

## Unknown to many people, El Soto, the most southern village of the Sierra de Francia, hides magical corners in the urban area and natural landscapes as beautiful as the own Melero

*The history of Sotoserrano is lost in time, although many of their data were destroyed in the fire that suffered the town hall in 1941. However, the remains of Vettones "castros", and Roman, and the buildings of the old convent and hospital of pilgrims, the Cross of Santiago encarved in several places, the also encarved signs, on the doors, the names and so on, remind us that the village, formerly called Soto de France, not only has its roots in very ancient times, but gives signs of having been facing an important story to reach our days, preseving the traditional physiognomy and challenging the future with a strength that is envidible in today's rural areas.*

*As part of the territory that includes the Sierra de Francia, the lands of Sotoserrano are in the Natural Park Batuecas-Sierra de Francia. Its environment, of unusual natural beauty, is crossed by the river Alagón, that goes on drilling the base of its "Roman bridge", looking for quietenning its waters in the reservoir of Gabriel y Galán.*

*Being, as it is, the most southern village of the Sierra, the territory retains a particular natural paradise, Arca and Buitrera, an area that extends south along the wonderful meanders of the river Alagón and stroking the depopulated of Cabaloria and Martinebrón. In fact, El Melero, visible from the Mirador de la Antigua, next to Riomalo de Abajo, the well known meander of the Alagón, teaches a peninsula, called La Romerosa, that owns to Sotoserrano, plus the mountains that close the natural space of Arca y Buitrera, above the Alagón.*

*As we mentioned in previous magazines, from the Council of Sotoserrano it is promoting the recovery*



*path that goes from Cabaloria to Martinebrón; this will help that visitors can realize that beautiful walk and know the lands that closes the Alagón, in its Salamanca area .*

*Two important rivers reach the Alagón in the area: the Francia, on the border of El Soto and Miranda del Castañar, in the place called "Vuelta Blas Curto" close*