



The entire route, from Jaén to the boundary of the province, winds its way through olive cultivations that combine to form a veritable sea of trees, dotted with Andalusian farmsteads. The mountains of the Sierras of Jabalruz, Grana, Caracolera and Ahillos, located to the south and the east of the Greenway add great diversity to the landscape.

On July 12, 1852 the Jaén Town Council held a taxpayers meeting to discuss, for the first time, the possibility of providing Jaén with its own railway line. In 1859 another important meeting was held to discuss the building of a branch line to link Jaén with Espeluy and to the general Andalusia rail network. However, nearly ten years were to pass, and many different projects were proposed, before the idea was finally adopted. It was decided to build a railway line from the general Andalusia rail network at Jaén which would link up with Puente Genil via Cabra and Lucena. The Act authorizing the construction of the line was passed in 1873.

The Spanish economy was not very buoyant in the early decades of the 20th century, and in 1936 the railway was taken into receivership due to its critical financial position. During the Civil War, however, the Linares-Puente Genil line saw renewed activity as an alternative to the bomb damaged Espeluy-Sevilla route. Once the war was over, the line once again entered into a decline; locomotives were rarely seen and when they were they ran at very low speed (30 Km/h.).

Ten years later, the Jaén Provincial Council set in motion a plan to develop the old disused railway as a Greenway for safe cycle tourism and hiking for tourists and local visitors alike. Conversion work was completed in 2001 and the Greenway was inaugurated in the same year.

The route commences at the boundary of the city of Jaén, next to Las Fuentesuelas municipal sports complex. The first two kilometres, used mainly by climbers and cyclists, include several rest areas. Subsequent to this section, we cross the north-west ring road enclosing Jaén along a service road. After rejoining the road that leads to Torredelcampo, various intersections on either side of the route lead on to the Archaeological Route of the Towers (the route is signposted). This route runs close to the Greenway. After passing along an alternative trail that crosses the motorway A-316, head towards the station of Torredelcampo (kilometric point 11.100) located within the town.

At kilometeric point 37 we come to the rest area of the isolated station of Vado-Jaén. The old railway, line continues on towards the Station of Alcaudete, crossing the impressive viaduct that spans the River Víboras (224 m in length and 80 m in height), the remains of an abandoned ballast quarry, known as La Muela, and several stretches of lush Mediterranean vegetation, dominated by evergreen oaks, broom, hawthorn and venerable almond trees.

After passing a building that once served as accommodation for the railway workers, the Olive Oil Greenway joins the cycling Routes of Jaén's Sierra Sur (signposted), which lead us to the heart of this massif, running alongside Laguna Honda Nature Reserve (km 50.500); here, visitors can contemplate the abundant and diverse birdlife that inhabits this marshland, which covers an area of 65 hectares: white-headed ducks, mallards, purple swamphens and little grebes.

From here, the Greenway enters the Sub-betic region of the province of Córdoba.

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Torredonjimeno Tunnel: This tunnel, located approximately 500m from the station of Torredonjimeno, runs for 165m, with a bend veering to the right. In terms of its construction elements, the tunnel is in a perfect state of preservation.

Viaduct over Piedra del Águila Brook, 104.5 metres long, with a maximum height of 25 metres. The viaduct is an impressive example of modern industrial engineering and was built in 1890 by the French engineers Daydé and Pillé, disciples of the famous architect Eiffel.

Viaduct that crosses Salado Brook, 203 metres long and boasting 3 arches.

Viaduct that crosses Chaparral Brook, 70 metres long and featuring a single arch. At its highest point, the viaduct reaches a height of roughly 20 metres.

Viaduct that crosses Desjarradero Brook, 83 metres long and featuring two arches with angled spans. At its highest point, the viaduct reaches a height of roughly 25 metres.

Viaduct over the River Guadajoz, 199 metres long and featuring three arches. Its inner arch is supported by pillars made of stone and metal, which makes it slimmer than the others. At its highest point, the viaduct reaches a height of roughly 25 metres.

