

## **CAMINO del SURESTE- ALICANTE to SANTA MARTA de TERA.**

### **CAMINO SANABRES - SANTA MARTA de TERA to SANTIAGO. May 2018**

I walked the Sureste and Sanabres to Santiago in April/May 2018, using the Confraternity's guides. Although the Sureste guide is dated 2017 and based on a 2015 walk, there have been numerous changes. However, these comments are not meant to replace the Guide, only to improve the information therein. From Benavente to Santa Marta the signing clearly describes the route as the Camino del Sureste and I have included comments on this section.

Initially I was a little intimidated by the density of the Guide text, compared to the usual CSJ format, but it is excellent in instruction on entering and leaving the larger towns and cities. Frequently the signing stops at the entry to a town or village and only starts again at some point on the other side.

The Camino seems to have been remarked recently with a new idea, used especially in the south, of painting the arrows on a patch of blue paint. This makes the arrows very distinctive. Many times I found the Guide 'lost itself' in the micro detail at locations, but suspect it was drafted before the current excellent signing. Some of the distances quoted I found suspect, but I think this is due to re-routing without re-measuring.

At various locations the Guide offers minor options, (I am excluding major options). I found at all times only one route marked, so ignore the text and follow the signs. In the south and La Mancha the signing by conchas was haphazard with no consistent use of either end of shell. Towards Toledo and after, the hinge end, (the Asturian way), was prevalent. The Guide only makes passing reference to the Camino Levante, which runs close to or shares the same route as the Sureste. Therefore this camino offers a valid alternative in places.

The Sureste is not a regularly used camino. In 25 days to Santa Marta I met and spoke with only 18 other Peregrinos. Consequently the accommodation en route is not used frequently and consists of basic small facilities. The Hospitaleros request that you contact them the day before with an estimated time of arrival and ring again on arrival. This enables them to rearrange their day. Often they go in earlier to turn heating and water on, so you can have that welcome shower. This saves on their running costs, so if you alter your plans please notify the Hospitalero.

Many of the albergues operate on a donativo system. Alojamiento provided by the local Ajuntamiento or Concello is often stated as free, but please ask if it is 'donativo'. If, as I found several times, there is in fact a donativo box in the accommodation, please give - after all what is €5 a night. When I reached Santiago I heard distressing reports from several sources about people equating the term 'donativo' with 'free' and not giving anything. On the more remote caminos like the Sureste, the church room, the polideportivo, the spare room in a Health Centre, is the only accommodation available. If these were closed it would not be possible to walk the camino, except perhaps with a tent.

Please note that bars and restaurants frequently only serve food until 15.00, sometimes 16.00. Shops normally opened in the evenings. The route passes through many very small

villages which remain asleep until midday. Even if they have a bar it is invariably closed, so the chance of a morning coffee is virtually nil. It is always wise to carry food with you.

The Sureste route runs through across rural Spain, often with long distances between centres of habitation. If you cannot walk more than 30-35Ks a day then think again about this route.

The Guide to the Camino Mozarabe, which is supposed to be a 2011 update of the original 2005 edition, is hopelessly out of date. More information is required, so if any of those peregrinos who have recently walked it and were perhaps frustrated at the lack of information, this is the opportunity to contribute and assist others.

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**Alicante - Novelda.** (I walked to Novelda and cannot comment on the route to Petrer).

The text 'lost' me at the tunnel after the cemetery. After the tunnel keep on the road climbing to a low gap in the ridgeline. Immediately after the gap the camino crosses over the new AVE rail line and then turns sharp left to drop down to a gravel road running beside the railway to a cross-roads. Here proceed ahead, past silos, bearing left to cross over the AVE line again. At this point it may seem you are heading in the wrong direction, but have faith in the signing! Keep on the narrow road, through a hamlet, before the road swings right and left to reach a widespread unnamed urban area. At a carr etera there is a short right and left dog-leg, before coming to a fork with a wooden carved Camino de Santiago sign. Take the right fork to another fork with a large blue 'Camino de la Altura' sign. Take left and later cross over a motorway, (approx. 18Ks from Alicante), to head across rough natural land to a ridge. The camino then skirts the hill with the chapel on top to come to an asphalt road. Turn left, (right to visit the chapel), and follow the road and signs to Orito.

The route to and through Monforte is road and straightforward. After Monforte at the roundabout the bifurcacion is clearly signed. Take the road to Novelda, (footpath), for 1K to another roundabout. Here cross to the right and over to a red cycle track by a large industrial building. Follow the track to the left and then a small road behind the building and to a roundabout on the edge of the town. Here take Calle Medico Enrique Sala, keep to the LHS, to the next cross-roads. A pedestrian barrier will force you to the left to a crossing over the wide dual road. Here there is a kerb sign, 'camino ahead' or 'albergue left'. If going to the albergue carry on left along Perez Galdos to a roundabout and take right which is Ave de la Constitucion. The albergue is in an apartment block at no 96 on the LHS. (6 beds in 3 rooms, kitchen etc). NB the albergue **IS NOT** at Calle Sargento Navarro. The tel contact nos are the same, (Snr. Paco).

#### **Noveldo - Sax**

No problems until entering Elda when the arrows disappear along calle Maestro Eliso Verdu. Just keep going, past a red caged 5 aside pitch to the next roundabout. Take right onto Calle Virgen Remedios for about 500m and at the second traffic lights turn right and immediate

left onto Calle la Purisima. You can see the church but the Plaza de Ayuntamiento is before it.

From the Ayuntamiento there is a Sureste wall tile directing you along a side street, before turning right to come to a carretera. Here a tile suggests you cross over and down, however turn right up to a jct, to turn left where the road to Sax crosses over the river - there is an arrow on a lamp post. After this arrows are scarce but follow the Guide to the hospital. If you get lost just ask for the hospital, where the 6 palms are clearly seen and the arrows begin again. On the track north of the road after the hospital, beware the indistinct path is on the **RIGHT not left**. This leads to the Sax road where you can choose to follow the camino or use the road which is not that bad.

### **Sax - Villena - Yecla - Montelagre or Sax - Villena - Caudete - Montealegre (Caminos Lana and Anibal)**

At Sax there is an option briefly referred to. If you wish to continue on the Sureste then carry on to Villena and Yecla. If you wish to walk via Caudete, as I did, then I suggest you stay in Sax to even up distances. **However please note that the section from Caudete to Montealegre is across an isolated area with no highways or facilities and is 35Ks long. If you cannot walk 35Ks in a day then do not take this option.**

Hotel Fuente el Cura has a Peregrino rate of €25 for a single room with good breakfast. Also the reception desk will provide an information sheet, (in Spanish), of the route Villena - Caudete - Montealegre.

