the original track has an altitude error, so only the total ascent given by Wikiloc, +214 m, is reliable) and the state of the stream crossings after heavy rain.

03 What the walk is like

From the square in Hontanar you head south along the tracks leading out of the village and are soon in open country: holm oak, rockrose and the odd Pyrenean oak, with the sierra always ahead. The track crosses the **Arroyo de Valdejachiva** and carries on gently downhill to the **Arroyo de las Lanchas**, the southernmost point of the walk.

From there you turn north along the other side of the valley, with a few gentle climbs, to the **Collado de la Madroña**, where a good view opens up over Hontanar and the valley. The last stretch drops back into the village. Take it slowly, in about two and a half hours: it is the best walk for a first day in the Montes de Toledo.

04 Photographs



Hontanar, at the foot of the sierra.

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The church of San Andrés, by the square where the walk starts.

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The Corral de Cantos range under snow, seen from Hontanar.

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

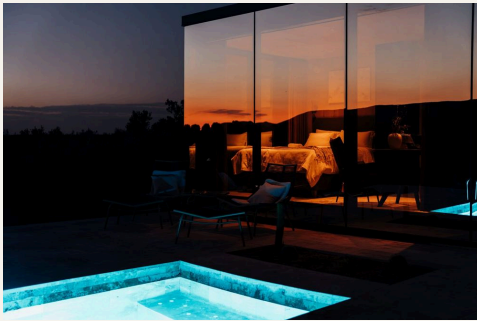
- Stay on tracks and paths
- Close any gates you open
- No fires
- Respect livestock and private estates
- During the hunting season, avoid hunt days

- Take your rubbish home

 **Dog friendly.** Always keep your dog on a lead: there are estates with livestock and, in season, hunting grounds.

No booking or permit is needed. The route is not waymarked: download the Wikiloc track to your phone before you set off, as mobile coverage is patchy along parts of the walk.

06 Where to stay



Cork Valley · Mirror Houses and wooden cabins

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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