At a lovely spot in Greenway we find the city of Jaén. Jaén is an independent small city that enables visitors to travel to all its points of interest on foot. Jaén is characterised by the surrounding landscape: a combination of the olive plantations of the Campina and the Betic mountains. The city's rich heritage includes a cathedral, built between the 16th and 18th centuries in the style of the Renaissance, and the architect Andrés de Vandelvira, the Iglesia del Sagrario (church, 18th century) and Villadomínguez Palace, which houses Spain's oldest Arab Baths, dating back to the 11th century, in its basement. The remainder of the building houses the Museum of Popular Arts and Customs and the International Nal Art Museum. The Castle of Santa Catalina and the Church of San Ildefonso church provide two further noteworthy examples of the city's rich heritage. The city of Jaén is a beautiful city. Cast stands on a hill that rises in the old quarter of the city. The hill features woodlands and mountain terrain that visitors should include on their itinerary and boasts a series of paths that are ideally suited to rambling and mountain bike activities.

TORREDELCAMPO

TORREDONJIMENC

The middle section of the Greenway begins in Torredonjimeno, the only town included on the route with municipal boundaries that remain inside the Campiña. Features of interest within the town include

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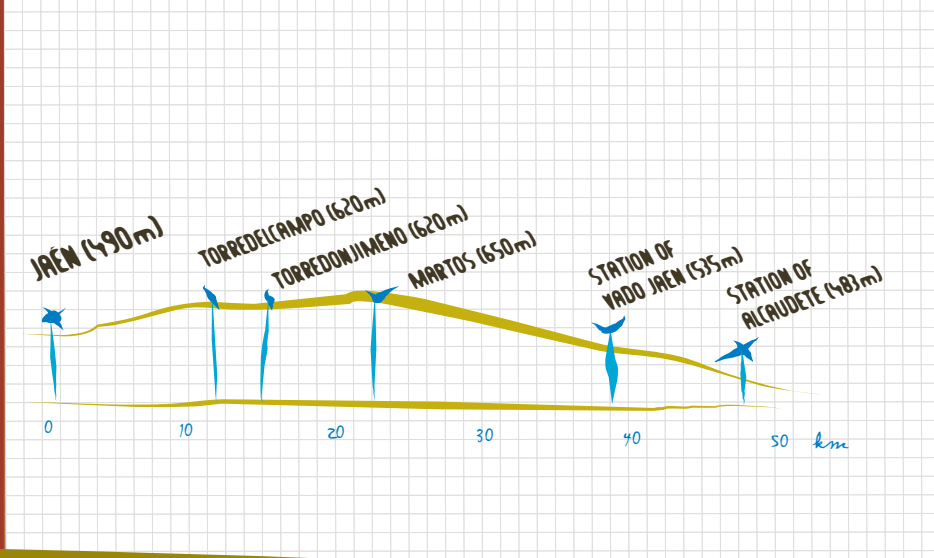
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Distances between the elements along the Greenway

| | | Total distance from the starting point (km) | Partial distances (km) |
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| 1 | Starting point, Fuentezuelas Sports Complex | 0.00 | |
| 2 | Access from the Dual Carriageway, at Torredelcampo | 11.00 | 11.00 |
| 3 | Torredelcampo Station | 11.800 | 0.700 |
| 4 | Entrance to Torredelcampo Tunnel | 11.994 | 0.894 |
| 5 | Piedra del águila Viaduct | 12.498 | 0.51 |
| 6 | Arroyo Salado Viaduct | 13.645 | 1.15 |
| 7 | Torredonjimeno Tunnel | 14.873 | 1.23 |
| 8 | Torredonjimeno Station | 15.59 | 0.72 |
| 9 | Martos Station | 23.300 | 8.01 |
| 10 | Cajón Tunnel (underground passageway) | 24.300 | 0.40 |
| 11 | Arroyo Salado Viaduct | 33.757 | 9.46 |
| 12 | Arroyo del Higueral Viaduct | 34.983 | 1.23 |
| 13 | Vado-Jaén Station | 36.950 | 1.97 |
| 14 | River Viboras Viaduct | 43.328 | 6.38 |
| 15 | Arroyo del Chaparral Viaduct | 45.395 | 2.07 |
| 16 | Arroyo de la Esponela Viaduct | 46.229 | 0.90 |
| 17 | Alcaudete Station | 48.250 | 2.03 |
| 18 | Laguna Honda Nature Reserve (Protected Nature Area) | 50.660 | 2.41 |
| 19 | Viaduct | 52.793 | 2.20 |
| 20 | River Guadajoz Viaduct | 55.301 | 2.50 |
| 21 | Boundary with the province of Córdoba | 55.500 | 0.19 |



TECHNICAL DATA

Municipalities
Jaén, Torredelcampo, Torredonjimeno, Martos and Alcaudete.

