



## Peñas de Jembres 856 mts. ( From Haro, Villalba or La Esclavitud)

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### TREKKING-MOUNTAIN



**\*REQUIRED TIME:** For any of the proposed itineraries (\*except the one starting in Haro), 1h. 15' is enough at normal pace.

It depends on the starting point chosen for the ascent. In any case, we must be on the path from Villalba to Ternerero, at the base of the crags.

Once there, 30 or 40 minutes are enough to reach the summit.

### 1. -Desde Villalba:

We take as a starting point the Town Hall and the fountain, located in the upper part of the town. We stand near the fountain and take the street that goes along the back of the Town Hall and descends slightly to the left. Following it takes us quickly out of the village towards the west along a path that goes to the base of the crags and to Ternerero.

At 1.5 km. from the village, we see on the right a firebreak that goes up to the north, towards the mountain. 400 meters further on, we leave a new path on the left that goes south (it is the path that comes from Haro by way Atamauri and the San Andrés Fountain).



We continue along the Ternerero path, and after approximately 2.4 km from Villalba, pass another crossing on the left. A few meters further on, we have a path on our right, next to some piles of stones on the

edge of a estate and some holm oaks on this path. If we look, we see some yellow paint marks.

**ITINERARY 1.-** This is the starting point for the ascent to the Peñas de Jembres if we come from Villalba. It has taken us about 35 minutes to get here from the village.



We start the route leaving on the right side of the path the holm oaks, and in about 3 'we reached a fork in the path. Both of them go towards the mountain, but ours is the one on the left and starts gaining altitude over the one on the right, and going up

towards a pine forest in front of us, in the direction of Jembres. When we have been walking for 5' from the path, through this pine forest, we arrive at a estate that we can surround by a path on its left, descending a few meters, to finish going out on it again along a pathway.

There we find again the path that allow us to reach the highest area of the meadows, to a land closed by a wire fence. Up to here we will arrive in 10' from the track.



Campa vallada

Now we must follow the path next to the wire fence, just a minute, until we are practically in front of the pass between the two rocks, and locate on the right some stones and a mark next to some holm oaks. We should not go into the pine trees, until we have located them from the fence, as these guide us to the path that goes through the forest to the summit, without any problem.

We are going to find some yellow paint marks on the ascent.



Senda en el pinar

### Access to the summit



Llegando al corredor



The path through the pine forest takes us quickly to the base of the rocks and into the passage between them. A short but steep slope takes us to the top of this one, on a hill.

Once at the top of the passage, we see some mark to the left (and also some to the right). We choose the ones on the left, as it is the most accessible rock, despite being 2 meters lower than the one on the right, which we should reach after a little difficult climb, but reserved for experienced mountaineers.

We follow the marks and just a minute from the hill, we must pay attention, because the path climbs a few meters to the rocks on the left, to then climb with a little caution, but without notable problems to the **west summit of Jembres, 856 mts.** high.



**\* We have needed in total, at a calm pace, 35' from the Ternerero track, or just over 1 hour from Villalba.**

At the summit we have a mountain mailbox and usually a nativity scene. We can appreciate the scarce 2 meters. difference with the East rock. With good visibility, we will see the Cruz de Motrico (NE), El Avellano and Peñalrayo (NW), and most of the Rioja Alta at our feet.



West summit of Jembres



East summit of Jembres

## 2. -From Cihuri or Anguciana through the Recreational Zone of La Esclavitud:



La Esclavitud



To reach **La Esclavitud**, we must take the road from Haro to Anguciana, cross the town and continue towards Cihuri. When we arrive at the Cihuri crossing, we take a narrow but asphalted track on our right, which after approximately 2 kms reaches that area. There are trees, tables and barbecues, as well as a fountain that has unfortunately stopped providing water in recent years.

From here, we must pay attention to a succession of crossings of agricultural paths, until we reach the path from Villalba to Ternero, at the base of the Peñas de Jembres. For that reason, it is advisable to leave the car here.

