We depart from Vall de Almonacid by crossing the River Chico and passing by the local pool, and we take the first turn to the right on the path that leads to the firefight water reservoir. Our destination is Peñalba (Cárrica), a district of Segorbe at the bottom of Sierra de Espadán.

To arrive to this village, we must cross olive groves and almond fields, paths that run through ancient Neolithic and Iberian settlements, Torre del Mal Paso (a defense and watchtower) and el Pozo del Gitano (a spectacular bend of the River Aurín).

We arrive to Peñalba on the last part of the PR (short hiking trail) that links Peñalba and Castellnovo, crossing the river and arriving to Mirador de Espadán, a viewpoint from where we can enjoy the beautiful view of Sierra de Espadán.

**Peñalba**

Peñalba, better known as Cárrica, had its own city hall until 1846, since then and currently it belongs to the city of Segorbe as a district.

Peñalba is located at the bottom of Sierra de Espadán, among the municipalities of Castellnovo, Vall de Almonacid, Navajas and Segorbe.

**Hot spots:**
- Pozo del Gitano
- Roman oven
- Mirador de Espadán (viewpoint)

**Places To Eat:**
- La Marieta Carrica, C/ Segorbe, 56
- Bar Pepín, C/ Segorbe, 10

**Local Products:**
- Handmade bread and traditional sweets from Horno Bolumar (bakery)
We depart from Peñalba towards the pool and nearby we take the little path that goes along on the right. This path goes up to Rascaña area, allowing the access to Pico Nabo and Peñalba peaks.

We go through the highest part of the mountain enjoying the panoramic views on both sides: to the right, Sierra de Espadán, and to the left the Natural Municipal Spot of Segorbe “La Esperanza”, the town of Navajas, la cascada de Brezal (cascade) and el Salto de la Novia (waterfall).

We leave the path behind as we arrive to the top of Rascaña hill, full of almond tree fields. First, we follow a path and then we take a track that leads to the pond where Iberian ribbed newts have been released. This animal is the biggest triton in Europe and can reach a length of 30 cm.

We go down taking a little path, from where Vall de Almonacid and Castillo de Almonecir (castle) gets into sight. Then we arrive to Casas de Zagalorca. From there, we take the little path that crosses Anchoy cliff and arrives to Vall de Almonacid passing by la Fuente del Lentisco (spring).

Vall de Almonacid:

Originally Muslim, Jaime I conquered it in the 12th century. Vall de Almonacid is an agriculture-based town, focused on almonds trees, olive trees, some fruit trees and vegetable gardens for self-consumption. The 21 km² municipality is quite rugged, reaching a maximum height of 441 meters. Chico River, a branch of Palancia River, flows in the area.