

# 5 trail of El Castillo

## STA. MARÍA DE SÁBADA - EL CASTILLO

This short route by the highest point of Llastres, let us to go to the ruins of the defensive fort, known as "El Castillo".



2,2 km

206 m

45 min

easy

## Route

In Llastres, at the highest point in town, on the path connecting the **Santa María de Sábada church** with the **San Roque viewpoint**, we will find a sign indicating the starting point of the route. Also at the viewpoint there is another sign showing a different start of the route, through a narrow descending path. Both ways take us on a short walk to a vantage point on top of Llastres' port. At this spot we can see the **ruins of the Llastres' defensive fort**, known as "El Castillo", where a part of its walls still stand.

It was built at the expense of the Robledo family as defence against the British in 1715, equipping it with six powerful **cannons**. Once it fell into disuse, it was abandoned and, at the beginning of the twentieth century, the big ashlar stones were plundered and brought to the streets of Llastres in order to build the steps of the current stairs. The cannons were used on the reconstruction of the old port, placing them vertically for ship mooring. Two of them were recovered after the expansion of the **new port** and are displayed with restored wooden carriages, like they had been back in the day.



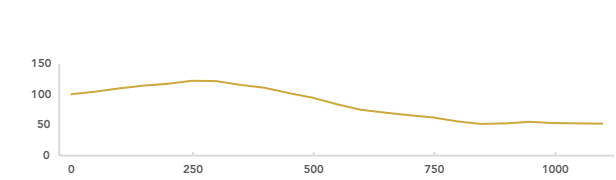
Santa María de Sábada (J.F. Sánchez Díaz)



Cannons in the new port (J.F. Sánchez Díaz)



- POINTS OF INTEREST**
- Sta. María de Sábada church
  - San Roque viewpoint
  - "El Castillo"



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