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Haro – Tirón Riverbank and Atamauri

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** It is a simple itinerary, suitable for everyone, which can be completed in less than 2 hours, with a few stops. Most of it runs along good trails, and we can discover some of the most beautiful places of the Río Tirón in Haro. It is especially advisable in spring and autumn. It is also appropriate in summer, as it runs largely through the shade of pretty black poplars.

* <u>TIME REQUIRED</u>: From Camping de Haro, we need approximately, at a leisurely pace, **50** 'to get to La Presa. In total, it is around 2 and a half hours, with stops, if we visit Atamauri (where an old town from medieval times used to settle) and return along the alternative route of the canal.

However, there are other possibilities to extend the route following near the riverbank to Anguciana, and return to Haro on the Malzapato Way (from 2 to 3 hours).

If we want, we could also take a longer way, going to **Villalba** and return to Haro visiting a recently rebuilt "**chozo**". This option would also allow us to pass through the remains of a **Roman road**, and end up touring some pretty vineyard areas, before returning to Haro, through the Cantarranas neighborhood (from 3 and a half to 4 hours).

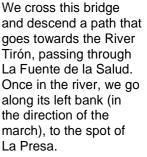
** I'm just going to relate the walk to la Pesa, and the possible alternative back to Camping de Haro by the canal.

Route to La Presa:

To begin this itinerary, and if we leave from **Camping de Haro**, we must return to the center town, cross the bridge over the Río Tirón and continue along the road on the right. We pass under a first footbridge, and a little further up we have a second footbridge. On your right begins the beautiful "**Paseo de Vista Alegre**", where the route initially runs.

We take to the right of the footbridge the beginning of the Paseo de Vista Alegre and we cross it until we leave the last chalets on our left. This walk ends on the Anguciana road, near the Fuente del Moro site. We don't have to reach the end of it but a few meters before its end, we take on our right, a small bridge that formerly crossed the old Haro - Ezcaray railway line. We can see next to this bridge a sign indicating "**Sendero del Viano**".







On this path, there are some strechts with stairs, handrails, some signposts... We are going to enjoy some places of great beauty, visiting the terms of **Peñabel**, La Ísla, El Coto Carrascón, El Viano ...







Upon arrival at El Viano, we have tables and barbecues. You can also get here by car from the Anguciana road. This is a place frequented in summer by many Jarreros.

To continue towards La Presa, we just have to continue along the path that runs along the banks of the River Tirón.



of abundant water.

We pass by some farmland. Later, we pass under the motorway, and just a minute later, we are going to see a concrete bridge that allows us to cross to the other side of the river.

We are not going to pass it at the moment, we continue a couple of minutes along the left bank, to arrive at the spot of La Presa. Although it is an artificial construction, when enough water comes down the river, it has a special attraction, and for that reason it is convenient to go in times







After enjoying the environment for a while, we can return to Haro through the same place, or for any of the many options we have.

One of these options is to go to the other side of La Presa, over the concrete bridge that we have seen before. Passing to the other side of the river we could head towards Anguciana or return to Haro through agricultural paths that end at the beginning of the Villalba road.



For any of these options, we go through the mentioned bridge, and we continue to the left along a path almost hidden in the grass, for 2 or 3 minutes. We arrive at the canal that begins at the other side of La Presa, and we also cross it by a small footbridge.



Now we already have in front of us the wide way that comes from Haro on the right, and that goes on the left towards Atamauri and Anguciana. Up to here we have spent just over an hour, although the time depend on our pace and the stops we have made.



If we want to return to Haro, we just have to continue to our right, following a good path along the edge of the canal, which takes us in just 20 minutes to the Villalba road, and in 20 minutes more to our starting point at Camping de Haro.

To continue towards **Atamauri** or **Anguciana**, we continue on the left for 5 minutes along the path, which now has a tendency to move away from the river. We see to our left the ruins of what apparently was the Ermita de Atamauri, and we come to a crossing of a good path.

If we continue straight, we can continue towards Anguciana. Here we are going to go up to the right along a small paved slope. We are already in the place where the ancient town of **Atamauri** used to settle.

We can see on both sides of the path, some of the few remains that remain today. We observe the foundations of some buildings where excavations were carried out several years ago.





