



FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS THESE OLIVE TREES HAVE NOT BEEN PRUNED.

The Candonga Olive Trees are three beautiful specimens that reach a crown diameter of 17 meters and are living testimony to the curiosity of their former owner, later, it was a farm that has an area of 160 hectares, all under a border, its owner is the firm Casa Fernández Soro. "What happens to the olive tree if it's not kept in shape?" he wondered. For more than 70 years these olive trees have not been pruned. Today they offer a quite eloquent answer

THE OLIVE TREES OF CANDONGA



The olive grove cemetery of **Llano de Motril** constitutes a forest with natural sculptures of more than 500 years. Almost all the olive trees in this area are two and three feet, of the Pical variety and are in full production. The most striking thing about them is the size of the shafts and stems that adopt unique and unrepeatable shapes, some reaching ten meters in perimeter.

PLAIN OF MOTRIL (LLANO DE MOTRIL)

This is the name given to the olive tree located in the area of Llano de las Monjas. It is a three-legged tree that, due to its excessive weight, has come to break off, serving as support for some of its branches. Immensely large and majestic, it stands out against the olive grove carpet of the countryside.



EL ESTACÓN DEL CHINCHE

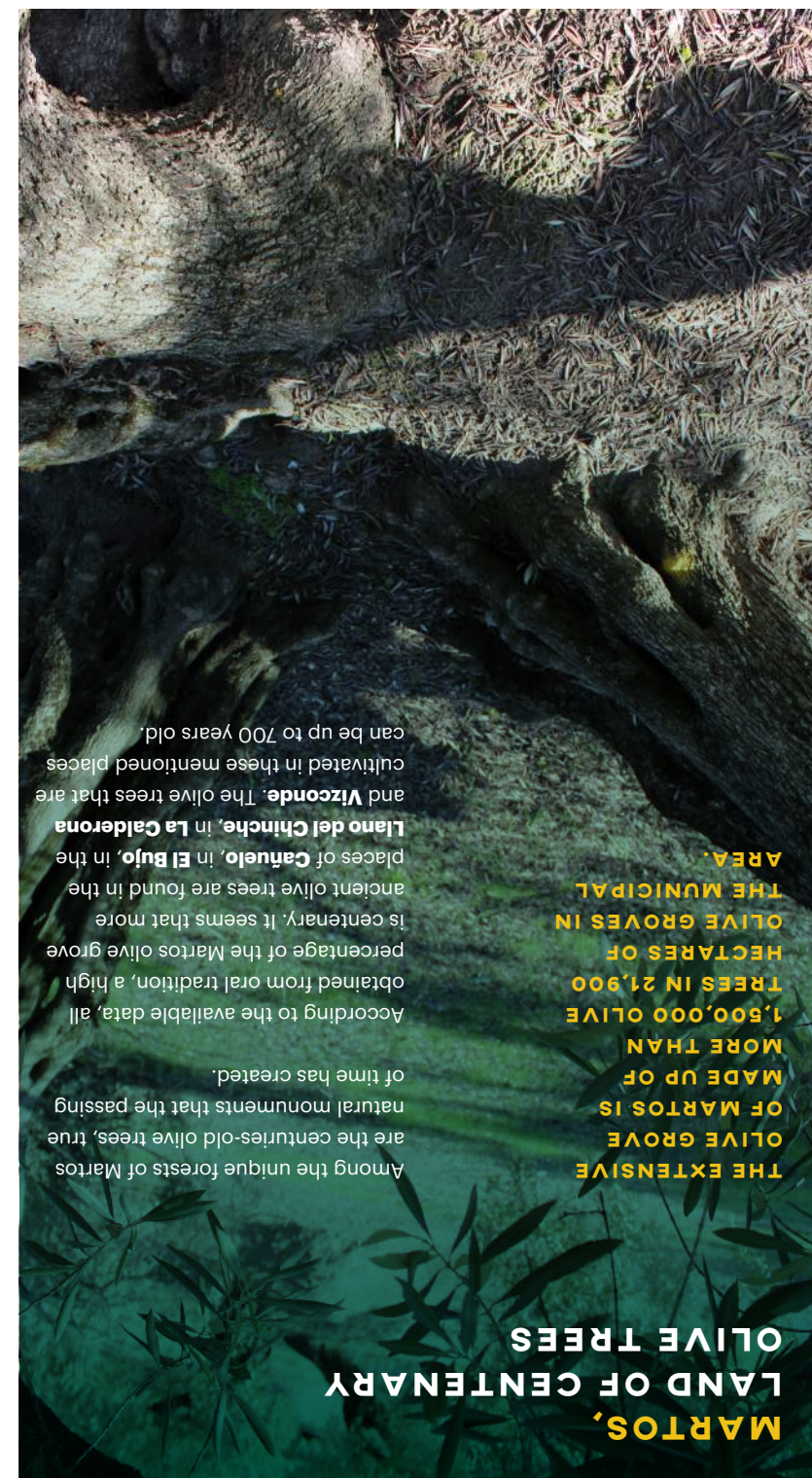


THIS OLIVE TREE THAT MEASURES MORE THAN EIGHT METERS HIGH, IS MADE UP OF THREE FEET WHOSE BASES EXCEED FOUR METERS IN PERIMETER



THE BIG STAKE (LA ESTACA GRANDE)

La Estaca Grande (The Big Stake) is a clear example of the natural and sentimental union of the Martos people with the life and history of the olive grove. La Estaca Grande is approximately 300 years old and is located about 450 meters from the Via Verde del Aceite, right in the place called Cañada del Abandonado. Still in full production today, it saw the birth of the current owners' grandmother, giving shelter to her family during the Civil War. Throughout this tragic period, La Estaca Grande sheltered her friends and family during the bombings and served as a roof, kitchen and sewing place. In recognition of her enormous hospitality, La Estaca Grande has deservedly become a member of this family.