Total population
170,000 inhabitants.

Distance travelled
55 km

Estimated duration of the route
5 hours (by bike)

Total differences in level
250 m.

Maximum gradient
3%

Type of Surface
Surface sealed with ballast and double asphalt.

Tunnels
2, (Torredelcampo and Torredonjimeno)

Metal Bridges
3

Pontoon Bridges
5

Stations
5, Torredelcampo, Torredonjimeno, Martos, Vado-Jaén (Martos) and Alcaudete.

Level Crossing Posts
3

Points Control Posts
1

Approach routes with rest areas
6, from Jaén (Sports complex of Las Fuentezuelas) and from each of the five stations.

Users
Cyclists, ramblers and people with reduced mobility

Rest areas
10, with fixtures and trees

Water Supply Points
Jaén, Torredelcampo, Torredonjimeno and Martos



Route that climbs to Pico Jabalcuz

This climbing route starts out at Torredelcampo Station (km 11.800 along the Greenway), with an altitude of 620 metres. It ascends to the summit of Mount Jabalcuz, at an altitude of 1,614 metres. The route offers fantastic views of the Campiña of the province of Jaén, following an interesting course from the flatlands to the Betic Mountains, with an average gradient of less than 6%, but becoming much steeper at certain points along the route.

The summit provides a magnificent vantage point for viewing the interior landscape of Andalusia, overlooking the area where the Betic Mountains join the Guadalquivir Valley.

From the town, the route takes us along an asphalted slope to Cerro Miguelico (km point 2.400), a promontory containing an interesting Iberian site (a necropolis excavated in the rock), which is well known due to the fact that Santa Ana Chapel is located here. There is a picnic area nearby. The route then continues along the same road, passing next to the wood of La Baniuelo, and later along side a quarry that is remains in operation. At km point 4.300 visitors will come to the remains of another abandoned quarry. One kilometre further on, we reach a stone house surrounded by a forest of walnut trees, which is skirted along the path to the right. We then carry on without turning off along the main route. At kilometric point 7.600, we come to a crossroads in a clearing. Carry straight on (passing one turning on the right and two on the left). After this crossroads, we come to a valley and the Cresta del Diablo [The Devil's Crest]: the route starts to climb up the mountain.

At kilometric point 9.600 you will come to the barrier that restricts access for motor vehicles. The pine forest accompanies us to Puerto del Aire (at an altitude of 1,030 m), whilst at kilometric point 12.200 we are afforded a wonderful view of the landscape of the eastern part of the province of Jaén (with Sierra Magina Nature Reserve in the background) for the first time. We then climb the path until we reach the end of the route (km 16.400). A trail covering a distance of less than 100m takes us to the top, where the fire-surveillance building provides a vantage point. From here, visitors can see for miles in any direction. The view takes in most of the province of Jaén, up to the boundaries with the provinces of Córdoba and Granada. We are now standing on the limit of the Andalusian highlands. Be sure to drink plenty of water and wear warm clothing!

To the north, the Campiña and the Guadalquivir Valley stretch out before us (practically the entire Olive Oil Greenway is visible), reaching as far as the mountains of Sierra Morena. To the south, on clear days, the peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountain range are visible, including the highest peak in the Iberian Peninsula, Mulhacén (Granada), which boasts an altitude of 3,481m. To the east, the horizon stretches to the peaks of the Nature Park of Cazorla, Segura and las Villas and the highest point in the province, Pico Magina (2197 m), in the nature park of the same name. To the west, we are afforded a view of the mountains of Sierra de la Grana and the Campiña of Córdoba. The municipal boundaries of Jaén, Torredelcampo and los Villares converge on this peak and visitors can enjoy a bird's eye view of these towns during the ascent and from the summit.