### **Sax - Caudete 29Ks**

No problems to Villena and through to the Hotel Salvadora. Just after the Hotel on the LHS pavement there is a camino sign at the base of a telephone exchange box. This points to Yecla left down Calle de la Virgen, or ahead along Ave Constitucion to Caudete. Carry on over several roundabouts to the last one and follow arrows clockwise around to take a road running north beside the motorway. This is the Camino Lana which runs to Burgos. At a group of commercial buildings there is a **very clear** bifurcacion sign. Turn left for Caudete and carry on along tracks through cultivated land, eventually coming to an attractive church at the edge of Caudete. Cross the road and take a paved wide 'pedestrian only' type road which goes to the centre and Plaza de la Iglesia. The wonderful Hospitalero, Snr. Miguel will pick you up from there and take you to the Albergue at Plaza de Santa Ana 2. tel 655406144. (8 bunks, 1 shower/wc, kitchen.) Snr. Miguel will provide you with info re the Camino de Anibal to Montealgre and a street plan of Albacete marked with the camino route through it.

### **Caudete - Montealegre Camino de Anibal 35Ks**

Make sure you have enough food and water to last the day. This camino is well signed and the route out of Caudete is easy with Snr. Miguel's help. It is asphalt for about 3Ks, then a series of gravel tracks or roads or earth tracks over cultivated land. Basically the route heads west towards an isolated hill shaped like an iron. After about 22 Ks the camino meets the Sureste at Casa los Hitos, before proceeding to the carretera at Casas de Almansa. From here there is a mixture of side track, 3Ks of road, before the camino takes a track on the left. NB at the first jct after leaving the road, there is no sign, but turn **RIGHT**.

The albergue in Montealegre is at Calle Fuente Alamo - 8 beds, shower, 2 wcs, but no kitchen. Tel nos are Policia Locale 625416273 or Hospitalero 967336001. If you arrive before 15.00 go straight to the Ayuntamiento, where you will be booked in.

A restaurant, Casa Alonso, on the carretera opposite the albergue does platos combinados from about 19.30 and is open very early in the morning. There is also a supermarket beside the nearby garage.

### **Montealegre - Petrola**

No problems even with 7Ks of asphalt. After this is a pretty walk climbing to the Alto Parque Eolico Cueda complete with the ubiquitous wind turbines, but with panoramic views. Soon after is a sign 9.84Ks to Petrola and a long 6K straight! The keys to the albergue are available at Calle San Bernabe 19 from Snr. Damien - the tel. nos are still valid. The albergue is a room next to the church with 4 bunks and 3 mattresses. There is no shower but a wc and basin, but is adequate for a night. Café Barnaba close by does food at around 18.30 and is open early in the morning. A panaderia and autoservicio are also close by. The panaderia closes at 14.30 and the autoservicio opens again in the evening at 18.00.

### **Petrola - Albacete 35Ks**

The Guide refers to a direct route to Albacete which was disrupted by AVE works. I walked this route and can confirm it has been reinstated and marked. It is shorter than going by Chinchilla, **but is still around 35Ks with no facilities. If you cannot walk this distance in a day take the Chinchilla option.**

From Petrola take Calle Nueva out of the town past the chattering birds at the Laguna. At Finca La Galana the signs direct you left and a further arrow on a pylon directs you further. At Horna after turning onto the small road, the signing is clear to take a LHS track which then follows a line of pylons. At Finca Manzanares, carry on to the trees and bear left - there is an arrow on a wall 30m further on. Proceed as per the Guide to the bifurcacion. Here there is a clear sign to Chinchilla, the castle on a hill can be seen ahead. To the left a VP notice has had ALB freshly painted on it with an arrow, (approx. 13Ks from Petrola).

From the ALB sign head along a track to a bridge with black sides that goes over a single line railway. From here follow a track to an underpass on the nearby AVE line which has clear arrows on it. Go through the underpass and turn left. Continue to the next bridge and cross over this. On the barrier on the RHS at the other end are faint arrows directing you down and back along a track towards the AVE line. This turns left and runs along the AVE line as a service road and is the route for about the next 10Ks.

After about 5Ks there is a small industrial complex on the LHS, but a faded arrow directs you along the service road, (Chinchilla station, mysteriously unused can be seen ahead). After about another 5Ks the track meets a road which goes through an underpass to the hamlet of Poza de la Pena. However, proceed ahead and after about 2Ks there is a 'Coto Privado' sign with a white arrow pointing along a side track. Ignore this as there is also a faded yellow arrow again directing you along the service road.

Continue to another bridge. Follow the track to the left and continue for about 30m and there is a proper camino sign. **Do not cross the bridge!** The sign directs you right towards a hill RHS of a farm. Here for reassurance there are posts with about 8 arrows on them and yes they all point in the same direction! Albacete can be seen. Carry on over a strange landscape until the path climbs and turns sharp right. About 100m on there is a galvanised metal post with an arrow on it. **STOP RIGHT THERE.** At the base of the post is an upright stone, the other side of which is an arrow directing left. This I think is the meeting point of the route from Chinchilla and the signing is for that direction.

Turn left and carry on to the bridge over the motorway and then down to a crossroads. On the far right corner there is a tree with a faint arrow directing you ahead. Follow this road which runs parallel to the city for a few hundred metres to where a farm track joins it from the right. At this point there is a 'Coto Privado' sign with a small arrow on it pointing along the track - **NB this could be easy to miss**. Turn right along the track, past 2 arrows until you come to the first street in Albacete. Here there is an small arrow on a post pointing right. This is a point referred to in the Guide. If you want the Hostal Los Tres Reyes turn left. The leaflets supplied by the Amigos el Sureste recommend Hostal Atienzar at Calle Carmen 49, tel 967210595. This is located on the camino at the other side of the city and is good for a fast getaway the next day. I recommend you book ahead, especially if you think you will arrive on the weekend, when Albacete seems to become a regional social centre. So if you are going to the Atienzar, or just passing through Albacete, turn right, cross the road and continue to the roundabout. From here turn left along a wide pavement to another roundabout with a purple building with 'Hyper' on it on the far left corner. (This is the location on the bottom right of the street plan Snr. Miguel will have given you for those who walked via Caudete). Proceed ahead leaving the purple building to your left and continue to another roundabout, (Plaza Alberto Mateos). Take a narrow street, Calle Lozano, which is 3rd right going anti-clockwise - there is a restaurant on the corner. Proceed ahead and turn left into Calle Cruz - this is the street after Calle Herreros - and to Plaza Altozano where there is a Tourist Office Kiosk. Proceed ahead - Calle Cruz becomes Calle Martinez Villena - until you come to the Catedral San Juan Bautista on the LHS and the Ayuntamiento on the RHS. Turn right here and continue onto Calle Carmen. Hostal Atienzar is 3 blocks on the LHS at the corner with Ave Ramon y Cajal.

