



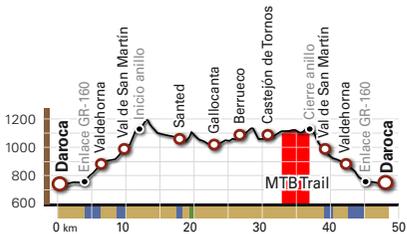
El Anillo de Gallocanta

MTB route guide Camino del Cid

Daroca - Gallocanta - Daroca

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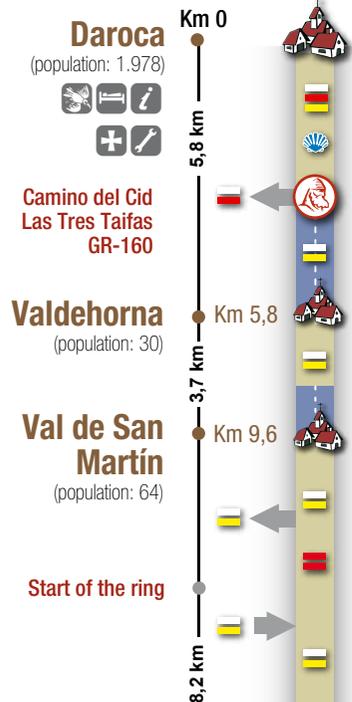
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Trail / path Footpath Pavement

FICHA	Distance 48,5 km	Cumulative ascent 750 m	MTB trail Yes (4 km)
	Physical difficulty Medium	Cumulative descent 750 m	Signposting GR, PR and BTT
	Technical difficulty Low	Estimated time 5 h 30 m	IBP Degree of difficulty 53

This is a circular route connecting the valley of Jiloca with the surprising endorheic basin of the Gallocanta Lagoon. In that sense, it is an amazing environmentally interesting segment; it is, additionally, one of the most important ornithological nature reserves in Europe, renown for biannual Crane migration. The route coincides with the hiking trail, which is signposted until Castejón de Tornos; from this point onwards, each route runs on a different path. The MTB trail joins the hiking trail again at a point further on, closing the ring.



Start at **Daroca**, following the markers for the **GR-160** path. Ride along *Avenida Madrid*, which turns into *road A-211*. Cross over the *river Jiloca* through a bridge and continue straight. Shortly after, you will reach the buildings of the *old station*. Turn left and ride off the road, so as to take a path that runs alongside the meadow at the *river Jiloca*. Ignore all left and right hand turns, riding always on the main path. At a crossroads, **ride off The Way of El Cid (GR-160)**. There is a triple arrow, indicating the route, which is marked as a **PR-Z 20** path (white and yellow markers) and runs along a paved path. After a soft climb, you arrive at the low part of **Valdehorna**.

Cross through **Valdehorna** and continue until reaching *Calle Camino de San Martín*, where there is a *multipurpose social centre*. Continue on a rural path in good condition that climbs slightly. There is a branch line to the left. Take a paved stretch, which comes from the cemetery and leads to **Val de San Martín**.

Cross through **Val de San Martín** riding along *Calle Baja*. You will come out to a path situated next to a fountain, which leads to the mountain ranges. Ride parallel to the gully, until reaching a crossroads. Turn at a sharp curve to the left, where a climb starts. At this point, ride off path **PR-Z 20**, which runs along a path that you will join later on. The trail climbs along a stony path amidst kermes oaks until reaching a crossroads, where it turns to the right. You will soon see a triple arrow, which signals the **start of the ring** along a **MTB trail**. Although you will use the trail on the return trip, ignore the sign for the time being. Continue climbing towards **Santed**. At the highest point of the segment, ignore a right hand turn. Some metres further, turn right and start descending. At a crossroads, which is placed next to a building site, go straight and continue until coming out to another path. Turn left. After crossing through a gully, turn sharply to the right at a crossroads.