The return journey can be made along the same route, heading towards Torredelcampo, or via a turning at Puerto del Aire that leads towards Jaén (a turning that descends towards the east) along a trail with similar characteristics. After descending for 4.400 km (along this alternative route to Jaén) we come to another barrier. After another 3.600 km, we come to the C-3221 road that can be accessed via the side road in the residential area built around the old spo of Jabalcuz, facing this crossroads visitors will find rural lodgings with a restaurant (La Casa de Piedra). From here, we continue cycling for another 4.500 km until we reach the city of Jaén.

Each of these two downward routes provides an opportunity to enjoy a well-earned respite after making such a strenuous climb.

Tourist signposting: None. Along the itinerary various types of signs indicating different routes can be found.

Connections to the Greenway: K.P. (kilometric point) 11.800 (Torredelcampo) and K.P. 0.00 (Jaén).

Municipal areas: Torredelcampo and Jaén.

Recommended means of travelling: Mountain bike.

Level of difficulty: Very difficult.

Total distance: 32.800 km. Round trip (Torredelcampo-Peak of Jabalcuz-Torredelcampo). 38.900 km for the Torredelcampo-Peak of Jabalcuz-Jaén option.

Type of road/s: Earth and gravel trails. Local asphalted roads are only found at the start and end of the route.

Itinerary: see map.

Recommendations: Given the continuous climb, it is advisable to stop every so often and drink plenty of water. On the peak and during the descent, it is advisable to wear warm clothing. In the winter, the end of the route may be covered in snow or be exposed to strong winds. On the way down, it is advisable to ride at a moderate speed. In the springtime and summertime, it is advisable to make the ascent first thing in the morning. Another alternative, once you have become familiar with the route, is to make the ascent at night and contemplate one of the most attractive starlit skies you could imagine. It is advisable to start the route at K.P. 11.800 of the Greenway, at the old station of Torredelcampo.

Route through the mountains of Sierra de Ahillos

The Sierra de Ahillos is a small mountain range that forms a part of the Sierra Sur of Jaén. It is an interesting example of an inland Mediterranean range, with a natural forest landscape and olive groves, dotted with granges and isolated hamlets. This alternative route connects Alcaudete station (k.p. 48.250 along the Olive Oil Greenway) with Vado Jaén station (k.p. 37.000 along the Route).

The route begins at the Old Station of Alcaudete (k.p.0.00). From here, we head towards Alcaudete along the JV-2240. In the centre of the town, take the sign-posted turn-off to Fuente Amuña. At k.p. 6.400 we come to the Fuente Amuña crossroads, and continue towards Casillas de Martos. The road starts to climb along a series of bends, affording a wonderful view of the Campiña over a stretch of several kilometres. At route k.p. 11.600 along the route, we come across a typical highland farmstead located in a hollow or depression in the mountains. To the right, depending on the direction we are travelling in, we observe the peak of Ahillos (1,453 m), with slopes covered in lush Mediterranean vegetation. The range takes its name from this peak. There are several paths leading up to the top of the peak.

At k.p. 13.400 we arrive at the pass and the road starts to descend (at the crossroads, take the road to the right). After a gentle descent of about five kilometres we come to a tiny hamlet with a single-classroom schoolhouse, a reminder of a rural lifestyle that is now virtually non-existent. At route k.p.22, we come to the tail-end of the River Viboras reservoir (here we find a rural homestead known as "La Morata"). Travelling for a further 2 kilometres, the dam wall leads us into the village of Casillas de Martos.

At k.p. 25.400, we take the roundabout turn-off to Martos and Alcaudete. This road takes us directly to the Greenway and after cycling over a distance of 30.600 km, we arrive at the Old Station of Vado-Jaén.

Tourist signposting: None. Road signs are useful along this alternative route.

Connection to the Greenway: K.P. 48.250 (Alcaudete Station) and K.P. 36.950 (Vado Jaén Station).

Municipal areas: Alcaudete and Martos.

Recommended means of transport: Mountain bike / road bike.