### **Albacete - La Roda**

From Calle Carmen turn left at the jct with Paseo de la Cuba and proceed ahead keeping to the left hand side, passing the locomotive on the RHS, to a roundabout. Turn right to cross Paseo de la Cuba and there is an arrow on the far kerb directing ahead along a road called Ave Cronista Mateos Sotos/ Calle Virgen del Pilar. At the end take the footbridge over the railway lines and follow the arrows, initially running parallel to the railway. The next part was another where I could not relate to the Guide text. Just follow the arrows and if these seem to be scarce it is because you are on the only option. You are soon out of the city and walking along an earth track running parallel about 50m from an AVE line. After about 11Ks when approaching a green sided bridge over the AVE line there is an underpass with small arrows on the wall. **There is no signing on the track so these may be easy to miss**. Go through the underpass and turn right to continue on the gravel track the other side of the AVE line to a jct where the camino follows a track to the left, diverging from the AVE. and which follows a power line. This takes you to La Gineta. No problems between La Gineta and La Roda, nor entering La Roda. The tower mentioned in the Guide is a good landmark as the Plaza del Toros and albergue is next to it. (5 beds and some mattresses, shower/wc and microwave). If you go back to the tower and turn right the restaurant Flor de Mancha is about 150m on LHS. Peregrino meal rate of €11 and open early in the morning.

### **La Roda - El Tobosa (Sureste or Levante?)**

The next section posed a problem for me as on the Sureste there are 4 stages with 2 'short' days. If you want to walk it in 3 days then 1 day will be 43Ks. The Camino Levante joins the

Sureste a Chincilla and uses the same route to Minaya before separating to El Toboso. I chose to walk the Levante to El Toboso because it was over 3 days with more equal distances. **However, again if you cannot walk 35Ks in a day keep to the Sureste and the Guide.** You may pick up a small folded illustrative map of the various caminos from the south east to Santiago, which shows the Sureste in green, the Levante in blue and merged sections in red. This shows a distance from La Roda to Minaya as 17Ks and Minaya to San Clemente as 34Ks. This is incorrect, the total distance La Roda - San Clemente is 34Ks.

### **La Roda - San Clemente**

The exit from La Roda needed some checking for arrows, but once out of the town the route to Minaya was straight forward. No bars were open in the centre, only the Hostal bar on the carretera N301. Here is the bifurcacion - keep walking past the garage on the N301 for the Sureste, cross over for the Levante. I saw no major sign indicating the bifurcacion only arrows indicating the Levante, **so if you intend to keep on the Sureste beware!**

It is a gravel track, crossing an interesting stone-walled landscape to Casas de los Pinos which has a bar in the centre. After the track becomes clay and claggy on the boots. Keys to the albergue can be obtained at the Oficina de Turismo opposite the Ayuntamiento on Plaza Mayor - tel 969301200. Open Apr - Oct 10-14.00 and 16.30 - 20.00. Nov - Mar 10-14.00 and 16 - 17.30. Located at Calle Carmen Martinez Arribas 6 in a small apartment. 3 beds and 2 mattresses, shower/wc.

Hostal Plaza Mayor 1, tel 969300003. Hostal Milan 1, Boteros 22, tel 969300708. Hostal Milan 2, Arrabal, tel 969301510. Restaurant Jacinta opposite Plaza de la Iglesias.

### **San Clemente - Las Pedroneras 24Ks**

Easy exit from San Clemente. At around 5K there are 2 white buildings on LHS with arrows also on LHS pointing to between the buildings. **Easy to miss arrows!** Turn left onto earth track and this joins gravel track further on. At around 13Ks there is an interesting ruined castle/farm. On entering Las Pedroneras after crossing the motorway there is a fork with an earth track leading to the right. There is no sign, but 50m down the track there is an arrow on a red post. There is another arrow further on, but after that, nada! I found the town to have a most antipathetic attitude to the camino, borne out by the lack of signing, not only in the town but on the next section to Moto del Cuervo.

Hostal El Bomba, on the N301, tel 967160022. Casa Mauricio - recommended, tel 610878574, opposite Centr Salud. Almost mini apartments at €20.

### **Las Pedroneras - El Toboso 31Ks**

The departure point is beside the Cruz Roja building on the N301. From here take a gravel track to La Pedernosa. There are many jcts but few arrows, just keep to what is the main track. After 6Ks on entering La Pedernosa and arrow appears to direct you right at a fork to proceed along a very long street - no signs. It ends at a jct with a road that bears right down to a main carretera, with Bar Miguel opposite. On the left is a street signed to Las Mesas which is on the Sureste. Turn left onto this street which is Av Constitucion, continue to where arrows direct you across open land, (Calle Manuel Langa?), to a fork with a road sign to Santa Maria de los LLanos. Take the road and follow signs to this - 6Ks. Walk through the town to the other end where arrows direct you right along a narrow asphalt road. Keep on this road, climbing to a hill about 2Ks on, where arrows direct you ahead on a track which runs parallel to a M/way. Shortly after there is a 3 way split, a track to the right, the

continuation of the existing track and a middle curved track between the 2. On the RHS almost hidden in bushes is a rock with a faint arrow on it. Take the middle curved track, this passes under a power line, (there is 1 arrow on a pylon pointing right), before dropping down and bearing right to run along a valley. On a hill ahead a group of white windmills can be seen. Continue on the track until the town of Moto del Cuerva can be seen, before passing through an underpass to the town, (5Ks). On the RHS a church has an aerial photo map showing the route of the camino through the town. From here the signing to El Toboso is good.

### **El Toboso - Don Fabrique 27Ks**

The bifurcacion shortly after El Toboso is clearly marked. I walked the option via Quintanar and there were no problems.