MARTOS, LAND OF CENTENARY OLIVE TREES

Among the unique forests of Martos are the centuries-old olive trees, true natural monuments that the passing of time has created. According to the available data, all obtained from oral tradition, a high percentage of the Martos olive grove is centenary. It seems that more ancient olive trees are found in the places of **Cañuelo**, in **El Bujío**, in the **Llano del Chinche**, in **La Calderona** and **Vizconde**. The olive trees that are cultivated in these mentioned places can be up to 700 years old.

THE EXTENSIVE OLIVE GROVE OF MARTOS IS MADE UP OF MORE THAN 1,500,000 OLIVE TREES IN 21,900 HECTARES OF OLIVE GROVES IN THE MUNICIPAL AREA.



Martos OLIVE GROVE SPOT



CORTIJO EL MADROÑO

In the heart of Jaén's countryside, in the municipality of Martos, is the Cortijo El Madroño, a construction that represents the traditional Andalusian farmhouses and which, among its many attractions (house, patios, celebration halls, hermitage, fountains, agricultural dependencies, oil mill...) offers the visitor a splendid Oil Museum.



EL MADROÑO REPRESENTS THE TRADITIONAL ANDALUSIAN FARMHOUSES WHICH, AMONG ITS MANY ATTRactions, OFFERS VISITORS A SPLENDID OIL MUSEUM

The Oil Museum is built on the basis of the old mill's farmhouse, using the original machinery in it, and next to it is the new factory where excellent virgin olive oil is produced. It is a museum through which you can travel back in time admiring the ancient methods for extracting the precious liquid gold from the olive. You can see an old oil factory from the beginning of the 20th century with a 4 conical rollers mill, three huge hydraulic presses from Velasco (Seville), the mixer for the masses, three pump bodies, an automatic loader for baskets and other facilities such as the oil clarifiers, the wells of the alpechin and the old cellars.



OLIVOS DE LA CANDONGA

MARTOS OLIVE FESTIVAL

From 1981 to date, the quintessential Martos Olive festival is celebrated annually on December the 8th, although the commemorative activities usually begin the week before.



By Order, January the 8th 2018, the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Andalusian Government declared the Martos Olive Festival as a Festival of Tourist Interest in Andalusia.

