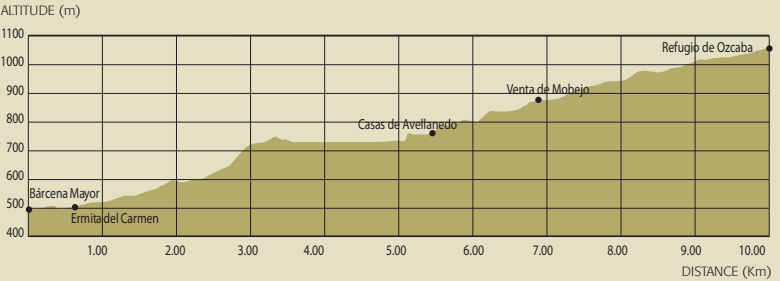


# Route

## BÁRCENA MAYOR-OZCABA

CARTOGRAPHY  
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Longitudinal profile of the route:



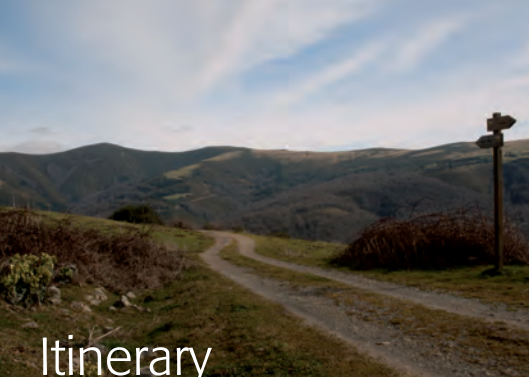
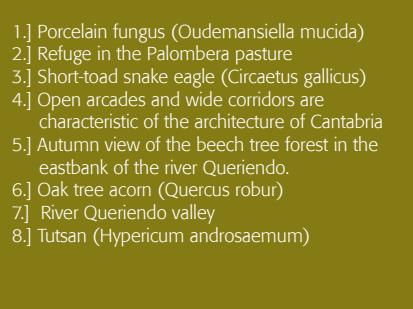
### FACT SHEET

Duration	6 h (return trip)	Cumulative loss (-)	634 m
Height gained	576 m	Horizontal distance	20,7 km (return trip)
Height lost	576 m	Type of route	linear (return trip)
Cumulative gain (+)	634 m	Type of ground	path/track
Bárcena Mayor-Ozcaba			
Place names	UTM Coordinates		Altitude
Start and finish point: Bárcena Mayor car park	30 T 402822 4777951		505 m
Ermita del Carmen	30 T 404348 4776407		575 m
Casas de Avellanedo	30 T 401675 4773933		783 m
Venta de Mobejo	30 T 401427 4773032		882 m
Refugio de Ozcaba	30 T 399652 4771591		1.060 m

### HABITATS

9230	Galicio-Portuguese oak woods with Quercus robur and Quercus pyrenaica.
9120	Atlantic acidophilous beech forests with Ilex and sometimes also Taxus in the shrublayer (Quercion roboripetraeae or Ilici-Fagenion).
91EO*	Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae).
4030	European dry heaths.
9380	Forests of Ilex aquifolium.
4020*	Temperate Atlantic wet heaths with Erica ciliaris and Erica tetralix.
6430	Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels.
8220	Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation.
8230	Siliceous rock with pioneer vegetation of the Sedo-Scleranthion or of the Sedo albi-Veronicion dillenii.

(\*) Priority habitat: habitats in the European Union which the European Council has a special responsibility, due to their delicate state.  
Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora.



## Itinerary DESCRIPTION

The highlight of this route is the historic value of the roman road located at the Collado de Somahoz, which used to communicate coastal Cantabria with Herrera de Pisuergra, the old Pisoraca.

We set off from **Bárcena Mayor** going through the streets of the medieval centre, declared an Historical Artistic town by UNESCO in 1979. After crossing the river Argoza we go up to the left, towards the **ermita del Carmen**.

In the first stage of the ascent we can observe a hundred year old chesnuts and oak trees. The mixed surrounding forest is a mixture of ash, oak, birch and hazel. Leaving the chapel behind, the oaks (*Quercus pyrenaica*) and some examples of strawberry trees seem to draw a Mediterranean landscape, which contrasts with the beech tree forest from the east bank of the **river Queriendo**.

Going through a Monterrey/Insignis pine plantation, we will soon reach a group of buildings in ruins, known as **"Casas de Avellanedo"**, which had a lot to do with the comings and goings of the path in past times. The vegetation has changed, and is now dominated by beech, hazel and holly. The way, rather faded, has now turned into a path which still has, in some places, the original cobbled road.

Afterwards we reach the remains of an old inn, **Mobejo**, currently used as a livestock farm. Further on we access a forest track that runs through a beech tree forest, with lines of holly and hazel.

Exiting the forest, in Ozcaba, there is a high mountain pasture, with two big fountains used as livestock troughs during the last month of spring and a good part of the summer.





- **Fish:** Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*).

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