### **Don Fabrique - Tembleque 29Ks.**

This is another section that I had difficulty reconciling with the Guide text. At the approx. location 'green gated yard' there is a bifurcacion with an arrow directing left towards the carretera. However, there is also clear camino signing to Villacanas to proceed ahead along a track - **take this route.**

The signing is good all the way into Villacanas and over the new footbridge. Hostal Cerveceria, 925200914, 657834611 is by the bridge. Europa Hotel, tel 925160671, 605276007, Avenida La Mancha, is right at the next jct. Proceed ahead along Calle Mayor, past the Ayuntamiento and where it merges with a road from the right. Continue on past the park RHS and across the roundabout to a dual carriageway road. Carry on to the jct with Ave Tembleque by the 'Proma' building. Here turn **RIGHT not left**, (there are arrows), and continue on the carretera until the end of town sign. Here arrows direct you on to a track running parallel to the CM410. Continue to a 'no overtaking' sign, on which there is an arrow directing sharp right along another track. This runs parallel to a ridge of hills RHS, there are arrows at various jcts. Continue until approx. 400m before white and blue farm buildings with an Australian type wind pump. There is a track to the left with arrows on the topside of the concrete culvert. **Because they are on the topside they are difficult to see.** Take this track into Tembleque which can be seen ahead.

Hostal La Purisima has been closed for some years. The only hotel is La Posada, which is to the left as you cross Ave Andalucia to enter the town. This has peregrino rates at €44 for a double room - probably around €30 for a single. There are also 5 casas rurales.

### **Tembleque - Toledo**

This section proved problematic due to an uncertainty over whether accommodation in Almonacid de Toledo existed. I telephoned the day before several times and always got a recorded message asking requesting people to ring between 10 and 14.00. I did, several times the next day and only received the same message. Another peregrino had the same experience. In the end I did not walk to Almonacid. However, if anyone can confirm the accommodation exists please do it, because with no accommodation there is a big gap in the route necessitating a long day of at least 40ks.

From Tembleque there are 2 options:

- 1) Walk the Levante direct to More.
- 2) Walk the Sureste to Villanueva de Bogas and then the link route to More.

Both options are around 24Ks.

From More - Toledo it is around 40Ks and therefore walkable. Villanueva - Toledo is around 49Ks. Other options are to take a bus from More to Toledo, or a taxi to Almonacid and shorten the walk to Toledo to around 27Ks.

To leave Tembleque go to the church. Take Calle Hospital opposite and continue to the first cross roads. For the Sureste turn right into Calle Villanueva de Bogas, (left is Calle Tahona), and carry on, crossing Calle Ronda de Toledo. For the Levante carry on along Calle Hospital - it becomes Calle Pozo Bueno - and turn right at Calle San Anton. Walk to the Ermita san Anton and take Calle Mesa.

### **Tembleque - More. 24Ks**

I walked from Tembleque to Villanueva and then to More. From Villanueva proceed to the bridge referred to in the Guide and take the middle path. This arrives at ruins on RHS with a track running off left. Ignore this and proceed ahead to where a track merges from the left, bear right for 200m to the bifurcacion, which is clearly signed.

### **More - Toledo. 40Ks**

Take note that the Dia store is not on the main road Calle Toledo, but on Calle Villaminaya itself. Bear left along this street until the fork referred to in the Guide. There is a not too distinct arrow on the wall directing right. At Macaraque, (5.5Ks), conchas direct you to the church, the Guide takes a short cut.

The camino continues passing a ruined castle on a hill LHS, until it meets the LM4019. Turn left here and walk the 1K into Almonacid, until an arrow on the back of a 'Stop' sign directs you left into Calle Cruces. NB the fountain clearly states 'agua no potable'!!

After Almonacid only option (2) is signed. Continue past the Ermita along a gravel track which runs parallel to a ridge before bending left to a covered rest area - 6Ks. From here there is a right turn to continue towards Nambroca which can be seen to the right. There is a fork with no sign, but continue straight and after 100m there is a Ruta de Don Quixote post LHS.

After passing through the centre of Burguillos, Calle Layos is 2nd right at the roundabout and continue as per the Guide, but the gravel track is asphalt. In Cobisa at Plaza de la Concordia, cross diagonally to the left onto Calle Julian Muro. After the bridge over the CM40 continue for about 1K to a track LHS with a Don Quixote post stating 'Toledo 6Ks'. Turn left here and follow the track down through open country to where it meets a road descending from the left. Bear right and continue down to where the rout doubles back RHS and descends to the carretera which runs along the side of the river opposite the city of Toledo. There are no overt signs here, but cross the road and turn right to walk along the footpath An arrow on the back of a road sign can then be seen. Continue for 2-3 Ks to the old bridges providing entry to the city, but, enjoy the magnificent views. You will probably arrive in Plaza Zocodover where the Tourist Office is on one corner. The Albergue de Juvenil is nearby and it is recommended to book beforehand. The Warden is very helpful and thoughtfully tries to put all peregrinos in the same dormitory.

### **Toledo - Escalona**

For this section the Guide is misleading. It refers to an option to Noves using a busy carretera via Villamiel which seems to be around 33Ks. **Take note that the Tourist Office city map, top left, shows this route along Avda de Barber as the Camino de Santiago.**

My advice is to ignore this route completely. Instead the other route out of the city using Avda Carlos 3 offers 2 options, as both the Sureste and the Levante use this route, before they split shortly after Rielves. The options are to walk a short day, (25Ks) and stop at Rielves, then walk a longer second day to Escalona, (34Ks), using the Sureste, or walk a longer first day to Torrijos, (32Ks), then a short second day to Escalona, (25Ks), using the Levante. The bifurcacion after Rielves is clearly marked.

In Rielves do not ask for the Albergue. The accommodation is called Sala de Peregrinos or Sala de Paraquial and is a room next to the church. There are 4 bunks, but only a wc with basin with laundry sinks in another small room. However it is adequate for a night. At the corner of Calle Escuelas and N 403, where the Guide states 'turn right' there is a bar which offers a menu until 16.00 and is open at 05.30 in the morning. There is also an autoservicio opposite the Ayuntamiento. The albergue in Torrijos is superior, tel 925770301 and 678405919, but as I walked the Sureste I cannot comment on the route.