We begin by leaving the recreational area on the right (**0 h. / 0 kms.**), and continue a few more meters on the path that continues. A few metres on, we take a path on the right that goes towards some poplars which we continue for about 500 meters. We reach a first crossing (on our left we see some ruins). We ignore the track on the left (\* which would also join our path later), and continue on the right until a new crossing 400 meters away.

Now we continue along the path on the left, clearly going towards Jembres, and leaving on the right the one that goes towards Anguciana.

Approximately 500 mts after this last crossing (1'4 kms.), we leave on the right another path that goes towards Villalba, and we follow on the left. After a few meters there's a bend to the right.

*\* To this bend comes the path we've recently left, next to the ruins.*

After this bend, the path takes direction towards the rocks.

About 300 m. further on (1.7 km) we ignore a new crossing to the right (which also goes towards Villalba), and we continue straight ahead towards Jembres, passing a little farther on next to other ruins, which we leave on our left.

Once passed these ones, and after a short ascent, we finally connect with the path that comes from Villalba and goes to Ternero (**2'4 kms. / 40' from La Esclavitud**). Now we are already in front of the Peñas de Jembres, which emerge after a first pine forest.

*Now we have to choose between following the itinerary nº 1 indicated before (\* in that case we have to follow to the right, along the path towards Villalba for about 600 meters), or to choose any of the other itineraries that go up a little more to the left, and that also place us in the fenced meadow.*

If we choose the itineraries that go up on the left, we must continue for about 400 meters. on the left on the Ternero path, and at the first crossing on the right, leave it to go up there (we see some ruins inside a vineyard). About 3', and when we reach the end of the vineyard with the ruins, we see a path that goes up to the right.

**Itinerary 2a.-** *This path would take us in just 8' more to the fenced meadow, which we could go around to the right of the wire fence (4'), and place ourselves at the beginning of the path that goes up through the pine forest towards the passage of the rocks.*