Passport stamp points

- DAROCA**
 OFICINA DE TURISMO: C/ Mayor, 44 - 976 800 123
 H CIENBALCONES: C/ Mayor, 88 - 976545071
 POSADA DEL ALMUDÍ: C/ Grajera, 7 - 976 800 606
 AP. TURÍSTICO MELIAH: C/ Mayor, 76 - 976 800 194 / 691 483 947
- GALLOCANTA**
 OFICINA DE TURISMO: Ctra. Gallocanta a Berruoco, s/n - 976 803 069
 ALBERGUE ALLUCANT: C/ San Vicente, s/n - 976 803 137
- BERRUOCO**
 AYUNTAMIENTO: C/ Mayor, 8 - 976 803 032 (Miércoles de 12 a 14 h)



Bicycle shops and bicycle repair shops

- Daroca**
 Talleres Serrano - Ctra. Sagunto Burgos, km 218 - 976 800 077

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You will come gradually closer to the road. Shortly after, you will start to see the outline of the *castle of Santed*. Cross the road and ride some metres in parallel, until reaching the road at the entrance to **Santed**.

Cross through **Santed** riding along *Calle Lucas Traid*, which crosses all through the town. You will come out to a *pillar built in the honour of San Pedro*. Join path **PR-Z 19** and ride on this route until reaching **Gallocanta**. Continue on the paved path until coming out to *road A-211*. Cross the road and continue some metres further on the old road, until reaching the start of a path to your right. Immediately after, turn to the left and start a short climb until reaching the shooting range. The path runs alongside kermes oaks and then turns into a clearly visible path, which at some point will make you hop off your bike. Take a new path and continue riding southwards at all crossroads. *The pillar of Santa Bárbara*, which is at the entrance to **Gallocanta**, welcomes visitors.

Leave **Gallocanta** riding along *Calle Arrabal* and head to the *cemetery*. Turn right into an agricultural path, riding eastwards alongside cultivated fields and scattered trees. Although you will ride into several major crossroads, keep riding in the same direction. The path runs along a kermes oak grove and then turns right. Ride along the foothill of the hillock *Mediano*, amidst fields and low scrubland. You will reach *gully Trascastillo* and, shortly after, the ruins of a series of old buildings, signalling that you are close to **Berruoco**.

Cross through **Berruoco** riding along *Calle Mayor* and leave the town through the east. An arrow to your left points to the way out, which runs on the *path to Castejón de Tornos* and coincides with path **PR-TE 15**. The route runs alongside a narrow cultivated valley in between two hillocks. At a crossroads, turn right and cross to the other side of the valley. After a slight climb, the traces of the path become blurred, to the point that the path turns into a barren land in the area coinciding with the province borderland. Continue some metres further until reaching an arrow that points to the left, along a descending path. You will then reach a small irrigation channel that may cause problems for cyclists during the rainfall period. You will come across a crossroads where there is an original fountain. Continue easily until reaching the road, at the entrance of **Castejón de Tornos**.

 **Reduced cycling possibilities:** during the rainfall period, the path gets covered in mud easily, to the point that it may cause pedalling difficulties.

Ride away from **Castejón de Tornos** and head to the start of *Calle del Horno*, which is next to the road. A directional arrow points towards a path to the north, which is in good condition and is placed next to a farming unit. Ignore a right hand turn and continue until reaching a *pillar*. The route runs straight, so that it is easy to follow.

 **Start of a MTB stretch.** After a curve, at which two paths to the right join the trail, there is an arrow pointing towards the hiking trail (**PR-TE 15**), which turns right. The **MTB trail**, which starts at this point (it is signposted with MTB markers), joins again the hiking trail in 4 km, stretching from **Val de San Martín** to **Santed**.

At the end of the **MTB stretch**, there is a triple directional arrow (where the ring closes). It indicates that travellers should return to **Darooca**, riding on the **same path** along which they had climbed before, but this time in the opposite direction (passing by **Val de San Martín** and **Valdehorna**, until reaching **Darooca**).

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Gallocanta lagoon



It is the largest natural lagoon in Spain and it forms an endorheic basin. It is made of salt water, which used to be used to extract salt. Although no fishes live in its waters, it is a refuge for a wide range of birds, to the point that up to 220 different species live in the area. In the area surrounding the Gallocanta Lagoon, there are other lagoons, some of them made of fresh water, as for example those of *La Zaida* or *Gualguerrero*.