From Toledo the signing is good until the petrol station where you turn left. An arrow is on a telephone exchange box RHS about 100m further on. At the roundabout, about 20m after crossing the road from the right, look right and there is a finger post giving camino instruction to take a track to the right. **Do not carry on along Carretera de la Peraleda and cross the large girder bridge.** The track runs beside the Rio Tajo. After Finca Monterrey the gravel road passes through open country which is different to La Mancha. At a jcton a left hand bend with a sign ahead to Estivel camino signs point in both directions. Bear left to continue on the track as book route merge again later.

In Quismondo the Ayuntamiento is on Plaza de la Libertad. I suggest going there as the bars are there. To leave, take Calle Hipolito del Castillo until it meets the N road. Here turn left past Hostal Euroquismondo, cross the road and take the first right where there are clear arrow signs. On reaching Escalona after crossing the bridge, take the ramp up to the gate. If the Tourist Office kiosk is shut continue for about 100m as the Ayuntamiento is RHS. You will be booked into the albergue there and a street plan, as the albergue is on the other side of the centre in a school next to the Guardia Civile on Avda Penaful - CM5005. When passing through an arch, La Puerta de San Miguel, turn left for the albergue, proceed straight ahead from the Sureste and right for the Levante.

### **Escalona - Cebreros**

The Levante also offers an option to Cebreros. It is possible to walk to San Martin de Valdeiglesias, (27Ks), and then to Cebreros, (17Ks), or even on to San Bartolome de Pinares, (36Ks).

San Martin: Hotel Casa de Labranza, Calle Arco 3, tel 918611653 or Hacienda la Coracera, Calle Pilar 11, tel 918613491

Otherwise follow the Sureste and it's 2 options. Using option 1 it is possible to walk to Cebreros in 1 day, (41Ks). Option 2 requires a night in Cadalso.

From Escalona it is 5Ks to Parades de Escalona and I took the direct route to Cadalso. This climbs over high ground, but the track is susceptible to flooding in bad weather. It is an easy

walk on the M542 into Cadalso and after crossing the M507 Calle Hornabajo becomes Calle Real and leads to the Ayuntamiento.

There is accommodation in the Polideportivo - go to the Policia Locale in the Ayuntamiento.

New signing with concha tiles has created confusion with the Guide advice on leaving the town and the 2 route options. Calle Real is signed as the Camino Sureste. From the Ayuntamiento conchas direct up Calle Real and beyond, where it becomes Calle San Anton. At a jct with a road from the left, arrows pointing along this road to the jct can be seen. This is Avda Luis Maria de Borbon. If you want to take the longer route to Cebreros proceed ahead. If you want the shorter route by road, turn left into Avda Luis Maria de Borbon and continue against the arrows to where it becomes Avda San Martin de Iglesias and then onto a roundabout. This is the reverse of the Guide advice. At the roundabout proceed ahead and follow the arrows to the road leading downhill.

I walked the shorter route and although by the side of a road it is not as bad as it sounds. Toros de Guisando was interesting and worth a long rest break. After, continue for about 1K to a jct with another road and turn left. Cross the road and shortly after take a track to the right, which is well signed and a lovely country route leading to a series of 3 Roman bridges. Cebreros can be seen and the track becomes a concrete road rising towards the town. Just before, the route takes a track to the right to climb higher before merging with a reconstructed Roman road.

Hostal Draco is now an expensive hotel.

Hotel El Castrejon is signed at the entry point and is closeby. It does peregrino rates of €46 for a double and €30 for a single with a good breakfast. Calle Canos 10, tel 918630044.

Albergue Pizarra seems to be about 2K on the other side of the centre, however there was no response to telephone calls.

### **Cebreros - San Bartolome de Pinares. 19Ks**

For me the walk to San Bartolome was one of the highlights and delights of the Sureste. Consequently I cannot think why anyone would want to take the highway route. However, if it is required then note the road is **AV503 not AV504**.

Take Avda de la Constitucion from Plaza Espana as far as the Museo A Suarez. Here Calle Iglesia Viega branches off left and arrows lead you to a climbing track which crosses the AV503. Take a signed path that climbs up to Puerto de Arrebatacapas. Cross the road and follow another signed path that runs along a fir tree lined shallow valley, before it turns right and left to climb higher, out of the trees, to an open area. The views are wonderful. The route comes to a finger post on a track that crosses the path. Head left along the track and immediately an arrow on a stone RHS directs you along a path diagonally to the right. **This is easy to miss. Do not continue along the track.** Further arrows are on random stones so they do not form a straight line.

After cresting a hill a small road and bridge can be seen below. There are no arrows and the path veers to the left. Head for a spot just to the right of the bridge and gates in the fences enable you to cross the road. Follow more arrows on stones/rocks, climbing until you meet a wide gravel track. Turn left along the track to a jct with an asphalt road. Turn right and walk along the road for about 1.5Ks, until the route takes a track to the open area on the right. More sporadic arrows direct you in a direction parallel to the road. It is best to keep close to the road, because the route eventually emerges onto the road at the point

described in the Guide. From here if you take the 4K road option, the village that can be seen on the opposite side of the valley is not San Bartolome!

The albergue is in a room on the top floor of the Consultorio, (Centre Salud), the keys are at the Ayuntamiento. If this is closed try Bar El Rincon nearby, which offers a menu until 15.00. There are 6 beds, microwave, and showers are in a separate building, (turn right out of the front door, right at the next road and it is a white building on the LHS).

### **San Bartolome - Avila 27Ks**

Follow the arrow opposite the albergue to Calle Iglesia and then right to the church. Opposite is an arrow with 'salida' which leads on to Calles Paloma and Barco and the well signed route to El Herradon.

**NB. After El Herradon when the route leaves the road it crosses fields and open areas which can be wet and muddy. I walked it at the end of April after a dry spell and it was still wet. If there has been persistent rain, my advice is at El Herradon climb to the AV503 and take the road to the Puerto del Bocqueron.**

At the Puerto del Bocqueron there is a gate RHS. Go through this and climb to the ridgeline beyond, after which the route becomes gravel track to Tornadizos and then to Avila. The albergue is well equipped - 10 beds - and is located on the other side of the city outside the walls.

### **Avila - Gotarrendura 23Ks**

Cross the river using the pedestrian bridge, turn right, cross the roundabout and take the middle road which leads to the 4 posted view point. Just after, on the wall RHS, is an arrow directing ahead on the hard shoulder. You keep to the hard shoulder for the next 2 Ks. Proceed to the roundabout and follow arrows around it anti-clockwise to take the Segovia/Salamanca turn off. Continue to the next roundabout, but there is a slip road which bears right and descends. **Do not take this.** There is an arrow on the road directing you across the slip road and around to the road to Narrillos. Again there was only 1 route marked so ignore references to options.