IN ITS ORIGINS, THIS FESTIVAL MARKED THE START DATE OF THE OLIVE HARVEST; IT WAS A FESTIVE PREAMBLE UNTIL TODAY, WHICH IS A TRIBUTE TO THE OLIVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WORK IN OUR OLIVE GROVES

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VISIT MARTOS

TRAVELLING...

FROM JAÉN

Take the **A-316** towards Torredelcampo and continue through **A-316** towards Martos / Alcaudete

FROM CÓRDOBA

Take the **A4 / E5** towards El Carpio and then take the **A-306** towards Torredonjimeno and finally continue taking the **A-316** towards Martos

FROM GRANADA

Take the **A44 / E902** towards Jaén, then the **A-316** towards Torredelcampo and finally, take the **A-316** towards Martos / Alcaudete

FROM MÁLAGA

Take the **A45** towards Córdoba, then take the **A-318** towards Luena, the **N-432** towards Alcaudete and finally, the **A-316** towards Martos / Alcaudete

FROM MADRID

Take the **A4** towards Córdoba, then the **A44 / E902** towards Jaén, the **A-316** towards Torredelcampo and then, continue through the **A-316** towards Martos / Alcaudete

EVOO (EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL), A TREASURE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OILS ARE THE AUTHENTIC AND EXQUISITE JUICE OF OUR BEST OLIVES COLLECTED AT THE OPTIMUM MOMENT OF MATURATION.

They are made using exclusively physical and mechanical procedures to achieve a 100% natural product with extraordinary organoleptic characteristics and complete nutritional and functional properties.

TIPS FOR A GOOD PRESERVATION OF EVOO

- Keep it in a closed container at a mild temperature between 15 and 20 degrees Celsius.
- Protect it from air and keep it away from light, heat and humidity.
- Its composition encourages its volume to increase when heated, causing it to spread considerably.

MAIN HEALTHY QUALITIES OF EVOO

- This is the main protagonist of the Mediterranean diet. A natural and healthy food, rich in monounsaturated fatty acids (oleic acid) and antioxidants, responsible for important health benefits such as:
 - Reducing cholesterol
 - Has anti-inflammatory properties
 - Prevents cancer and diabetes
 - Stimulates growth and promotes calcium absorption and mineralization
 - Improves the digestive system
 - Has a protective and tonic effect on the epidermis.



S.C.A. (OLIVE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY) SAN AMADOR

In the Sierra Sur of Jaén, the Regional Network of Oil-Tourist Mills, promoted by the Association for the Development of the Sierra Sur of Jaén (ADSUR), is made up of nine Interpretation Centers each installed in mills in the region .

In Martos, the S.C.A. San Amador is the headquarters of one of these regional interpretation centers. In this case, the specialization focuses on the quality of extra virgin olive oils. The theme of the interpretation center located in the San Amador cooperative has not been designated by chance, but rather taking into account the great effort for the highest quality in olive oils that this cooperative of producers has been making for some years and which has achieved the distinction of extra virgins packaged with the specific brand "Tuccioliiva Gran Selección" in a large number of national and international quality competitions.

WHERE TO BUY EVOO IN MARTOS?

Main evoo producing companies from Martos:

- S.C.A. San Amador
- S.C.A. Virgen de la Villa
- S.C.A. Domingo Solís
- S.C.A. Virgen del Carmen
- S.C.A. Sagrado Corazón de Jesús
- Oils Vado Jaén S.A.
- PYDASA
- Oils El Madroño
- Montetucci



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OIL GREENWAY

VÍA VERDE DEL ACEITE



Arroyo Salado Viaduct



Arroyo del Higueral Viaduct

DESCRIPTION

The starting point is the municipal limit between Martos and Torredonjimeno, starting southwest. Already at the beginning we can see the viewpoint to the Santo Nicasio stream and a rest area. After just over a kilometer, we will find the first example of civil architecture, the Bridge of the Camino de las Quebradas. A bridge of large ashlars and a semicircular arch. The first crossing with the A-316 has a newly built footbridge which allows you to see Martos and his Peña from very close.