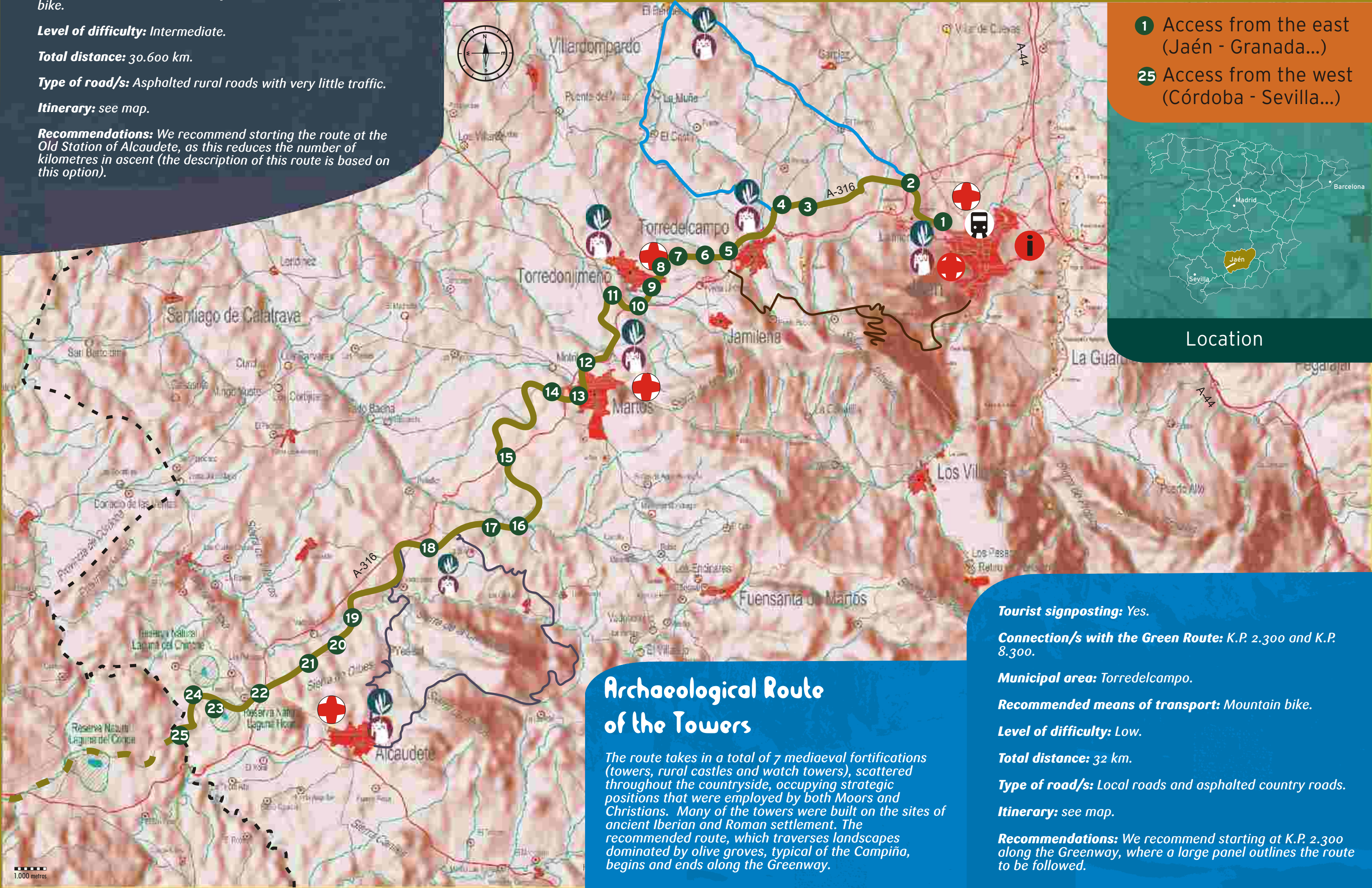
Level of difficulty: Intermediate.

Total distance: 30.600 km.

Type of road/s: Asphalted rural roads with very little traffic.

Itinerary: see map.

Recommendations: We recommend starting the route at the Old Station of Alcaudete, as this reduces the number of kilometres in ascent (the description of this route is based on this option).