At Gotarrendura there were directions to the albergue - 4 beds.

### **Gotarrendura - Arevalo 28Ks**

Hernansancho is 3.5ks from Gotarrendura **and now has an albergue, tel 920261028.**

The route bypasses Villanueva, so if you do not want to visit then carry on to El Bohodon

**NB. There is no albergue or accommodation in Tinosillos.**

At Arevalo there is peregrino accommodation at the Polideportivo - 6 bunks with shower/wc, but no kitchen. Go to Tourist Office, Arco del Alcocer in the centre, or the Policia Local on the opposite site of the Plaza Real. The Polideportivo is located back about 1K along the route in, but you may get a lift in a police car!

### **Arevalo - Medina del Campo 33Ks.**

It is best to ignore the Guide and follow the arrows for the 1 route marked. After the Medina bridge walk up to a jct and arrows direct you along a wide Avda serving the industrial area. At a subsequent roundabout an arrow directs you across the Avda and roundabout to take the road coming from the left. Further on arrows direct you right onto a small road which takes you to Palacios de Goda. Here there may be accommodation in the Polideportivo but ring 983 825006 to check beforehand.

At San Vicente de Palacio a local man tried to persuade me to walk an old route, the initial markings of which can still be distinguished, however this may not be marked further on. Instead after Calle Doctor Crespo follow the principal arrows as indicated. In Medina del Campo I stayed at the Hostal Plaza, located on the Plaza Mayor, single room €25. Several restaurants are located in the Plaza.

### **Medina del Campo - Tordesillas 23Ks**

I could see no bifurcation sign at Plaza Santiago so make sure you take Calle Mondragon. This leads to a jct with a Repsol garage on the far side. Turn left into what is Avda de la Constitucion, although there are no street names, nor are arrows prevalent! However, carry on right to the end where the road rises to join the motorway. Here ignore the Guide and do the opposite. Walk up the road on LHS and cross over to the Valladolid access road and walk over the m/way bridge. At the far end cross the road and a finger post can be seen marking the route. At Rueda there is a Hostal and café at the entrance which was open early - others were not.

At Tordesillas after crossing the bridge follow arrows right and then left. The Tourist Office is then to your left for a sello. Carry on for the Plaza Mayor - the Ayuntamiento is on your right with the Policia Locale from where you get the key for the municipal albergue, (Snr Juan). The albergue at Tordesillas is the gem of this camino, a converted granary building, superbly renovated which provides 11 single beds on an upper floor and modern facilities below.

With the evident route change I estimated the distance to Tordesillas to be around 23Ks.

### **Tordesillas - San Pedro 43Ks**

With some inaccuracies and possible route changes I was able to walk this section in a day. From Tordesillas the route is only marked through Villavieja del Cerro and Bercero before coming to Vega de Valdetronco. soon after leaving this village there is hotel/restaurant which is open long hours. After it was a quicker walk to Mota del Marques.

After Mota del Marques cross the m/way at the bridge and turn right, the route runs beside the m/way for some distance before coming to a service station. Farther on the route swings left from the m/way. Shortly after there is an off-set cross roads with another track with ambivalent signs. Here proceed ahead, the next electricity pylon LHS has an arrow on it.

At Villarfrades the route bypasses the village, but if you wish to stay here the mobile number is now 667879897.

For the albergue, (6 bunks, shower/wc), in San Pedro contact Rodrigo on 630116841 or Maria 983723 097/625144776.

### **San Pedro - Villapando 17Ks**

On arriving at Villapando go to the Ayuntamiento to be booked into the albergue. The keys are available at the Hostal Athlanta which you pass on the way in. This also offers a menu until 15.30 and the bar is open 24 hrs for that early morning coffee. The albergue is located in an apartment closeby - 6 beds, shower/wc and kitchen.

### **Villapando - Benavente 29Ks**

In the centre of Cerecinos de Campos after crossing the bridge over the stream, turn left at the commercial building Harinerades Cerecinos. Continue until directed right, then a dog-leg right and left to continue along a track running parallel to the m/way.

At San Esteban again only 1 route is marked so follow the arrows. The route comes to a roundabout with industrial buildings on RHS. Go round the roundabout anticlockwise and take the road leaving the buildings LHS. At the end there is an steel footbridge over the m/way, cross over and note the arrow on the lamp post whilst descending the spiral. Follow track by m/way, then take the small road to pass under the motorway. After there is a long straight into Benavente, before coming to a roundabout. Proceed ahead over a rough path to a road - this is Avda Via del Canal. Go to the Tourist Office to book into the albergue, a disused railway station building with 12 beds, shower/wc, kitchen.

### **Benavente to Santa Marta de Tera 29Ks**

From the albergue head right along the road to where it bears right between an industrial building and the swimming pool. At the next bend left there is a mojon, continue until the N525. Turn right along a track which leads to Santa Christina de la Polvorosa - 3Ks. After crossing the bridge take 1st left to Mozar de Valverde. Continue past church to just before the end of town sign, then turn right into Calle Mozar. Continue on and then left as directed. After 5Ks of open country there is a white building with picnic area. Here there are 2 options roughly the same length before merging together further on.

After another 10Ks the route comes to the N525 and a closed hotel. Walk between the hotel and aqueduct to a jct 300m further on, where there is a hostel/bar opposite. After continue on the N525 for about 400m to where there is a mojon RHS. Cross and continue along a very rough track beside the road for 500m, before it converts to a gravel track. If very wet walk along the road until a crossover at a property with green gates.

Strama de Tera is 4Ks further. Here the route crosses the N525 and runs through the village to pass the Ermita de Cristo de la Vera Cruz.

After, the route comes to a road with an arrow directing right. Walk right for 150m to the next bridge, then left and right at mojons. Take a faintly visible track through bushes, bearing left before coming to an uprooted mojon. Follow the direction of the arrow and a faint grass track, partly overgrown, to a cairn of stones. Head across a patch of ground leaving the cairn LHS to a slab concrete bridge over a ditch. On the other side turn left along a track which ends at the N525. Climb the side embankment and continue along it to where it stops. Here walk on the hard shoulder until the side barrier ends and it is possible to use a side road.