Once we have crossed the Santiago highway (J-212), we will be traveling through the urban area of Martos; Proof of this are the many fountains and rest areas that we will find. Highlights of this part of the route include the steam engine, which has been restored and is exhibited as a monument, and the old Martos train station. We leave Martos and this time we will pass under the A-316 through a tunnel. Leaving behind us a magnificent view of La Peña, we continue on our way finding several rest areas and cross, once again, the A-316 but this time by a footbridge. Near kilometer 10 of our route, we come across a magnificent bridge, that of La Tablaica. Construction of large ashlars and semicircular arch.

Continuing our way, we enter the section where we will find two impressive works of engineering. These are the Arroyo Salado Viaduct (km. 12.7) and the Arroyo del Higueral Viaduct (km. 14).

They are large structures that save the streams. They have a very similar structure, both are metal bridges supported by abutments and large piles of masonry, offering great views of the natural landscape that surrounds them.

The next stop on the tour is the Vado Jaén Station. In this area, a rest area has been created that has numerous facilities and trees. Very close to this station is Las Casillas, the Viboras reservoir and the Viboras Castle, making this a strategic enclave and allowing multiple routes and options for our leisure.

Finally, we will pass under a bridge again, the most outstanding of all and known as "El Picón de Coches". This bridge saves a height of 15 meters and presents a lowered semicircular arch where the keystone stands out from the rest of the set.

Continuing our journey to the municipality of Alcaudete, the landscape that is offered to us is unbeatable. This section is a magnificent balcony from which to contemplate the Sierra Caracolera, the Castillo de Viboras and Pico Ahillos.

IT IS A WALK THROUGH THE HISTORY OF THE LATE 19TH CENTURY, BEING ABLE TO ENJOY BEAUTIFUL BRIDGES, TRAIN STATIONS OF THE TIME AND GREAT ENGINEERING WORKS SUCH AS VIADUCTS.



During this tour we will find two old stations, Martos and Vado Jaén, both with a very similar structure and fallen into disrepair.

MARTOS AND VADO JAÉN STATIONS

Being the largest in Martos, we can appreciate that the passenger terminal has three bodies. In the central one, larger and with two floors, there was the hall, the ticket offices and the waiting room. The sides, on one level, contained other rooms of the station. The upper floor of the central body was used for housing.



As for the Vado Jaén Station, we see how the main building also has three sections. The lateral ones, intended for housing, have two floors and the central one, on one floor, housed the ticket offices and waiting room.

GREENWAYS IN ANDALUSIA

In Spain, in 1993, there were more than 7,600 kilometers of lines that no longer have train service, or that never had it because they were unfinished. Since 1993, these old railway lines have been conditioned to be used by cyclists, walkers and people with reduced mobility.

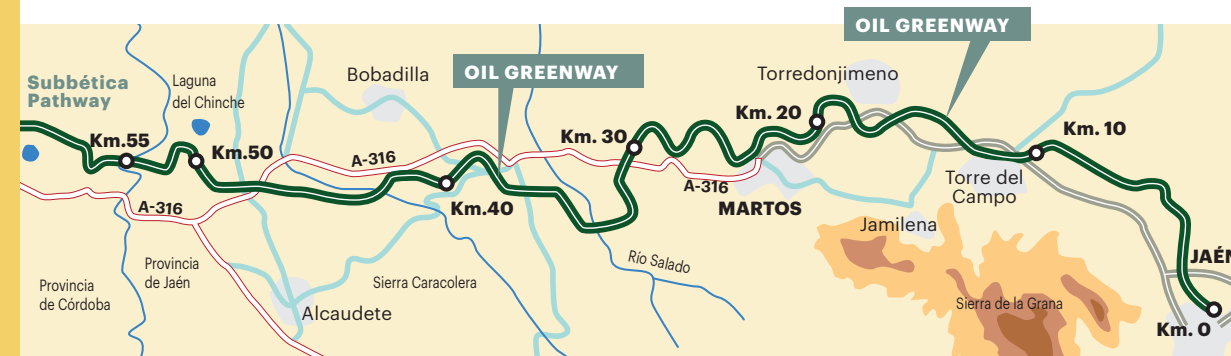
This is the objective of the Vías Verdes Program, currently developed by the Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, in collaboration with ADIF, RENFE Operadora and FEVE. The Autonomous Communities, Provincial Councils and Town Halls participate very actively, as well as cycling groups, environmentalists and citizen groups.