Most important elements of the Greenway

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| 1 | Access area in Jaén | 8 | Torredonjimeno Tunnel: 120m | 15 | Cortijo del Chinche Bridge over the A-316, 45m | 22 | Old Station of Torredelcampo: access and rest area |
| 2 | Alternative path to the north-west Jaén variant | 9 | Old Station of Torredelcampo: access and rest area | 16 | Arroyo Salado Viaduct: 203m | 23 | Laguna Honda |
| 3 | Alternative route to the A-316 dual carriageway in Torredelcampo | 10 | Torredonjimeno Bridge: 219m | 17 | Arroyo del Higueral Viaduct: 133m | 24 | Arroyo del Desjarradero Viaduct: 83 m |
| 4 | Old Station of Torredelcampo: access and rest area | 11 | Alternative route along the A-306 in Torredonjimeno | 18 | Old Station of Vado-Jaén: access and rest area | 25 | River Guadajoz Viaduct: 199 m |
| 5 | Caballico Tunnel: 333m | 12 | Martos Bridge, 73m | 19 | River Viboras Viaduct: 224m | | |
| 6 | Viaduct over Piedra del Águila brook, 104 m | 13 | Old Station of Martos | 20 | Arroyo del Chaparral Viaduct: 70m | | |
| 7 | Low viaduct: 82m | 14 | Cajón Tunnel, 50m | 21 | Arroyo de la Esponela Viaduct: 72m | | |

For more information about the Greenway, please consult: www.promojaen.es



Amongst the alternatives to the Olive Oil Greenway attention should be drawn to the Castles and Battlegrounds Route, which takes in the five municipalities comprising the Greenway.

Castles and battlefields are found all over the province of Jaén, although we find a particularly high concentration of these features in the area surrounding the Greenway. Some of the most important battles in Spanish history took place in Jaén. For instance, the Battle of Baécula (208 B.C.) in which Romans and Carthaginians confronted each other and the Battle of Navas de Tolosa (1212) wherein the Almohads faced Christian forces. Seven hundred years later, in 1808, the fields of Jaén bore witness to the battle that put an end to the presence of Napoleonic troops in Spain: the Battle of Bailén.

Amongst the fortresses that lined the medieval frontier between Christian and Moorish Spain, the castles found in the towns and villages along the Greenway represent the finest examples. The castle of Santa Catalina in Jaén, which affords a magnificent vantage point overlooking the Betic Mountains and the Campiña of Andalusia, the network of small forts and towers in the township of Torredelcampo (see information on the Towers Route), the urban castle of Torredonjimeno, the fortresses of Martos, both inside the town and on the great Peña (a high rock formation overlooking the town), or the castle of Alcaudete, which has been almost completely restored, provides a few examples of this new tourist product. All the foregoing monuments are no more than a stone's throw away from the Olive Oil Greenway.

As a result of its strategic location overlooking the town, the remains of the mediaeval fortress on the Peña de Martos, erected by the Order of Calatrava at an altitude of 1003m, bear mention. The path to the fortress is clearly signposted from the town onwards. The path to the fortress involves an easy ascent, and can be made on foot or by mountain bike, providing rest areas and rails at the sides. After a climb of 200m, the path opens on to an extraordinary natural balcony that affords wonderful views of the plain of olive groves of the Campiña and the foothills of Sierra Sur to the south.

These castles provide an excellent starting point for those wishing to complete the Castles and Battlegrounds Route, where, in addition to historical monuments and sites, visitors can also enjoy a program of leisure activities and innovative gastronomic possibilities that include mediaeval dishes.

For more information, visit www.castillosybatallas.com

- 1 Access from the east (Jaén - Granada...)
- 25 Access from the west (Córdoba - Sevilla...)



LEGEND

- Road classified within the State Network of General Interest
- Basic Road Network
- Interprovincial Boundary
- Town centre
- Tourist information
- 24-hour primary care service
- Hospital
- Railway station
- Nature Reserve
- Olive Oil Greenway
- Route to the Peak of Jabalcuz
- Route through the mountains of Sierra de Ahillos
- Archaeological Route of the Towers
- Castles and Battlegrounds Route