Santa Marta now has a new albergue - 12 beds. **NB the large private albergue that was in Santa Croya on the Sanabres, 1K before Santa Marta is now closed. I believe the albergue at Calzadilla de Tera may also have closed, (comments please). This has put pressure on Santa Marta, so if you want a bed get there early, because there are few alternatives.**

There is a shop and a restaurant which does a menu at €15 and platos combinados.

The Camino Sanabres joins the Camino Sureste by the church. There are tours of the church in the evening - the church has what is regarded as the oldest stone sculpture in Europe of St James, which is about 1000 years old.

## **CAMINO SANABRES FROM SANTA MARTA de TERA to SANTIAGO**

**Be aware that the large private albergue at Santa Croya on the Camino Sanabres, 1K before Santa Marta is now closed. With reports of other albergues closed this has put pressure on the new municipal albergue at Santa Marta.**

### **13Ks Olleros de Tera**

There is an Albergue above a bar.

After Olleros and passing an Ermita the route approaches a dam. Shortly before at a sharp left hand bend with a mojon directing left, there are arrows directing along a path through the bushes. This is an attractive short cut, but be beware if the water level is high a low lying area may be flooded - but probably not April - Oct. The route is marked and at the end where you turn left at the road to reach the dam.

### **8Ks Villar de Farfon.**

There is a small 4 bed albergue run by a South African missionary, who also offers refreshments for a donativo.

### **6.5Ks Rionegro del Puente.**

The albergue is by the bridge.

### **8.5Ks Mombuey.**

The municipal albergue is on Calle de Iglesia. The keys can be obtained from the house opposite. The albergue has 11 beds, shower/wc and microwave. Hostal La Ruta is an alternative and offers a menu as do several outlets in town.

### **8.5Ks Cernadilla.**

There were reports that this albergue is closed. Check beforehand.

### **2Ks San Salvador.**

Again it is unknown if an albergue exists.

### **6.5Ks Asturianos.**

There is a 12 bed albergue. Bar Mirador opens early.

### **10Ks Puebla de Sanabria.**

Albergue Casa Luz is on the LHS of the main street.

At the roundabout before Puebla de Sanabria there is a traffic sign stating 'Requejo 11Ks'. Do not be tempted to take this unless you want to walk on asphalt all the way.

From Casa Luz walk across the bridge and turn right, continue past the hotel on RHS. Further on, LHS, there is a sign directing you down to a path by the river. Follow this until it joins the N525. Walk on the hard shoulder until you see a small arrow on the back of a traffic sign pointing right. I suggest ignore this as there is a track LHS of the road 100m ahead. Use this until you come to a track coming from the left which crosses a stream via a ford. There is a camino sign on the far side. I took this route and after 2 more posts it disappeared into nothing and I had to find my way to the N525 again. I recommend staying on the N525 for about 1K until you see a mojon on the RHS where the camino crosses the road. Turn right

here and follow the route through pleasant rural scenery. passing through Terroso and shortly after Requejo.

### **12Ks Requejo.**

When the route meets the N525 in Requejo turn right and walk to the roundabout. On the RHS is the municipal albergue - 20 beds, showers/wcs, no kitchen. 100m further LHS is the private albergue Casa Cervino, 20 beds, showers/wcs. Also Hotel Maite and restaurants.

From Requejo it is necessary to walk 4Ks on the N525 until the route, (in May 2018), is directed left along a protected path that passes through an engineering works area. After a short distance the camino route is resumed.

### **7Ks Portillo de Padornelo /Padornelo**

NB for walk planning this is only 7Ks from Requejo not the 13Ks quoted in the Guide. The village is about 1K further on, with the hotel/café/garage another 800m. This is likely to be open at anytime.

After Padornelo the route basically runs either beside or on the N525 until the turn off RHS for Aciberos and Lubian - ZA106. However, in May 2018 there was a diversion to continue along the carretera leading disconcertingly towards the M/way. Then it takes a left track, drops down and doubles back under the M/way to then follow a lovely route into Lubian. This track could be very muddy in wet weather. The diversion may be about the same as the Guide route - 7Ks.

### **7Ks Lubian**

The albergue is at the entrance to the village - 16 beds, but 1 shower/wc, kitchen in accommodation which is a little cramped. A casa rural, Casa Irene, 687123752, does peregrino rates. Also Casa Pachaca, as per Guide.

**Because of its location Lubian is a 'pinch point' in the route due to a shortage of beds to supply the numbers funnelling in from the albergues before. Also the ratio of shower/wc per person of the albergue is above the regulation 11:1, all in accommodation which although clean, is cramped. I spent an uncomfortable night here 5 years ago in a packed albergue and decided to avoid Lubian this time. The normal staging is to walk to Puebla de Sanabria - Lubian - A Gudina. Thought should be given to walking to Requejo - Vilavella - Campobecerros.**

From Lubian the camino route takes a track that passes the Santuario de la Virgen de la Tuiza after 2Ks. Shortly after is a footbridge over the adjacent M/way to the ZA106. The route then drops down and becomes a rough path before climbing steadily to the Portela de Canda.

**NB. This section crosses several streams and in places becomes the stream itself where it passes along steep sided narrow parts. Consequently in wet weather the route may be impassable, or at best very wet and muddy. If wet thought should be given to taking the ZA106 from Lubian, or turning back and taking the footbridge to the ZA106.**

### **7Ks Portela da Canda**

The border with Galicia and Castile y Leon with good views.

#### **4.5Ks Vilavella**

On walking through the village, where the route turns left at a cross-road, turn right along Rua Praza, past the church to a road. Turn right again to walk up to the N525 and Hostal Porta Galega, by the garage - €20 for a single room, also a restaurant. NB. In May 2018 the O Carteiro opposite was closed.

The route after Vilavella is a path which drops down to a valley before climbing again. It also seems to be the course of a stream, although slabs of granite have been placed in the middle as a walkway. If very wet, consider taking the road to O Pereiro and then the 1K to rejoin the route in the village.

#### **3.5Ks O Pererio**

The hostel accommodation is almost 1K away on the N525.

#### **8.5Ks A Gudina**

For a wonderful walk across the 'roof' of Galicia it is recommended to take the option via Laza. Although the first 6ks to Venda de Teresa is on a small road the views are wonderful. After this the route goes off-road, climbs higher with views of the Embalse das Portas.

