



Navafría

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General introduction, geography and history

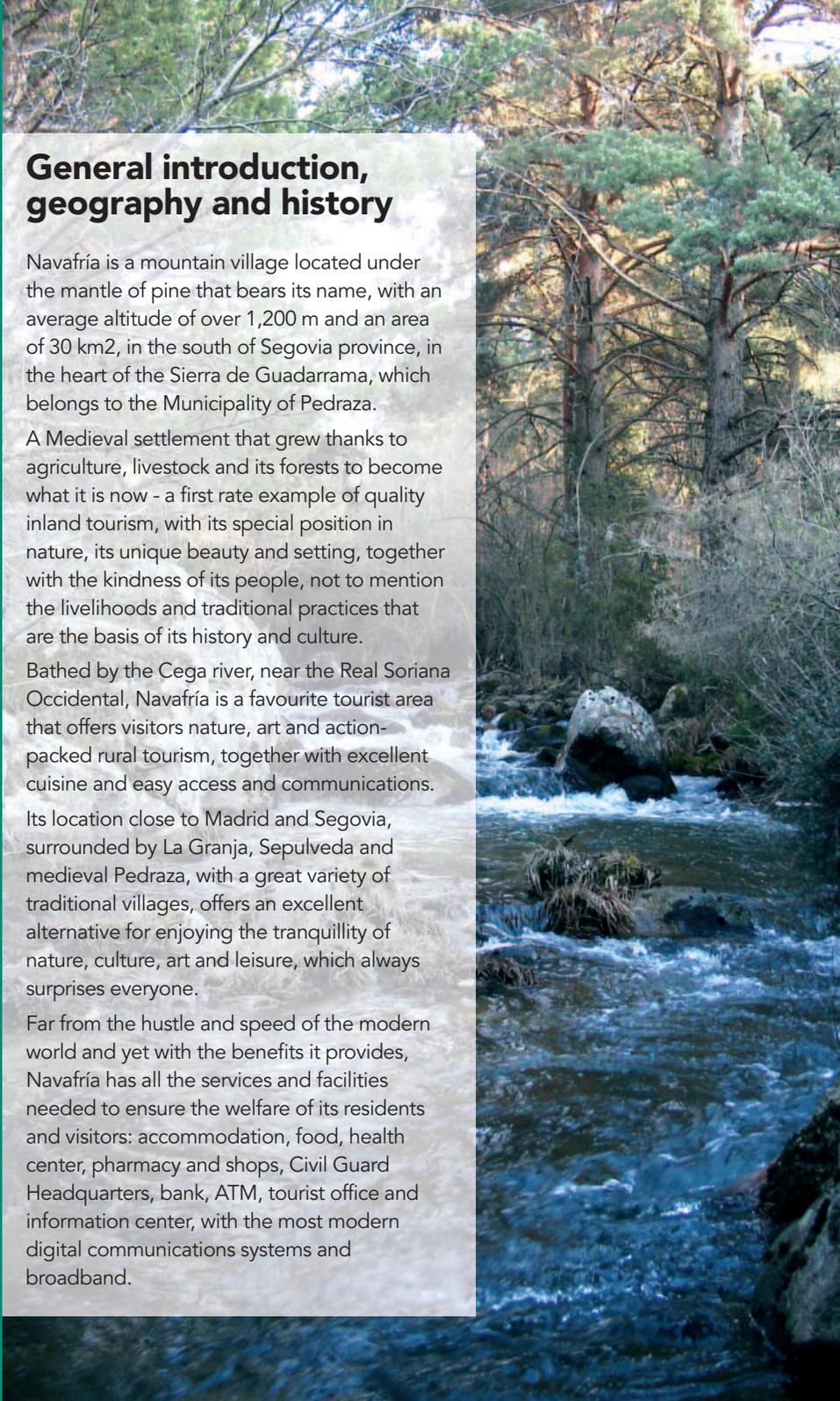
Navafría is a mountain village located under the mantle of pine that bears its name, with an average altitude of over 1,200 m and an area of 30 km², in the south of Segovia province, in the heart of the Sierra de Guadarrama, which belongs to the Municipality of Pedraza.

A Medieval settlement that grew thanks to agriculture, livestock and its forests to become what it is now - a first rate example of quality inland tourism, with its special position in nature, its unique beauty and setting, together with the kindness of its people, not to mention the livelihoods and traditional practices that are the basis of its history and culture.

Bathed by the Cega river, near the Real Soriana Occidental, Navafría is a favourite tourist area that offers visitors nature, art and action-packed rural tourism, together with excellent cuisine and easy access and communications.

Its location close to Madrid and Segovia, surrounded by La Granja, Sepulveda and medieval Pedraza, with a great variety of traditional villages, offers an excellent alternative for enjoying the tranquillity of nature, culture, art and leisure, which always surprises everyone.

Far from the hustle and speed of the modern world and yet with the benefits it provides, Navafría has all the services and facilities needed to ensure the welfare of its residents and visitors: accommodation, food, health center, pharmacy and shops, Civil Guard Headquarters, bank, ATM, tourist office and information center, with the most modern digital communications systems and broadband.