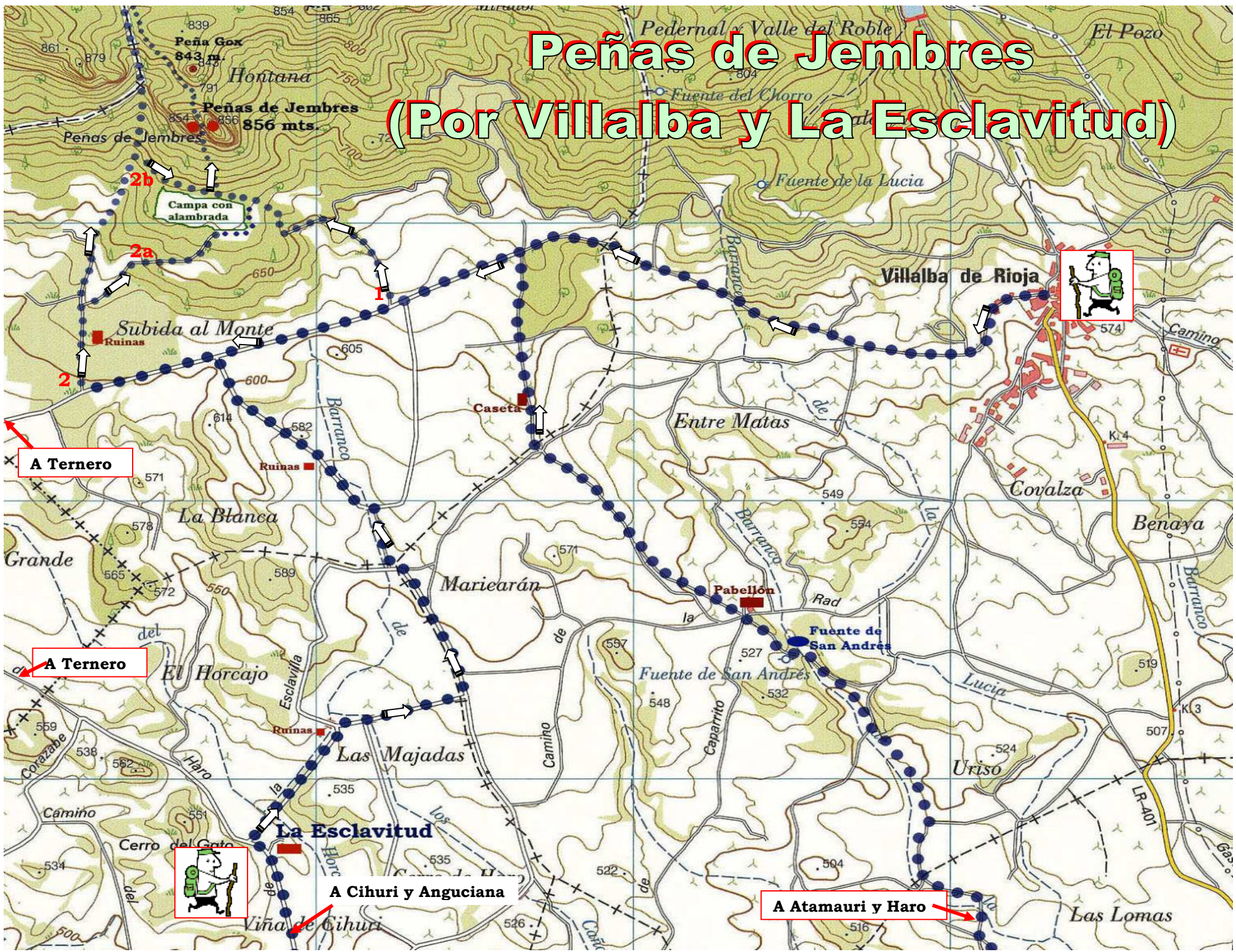
**Itinerary 2b.-** If we want to avoid the inconvenience of surrounding these wire fenced meadow, the following option is more comfortable: When we reach the end of the vineyard with the ruins, we ignore the path that goes up to the right, and follow in the direction of the dell of the left of the Peñas de Jembres. Soon we reach the first pines on our left. We continue straight on, and soon we come out to a more open space. We continue to ascend towards the dell, and in about 10' from the Ternero path, we reach a wide forest path that crosses our path from left to right. In front, we see a good path (yellow arrow) that continues climbing decisively and that allow us to climb the rocks on the north side.

We are going to continue along the forest path to the right. Slowly it goes uphill for a couple of minutes and we reach the top of the fenced meadow. We continue next to the fence for a short flat stretch of just one minute, and we arrive at the holm oaks where the path to the passage begins on the left.

We have spent about 12' from the Ternero track, and now we just have to follow the itinerary 1.

**\*Here, we have only described the easiest accesses from Haro. There are several more accesses to the Peñas de Jembres, making a larger detour, either on the southern or northern slope. You could also get there, walking from Haro through La Presa, Atamauri and the San Andrés Fountain, as well as from Anguciana.**

# Peñas de Jembres (Por Villalba y La Esclavitud)



A Ternero

A Ternero

A Cihuri y Anguciana

A Atamauri y Haro



### 3. -PEÑAS DE JEMBRES 856 mts. from Haro.

\* **REQUIRED TIME:** As with the shorter itineraries proposed by Villalba and La Esclavitud, if we start the tour in Haro, we must take the path from Villalba to Ternerero, at the base of the rocks.

**Up to there, we need 1h. 30' approximately to get from Haro, to which we must add another 30´ to get the summit. In total 2h. at a normal pace from Haro.**

\***START POINT:** Camping de Haro.

#### 3. From Haro by the San Andrés Fountain.

We take the **Camping de Haro** as our starting point (0h.). We are going to try to go as much as possible by paths and avoiding the road as much as possible.

When leaving the camping towards the center town we pass over a canal that comes from the power station. Without going over this canal, we take a path to our left that goes to an area of vegetable gardens. After passing by the left of a field hut and a wall (4´), we leave the path that continues straight on and take another that goes to the right. Through this track we go out to the Haro-San Felices road, just at the Villalba crossing (8´).