#### **15Ks Campobecerros**

There is a steep drop down to the village which has become a centre for the ongoing AVE works to complete the missing link between Ourense and Zamora. Walk through the village to Albergue Rosario, €8, 18 beds, showers/wcs, lovely terrace. Casa Nunez nearby offers a menu, but you have to compete with the mass of AVE construction workers. A nicer place, recommended, with superb food is Taberna Penaboa, which offers a menu both late afternoon and early evening and is also nearby. **The Penaboa is also the place to get your sello.**

#### **14Ks Laza**

There is a steep drop into Laza, after which you walk along a valley floor mainly on the road. At Tamiclas the route climbs steadily to Albergeria

#### **12Ks Albergeria**

Famous for the Rincon del Peregrino or Shell Bar. Opposite is a small albergue also run by the owner of the bar.

#### **8Ks Vilar de Barrio**

There is a modern 20 bed municipal albergue in the centre, open at 12.30. When you come to the jct at the central plaza turn right and the albergue is 100m LHS next to the farmacia.

#### **15Ks Xunqueira de Ambia**

Although initially on road it is a very pleasant walk to Xunqueira. The modern municipal albergue is on RHS as you enter the town - open 12.30, 24 beds, showers/wcs, kitchen. Also Albergue Casa Tomas, tel 637580772 in Plaza de San Rosendo.

**NB. For some reason the conchas on the mojons in Xunqueira are reversed until the route bears right off a road about 2Ks beyond. Also the 20Ks to Ourense are not the most**

**prettiest or enjoyable, so if you are short of time this section is one where taking a taxi to Ourense could easily be forgiven!**

### **20Ks Ourense**

The albergue is signposted at a roundabout in the city where the camino takes a different route. For the albergue take Rua Nsa Sra da Sainza, this becomes Rua Pena Trevinca and the albergue is part of the Claustro de San Francisco.

For the camino take the next road right, which becomes Rua do Progreso and continue into the centre. The Tourist Office, (sello), is RHS on Plaza Fuente del Rey, after the Correos Post Office LHS.

Carry on to the end of Rua do Progreso and the magnificent Roman bridge can be seen. Cross over the bridge to the other side. From here only the route to Cea via Quintela and Linares is marked. Follow the arrows past the train station and keep to the RHS. Continue on the road out of Ourense for several kilometres, until a fork with a bodega on the corner of the fork. Take the road to the right signed to Castro de Beiro and continue to a jct at a sharp right hand bend by Gomez Y Crespo. Proceed ahead on a small road which goes under the old rail line. The new AVE line passes overhead on a viaduct. Then comes a long climb on road to Cima da Costa with a bar on the top. After this is a pleasant walk using a mixture of gravel track and road to Cea.

### **21Ks Cea**

The albergue is in the centre.

NB. From Cea only the route to Castro Dozon is marked. Take the OU406 at the cross-roads in Cea with the OU187 - it is signed for Oseira as well as with conchas. It is road to Cotelas where, at a sharp RH bend, the camino goes straight using the OU402. Follow the route through Pinor, Arenteiro, Ponte and Carballeda until it crosses the new M/way. There is a new gravel track running alongside the M/way - **take this. Do not continue up the road although there are still arrows suggesting you do so.**

### **12Ks Castro Dozon**

There is a new 28 bed municipal albergue on a hill LHS of the N525 on the other side of the village.

### **19Ks A Laxe**

Follow the camino route across the busy road into the village and turn left. The modern 28 bed albergue is on the RHS.

### **6Ks Ponte Taboada and Taboada**

This bridge is one of the highlights of the route When the route climbs up to the N525 again it takes off left to follow a pleasant country route, although for long stretches this seems to be the same course as a stream. Therefore, if it is wet, at the point where the route leaves the N525, I suggest take the road for the remainder of the way into Silleda.

### **3.5Ks Silleda**

There are at least 3 albergues in Silleda now, all well advertised before and at the entry into the town. Try Albergue Olaia, tel 604037542, Rua Santa Eulalia.

To exit Silleda follow Rua Santa Eulalia down - there is 1 conch shell sign near the jct with Calle Venezuela - to a 'T' jct. Turn right and walk toward the N525. Just short of the jct on LHS, a mojon directs you down a track.

### **7Ks Bandeira**

Hotel Victorino, tel 986585330 charges peregrinos €10 for a bed. it is located on the camino on the main street.

### **13Ks Ponte Ulla**

There is an albergue in the centre. Also a large Dia supermarket, which surprisingly is open on Sundays, useful if you intend staying at the municipal albergue at Capilla de Santiaguina.

### **4.5Ks Capilla de Santiaguino**

A modern municipal albergue called San Pedro de Vilanova It is uncertain if this is the one referred to in some sources as 'Oureiro' or 'Vedra'. **There are no eating or drinking facilities here so you need to buy food in Ponte Ulla.**

### **6Ks Susana**

About 1k before Susana, where 150m before the N525, the camino route turns sharp right to run uphill parallel to the road there is the Albergue Reina Lupa - also a bar restaurant. **NB. With the delays to get a compostela at the Oficina de Peregrinos now a normal 2hrs, for those who have already experienced Santiago, it is worth considering staying here the night before and getting up early to walk the last 8Ks, arriving about 7am at the Oficina. The bonus is the first 10 get a voucher for a free lunch at the Parador Los Dos Reyes Catolicos. Also it frees up the day and it is possible to get the 9.00 bus to Fisterra or 08.45 bus to Muxia without having to stay a night in Santiago.**

You can take the N525 as a more direct route to Susana or rejoin the camino route. From here it is an undulating route passing the Capillas de Santa Lucia and Santa Maria do Sar. Eventually the new Cidade de Cultura de Galicia can be seen on the hill RHS. The route enters the outskirts and crosses the new AVE line, where there are the common modern memorials to the victims of the recent rail disaster. At the brow of a street the first sight of the cathedral can be seen. The route then descends to follow the Rua da Ponte do Sar. Cross the old bridge, then under the rail and road bridge, to continue uphill, passing Hostal Carballinosa to a 'T' jct. Turn left along Fonte de Santo Antonio to the Praza de Galicia. Turn right into Rua das Orfas and 2nd left - Canton do Toural - which should take you to Plaza do Toural - a Froiz supermarket is RHS. Go straight across and then 1st right into Rua do Franco - not Rua do Vilar- and this leads directly to the Obradoiro.

### **8Ks Santiago de Compostela.**

**Buen camino!**