What to see

Parish Church of San Lorenzo

Its Romanesque facade, of great historical value, receives visitors through the doors of a building equipped with late Gothic elements. This temple has three naves separated by large arches, supported by pillars. The central nave is topped with a baroque headboard where there is an altarpiece bearing the image of San Lorenzo, patron saint of Navafría. That on the right

contains the Chapel of the Holy Christ. It has a massive square tower, open with double bays topped by semi-circular arches. Every year on 10th August, San Lorenzo is taken out of the temple in procession.

The Navafría Hammer Forge

This medieval hydraulic system is a real ethnographic treasure, the only copper beating hammer to be preserved in Europe. Declared Heritage of Cultural Interest in 1998, its appearance dates from 1700 and it can be visited in its



second and current location, whose facilities are more than a century old. Natural elements: Cega river water, wind and fire, energies of nature – together with the ingenuity and skill of man – set up a copper smelting industry already known thousands of years BC in Chaldea and Egypt. Today you can visit and see how it performs foundry work using its wheel and huge hammer.

“EL CHORRO”, Natural Park

About 2 km away, there is a spot called “El Chorro”, where you can enjoy a wonderful day out in the country, because this park has barbecues, tables and benches, arranged for the convenience of users, drinking water, WC,

playground, rustic style restaurant, parking area and natural swimming pool. From the starting point, between the parking area and playground, you can go upstream to the site of the waterfall that bears the name of this park “EL CHORRO”. This walk is equipped with benches for walkers to rest and takes you through pine trees, accompanied by the burbling sound and view of the creek with its ponds. From this place, and the bridge that serves as a lookout over the waterfall, you can enjoy truly stunning views.

The Snowcap

One of the major peaks of the Sierra de Guadarrama, its summit is





one of the best vantage points to see the provinces of Segovia and Madrid. You can reach the top by a simple path that begins at the Navafria mountain pass, which is the only route through the Montes Carpetanos that connect the two provinces and towns of Navafria and Lozoya.

The Ponds and Playground

About 500 m away, you will find an area equipped for children and adults to enjoy a beautiful and well-kept grassy area, with bar service and an ideal temperature to combat hot summer days.

Plaza del Campillo

A flea market is held here every Tuesday. At the beginning of the XXth C, in the corner formed by two ancestral houses, there was a

Civil Guard barracks. The Calle del Puerto branches off here, connecting the village with the road to the El Chorro, ie, the pine forest. 400 m further on we find the hermitage of San Sebastian. This Saint has his traditional feast day, deeply rooted in Navafria, on 20th January every year.

Surroundings

An endless number of walks can be taken within this truly relaxing landscape, as an excellent remedy for relieving stress and providing greater vitality. As an example, you can do a walk to "The Snowcap Peak" at 2,209 m. and the " Picardeñas Peak " at 1,850 m. These peaks harbor the unique Navafria pine forest of great richness and beauty on their



northern slopes, covering an area of 4,423 hectares that provide a living for the 18 municipalities belonging to the Pedraza district.

What to do

Among outdoor activities available are: Horseback riding, Hiking, Quads, From Pine to Pine "Adventure in the trees," Paintball, Cross Country Skiing, Archery ... The Navafría mountain pass can safely be considered the most beautiful of those opening the way into the Sierra de Guadarrama. Navafría can be said to be: "The heart of the Sierra de Guadarrama"

What to eat

Typical dishes include Castilian soup, lamb stew, roast suckling lamb and suckling pig, not to

mention the "cochifrito" (fried sucking pig), which is very famous in the area.

Let's party!

St. Sebastian

20th January. This feast has been celebrated in Navafría since the XIIIth Century, with the participation of the entire village. According to tradition, eight women act as symbolic military officers, accompanying the Saint on his procession through the municipality.

St. Agatha

5th February. Married women celebrate this feast day with great gusto, because, as you know, this is the day they take charge.



Pilgrimage to the Virgin of the Snows

Third Sunday in June.

A pilgrimage celebrated high up in the mountains, and specifically at a spot called Pradera de Navalcollado, involving most of the families of Navafria, since it is the only day in the year that they can gain access to pay homage to the small image of the Virgin of the Snows enthroned there in a stone niche among the rocks.

St. Isabel

2nd July. Local feast day, in which all the villagers take part. Formerly it was the main feast day.

St. Christopher

10th July. What is striking on this day is the number of vehicles that park in the Plaza Mayor, next to the parish church, in order to receive a

blessing before starting the procession of the Saint.

St. Laurence

10th August. It is the feast of the village's patron saint and is celebrated for five days with a profusion of activities: parades by local clubs, variety of championships, games for children, costume contest, evening dances accompanied by some of the most important bands of the moment and the closing event: a traditional stew, enlivened with bagpipe and drum. Men and women dance the traditional Segovian "Jota" for the full length of the procession, in honor of the saint.

Crafts Fair

Last Sunday in July. This fair is sponsored by the "Association of Navafria Women " as part of the



cultural week held prior to the patron saint festivities and organized by the "Navafría Viva" Cultural Association. It is enlivened with traditional bagpipe and drum music and on this day women prepare homemade sweets to sell to the highly appreciative visitors.

Livestock Fair

Second Sunday in November.

Annual event organized by the Town Council to recover the traditional equine market, which formed a major part of forestry activities in this area. Traditionally the fair serves to mark the end of the season when mares have been grazing freely on the mountains in the area since the previous spring.



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