We are now going to continue to the left along the Villalba road for 3 minutes more, next to the canal, until we reach another path on the left (11´) with a sign indicating "Vivero Prado Arrauri". Now we are going to continue on this wide track, always with the canal on our left, until we reach La Presa (the dam). We pass a bridge over the highway (20´), leave the entrance to the plant nursery on the left and continue straight ahead.

Soon we are located to the right of La Presa (25´).



*\* If we want to get closer to the dam, we can do it by a footbridge over the canal, and then following a path that is quite invaded by vegetation, but that allows us to get under the right side of the waterfall. We can also go to the other side of the dam (with better views), continuing along that path until we find another footbridge over the River Tirón in 2 or 3 minutes, which*

*allows us to have another perspective of the environment. It is an artificial place, but it maintains a certain charm in rainy seasons.*



To continue towards Jembres, we must follow a path, in a worse condition but wide, which separates from the river, ascends a small slope to the right of La Presa, and then continues flat towards the area of Atamauri. We see on our left the remains of what could have been the Atamauri Hermitage, and we connect with another good path that comes from Anguciana and goes up to the right with a paved stretch (33´).

If we keep going 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 be. We can see on both sides of the path, some of the few remains that are still there today. We can see the foundations of some buildings where excavations were made several years ago.



Once at the top of the track (36'), at the end of the paved stretch, we have a small fenced vegetable garden on our left, with a field hut. On our right, under a small promontory, we can see the entrance of a **cave**, which apparently was a wine cellar of the old village. Currently there is a latticework of wires that closes the entrance. We do not know the reason, although it is possible to pass it and visit the cave. In that case, we need a flashlight to descend into it.

Following our path, once at the top, we descend just a minute and leave this path (which would take us to the road to Villalba in about 10'), to take another wide path that goes to the left (37'). It has a short stretch also paved and begins going up slightly. From here we can already see Villalba, the Peñas de Jembres and part of the itinerary that we must follow. We see in the Jembres way an electric turret and a small grove behind it. We go there along this path after some bends. We can also see Anguciana on our left, behind the River Tiron.



We continue along this path until we are located under a promontory, with an holm oak at the top (50'). Now we have in front of us wire-trained vines with a bifurcation of paths. On the left one continues towards Anguciana, and on the right, the one we are going to follow, goes towards an electric turret with a poplar grove nearby. In a couple of minutes we are under that turret and we leave the path that makes a right turn (52'), to take a narrower path (with grass) that goes towards the poplar grove. We follow alongside a stone wall on our right and we connect again with another good path coming from the left (56'). We follow it to the right going up a paved slope, to the highest point There we leave the path again (which goes towards Villalba), and take a new path to the left (59') that

goes along the right side of a dell until we reach the **San Andrés Fountain (1h. 02')**. This fountain currently has no water, and is in an unfortunate situation of abandonment.



The path seems to get lost upon reaching the source, but continues without any problems going up the left. From here we gradually gain height, but uninterrupted.

Just 3 minutes from the fountain (1h. 5') we arrive at a junction of paths where we see in front a Bodegas Muga building. The path on the right take us to Villalba. The two on the left go down towards Anguciana. And we have another one to the left of the building, which continues going up with a paved stretch. We're going to go on that way, clearly in the direction of Jembres. We go up for about 10' from the building and arrive at a new junction of paths (1h. 15') where we see a sort of monoliths that indicate that we are in the vineyards of Bodegas CVNE. We follow straight ahead, leaving on our left a row of olive and almond trees and a small hut. A little later we leave a new detour to Villalba on the right

and after 1h. 23' we finally arrive at the main path that comes from Villalba and goes to Ternerero.

We are now about 1'9 kms from Villalba, in front of the dell, on the right of the Peñas de Jembres, where we can go up to the refuge and viewpoint located at 824 meters. We must go for about 400 mts. to the left (1h. 30'), by the Ternerero path, to take the 1st option or any of the other options already related at the beginning, which allow us to climb to the summit.



**In total we have spent approximately 2 hours from Haro at a normal pace.**

# Peñas de Jembres desde Haro



## \* 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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