DATA SHEET

- LOCATION:** Martos
 - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:** Sierra Sur de Jaén
 - STARTING POINT:** Martos municipal limit with Torredonjimeno
 - POINT OF ARRIVAL:** Limit of the municipal term of Martos with Alcaudete
 - USER PROFILE:** On foot and bicycle
 - PATH:** Lineal
 - DIFFICULTY:** Medium
 - DISTANCE:** 21.23 km.
 - DURATION:** On foot 5 hours and 10 minutes. By bike 1 hour and 40 min.
 - MAX ALTITUDE:** 662 m.
 - MIN. ALTITUDE:** 495 m.
- TERRAIN:** Mixed asphalt and compacted gravel
 - MAX SLOPE:** 5%
 - MIN. SLOPE:** -3%
 - VEGETATION:** Olive trees, holm oaks, cypress and herbaceous plants
 - HERITAGE:** Martos station and Vado Jaén, bridge of the path of the ravines, bridge of La Tablaica and bridge El picón de coches
 - INFRASTRUCTURES:** Walkways, tunnel and viaducts of the Salado stream and the Higueral stream
 - FACILITIES:** Rest areas, parking lots, water fountains and litter bins.
- WHEN TO DO IT:** Any time of the year.
 - RECOMMENDATIONS:** The route is suitable for any type of person, even for people with reduced mobility since, according to PREDIF, a benchmark entity in terms of accessible tourism, it has carried out a study on the Greenways throughout Spain, granting the Martos section the green category that is the highest of the three possible ones.
 - ACCESS:** Access will be at exit no. 81 of the A-316 (the closest to the greenway junction) and another access on the J-3306.

THE VÍA VERDE DEL ACEITE (GREEN OIL PATHWAY) RUNS THROUGH THE MUNICIPALITIES OF JAÉN, TORRE DEL CAMPO, TORREDONJIMENO, MARTOS AND ALCAUDETE.



PATHS OF CENTENARY OLIVE TREES

During this trail we will immerse ourselves in the magical world of the Olive Trees, a hallmark par excellence of Martos considered the "Cradle of the Olive Grove" and the first producer of olive oil in the world. The transit will go through beautiful streets, a splendid part of the land of the oil greenway, attractive paths between olive groves to finish this peculiar route contemplating the extraordinary natural sculptures of the Centennial Olive Trees of the Motril Plain.

DATA SHEET

- LOCATION:** Martos
 - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:** Sierra Sur de Jaén
 - DEPARTURE:** Olive roundabout on Lope de Vega street
 - ARRIVAL:** Centennial Olive Trees of the Llano de Motril
 - USER PROFILE:** On foot and by bicycle
 - PATH:** Linear
 - DIFFICULTY:** Low
 - DISTANCE:** 2.70 km.
 - DURATION:** 50 minutos
 - MAX. ALTITUDE:** 665 m.
 - MIN. ALTITUDE:** 588 m.
 - TERRAIN:** Asphalted and earth
 - MAX. SLOPE:** 9%
 - MIN. SLOPE:** -16%
- VEGETATION:** Olive trees and cypresses
 - INFRASTRUCTURES:** Bridge
 - FACILITIES:** Rest area, parking area, water fountain, litter bins and benches.
 - WHEN TO DO IT:** Any time of the year.
 - RECOMMENDATIONS:** The route is suitable for any type of person who has even a low physical capacity. The only difficulty on the path lies in the section that passes under the bridge of the greenway, since at the end, on the right side, there is a dangerous steep slope downwards, which must be taken with caution. Private olive groves will be crossed, for which the utmost respect is requested.

