

6 - Roman Bridge of Valdemaqueda

The first part of this hike runs through a firebreak covered with vegetation with a clear trail running uphill, and then takes a trail that descends to the Rio Cofio. The bridge built by the Romans is a real charm and in good state. Because of the limited length and little difference in altitude, it is an ideal route for hot summer days.

- From the Plaza España (1) we walk up the M-537 in the direction Robledo de Chavela. Just past the camping we take the first path on the right (2), which is marked with the signpost “Pinares y Puente del Río Cofio”.
- The path turns right passing behind the camping and turns later into an enormous firebreak, which we follow uphill, ignoring all side paths.
- As soon as we are over the hill and are at the beginning of a steep descent, we need to pay good attention. On the right side lies a forest trail - square to the firebreak -, which we have to take (3).
- Now we start going down through the forest. At the first fork (4) we keep left to further descend towards the river Cofio.
- We get at a parking lot (5). As soon as we turn left here we can see the Roman bridge (6), which we reach through the picnic place.
- From the bridge we climb back to the parking lot. Here we keep left and take the broad road that is also used by the cars (7).
- We follow this road until we are in the village. In the village we stay on this road (called Puente Romano) climbing further, without taking any side roads. Finally the road ends at the M-537 (8). Here we turn right, to return to the Plaza España.

Fact Sheet

Duration: 2:00 hrs.

Distance: 8.7 km.

Route type: Circular route

Path type: Forest trail, firebreak, dirt road, urban area

Marking: None

Total difference in altitude: 220 m.

Highest point: 908 m.

Difficulty: Easy (1/15)



How to get there?

The route starts in the Plaza España of Valdemaqueda, that lies directly at the through road (M-537) at the most central point of this town. Around this square there are sufficient parking places.



GPS Coordinates:

Latitude: N 40 30.693

Longitude: W 4 17.758