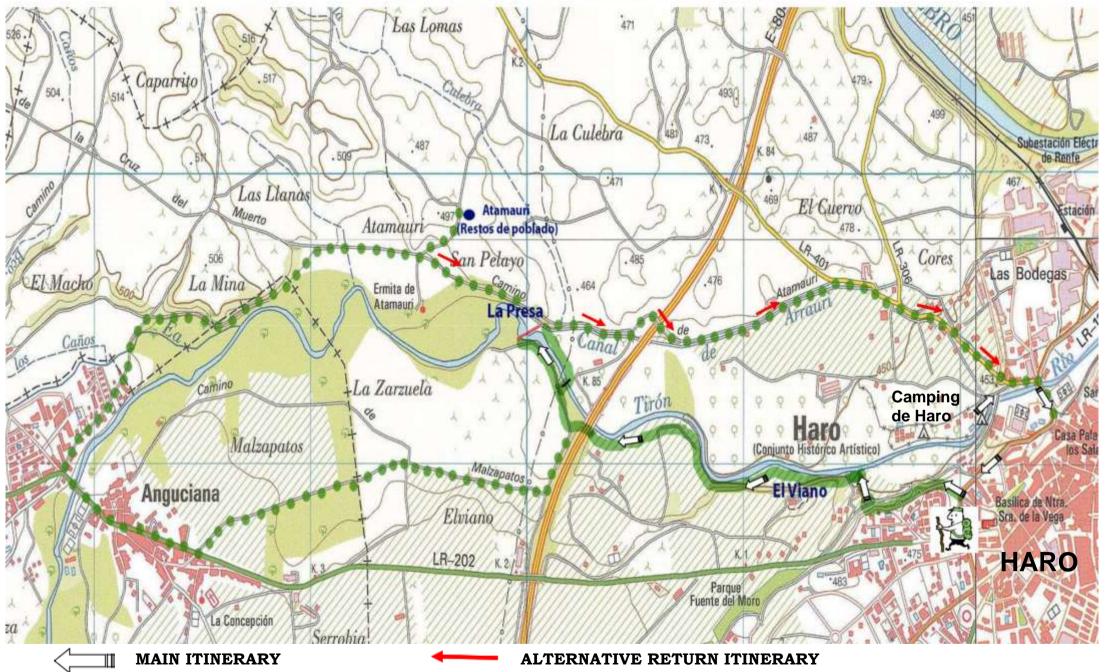
Once at the top of the path, at the end of the paved stretch, we have a small fenced vegetable garden on our left, with a field hut. To our right, under a small promontory, we can see the entrance to a cave, which apparently was a cellar from the old town. Currently there is a net of wires that closes the entrance. We do not know the reason, although it is possible to pass it. In that case, we would need a flashlight to descend into it



Once visited Atamauri, we return to La Presa, and we follow the good path previously mentioned, along the edge of the canal, which take us to the starting point at **Camping de Haro** in around 1 hour.

<u>Water</u>: We can collect water at the **Fuente de la Salud**. Later we are going to see some streams that flow into the river, which although they were drinkable years ago, today unfortunately, are no longer reliable.

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* Author's note.

I'd like to make a little introduction to these routes.

First of all, I want to make it clear that I am just a simple mountain enthusiast, and that I am not qualified enough to make technical comments on flora, fauna, history and other similar topics.

For that reason, I prefer to leave such matters to more capable people. I apologize for any mistakes I may have made in referring to some names of municipal districts, historical facts, or any other name used by me, when making these routes.

I am simply an unconditional lover of Nature in all its facets, and I have always regretted the lack of sensitivity that politicians have shown in everything related to these issues.

The Haro region and the Rioja Alta have privileged places where you can enjoy natural environments, sometimes unknown by the inhabitants of the area. In spite of having a great landscape and fauna richness, at an institutional level, there has always been an absolute lack of any kind of printed information about trekking or mountain routes in our region, which shows how little interest has been taken in it.

However, the reality is that at the grassroots level, there is a great fondness for it. This is demonstrated by the large number of people who every Sunday take their backpacks and go to the mountains. Also, the two existing mountain associations in the town, counting at present the Toloño Sports Association (to which I belong), with more than 300 members.

For that reason, I have always tried to collaborate as much as possible, to spread that richness in the mountain environment in which I usually move.

On one occasion, I coincided in a mountain activity with the manager of Camping de Haro, Carlos Contreras, and during a short conversation, I voluntarily and totally disinterestedly accepted the commitment to facilitate some routes. In this way, people who visit our city and the camping, and wish to do trekking or mountain, or simply know our environment, can have at their disposal, a minimum of information to do so.

As I promised, and although these simple routes are the work of an amateur, I hope they are useful for those who, like me, share that interests in Nature. Les ofrezco en principio estos pocos itinerarios que en un futuro próximo, irán ampliándose con otras rutas futuras.

Before I finish, I'd like to ask everyone who makes these routes **MAXIMUM RESPECT FOR ANIMALS, PLANTS, AND NATURE IN GENERAL. WE MUST NOT IN ANY WAY DEGRADE THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH WE ARE.**

Neither should we forget that on some occasions, we will be passing through areas close to private properties (vineyards, farm fields...etc), or through places with a great cultural and historical richness, which we will also have to respect.

Finally, if anyone wishes to contact the author of these routes, for any suggestion, additional information, or any criticism, they can do so at:

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