ALTIMETRIC PROFILE

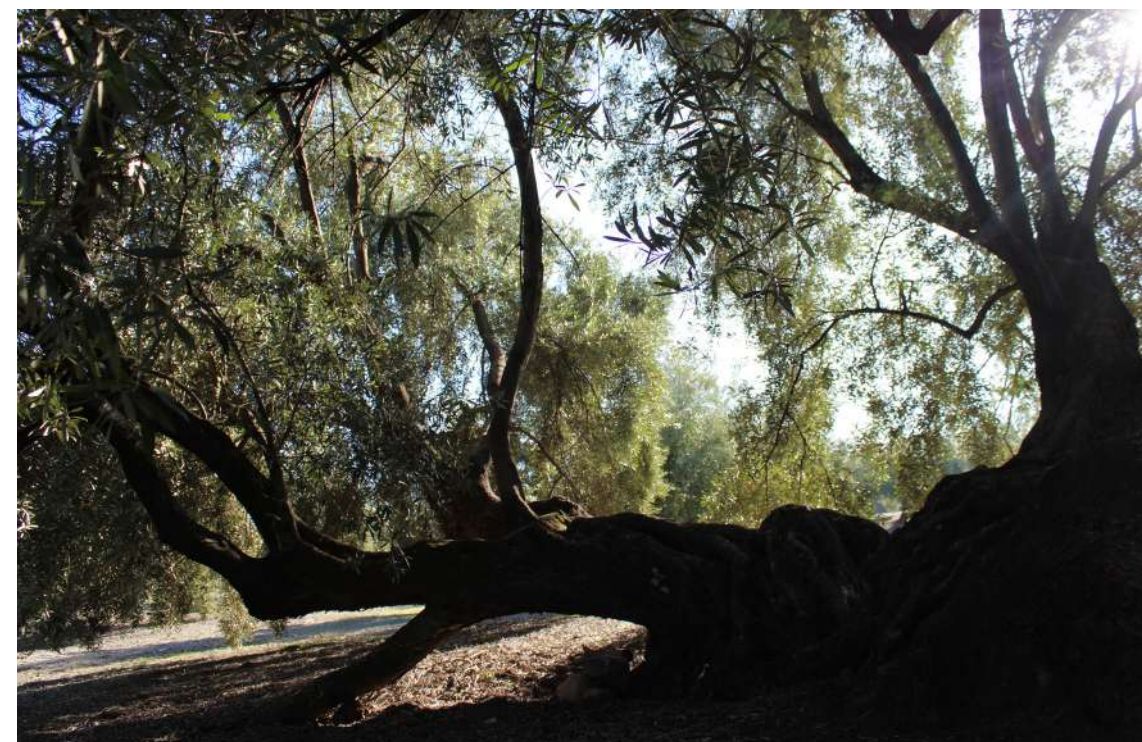


DESCRIPTION

The beginning of the itinerary will be within the urban area of the town and corresponds to the roundabout of the olive tree located at the intersection of Avenida de Europa with Calle Lope de Vega. You will go down this last street to Calle Isabel de Solís, where you will continue until you reach the access to the greenway that is on the right hand side at the end of this same street.

We will walk a few meters along the Vía Verde del Aceite, which is a paved section, and we will do so in a northwesterly direction towards the town of Torredonjimeno. As soon as we start this path, there is a rest area equipped with shades and a fountain.

We continue along this path in which we will have to carefully cross the Santiago de Calatrava highway (J-212), and from this point the vegetation will gradually open up to us and a wide horizon populated with olive trees.



We come across a bridge to cross highway 316. Once the bridge is crossed, the stretch of greenway on the route comes to an end. The next step can be the most complicated since we must go under the bridge and look at the end of the embankment, on the right side, for a ramp and go down it, at this point we must be extremely careful since it may be the most difficult or dangerous area of the entire route.

Next we are going to find a crossroads and we must take the road that descends to our right, at this point of the route we are going to go through areas of olive groves along a dirt road leaving Martos and his imposing Peña behind us. Arriving at the end of this path lined with olive trees, we find a crossroads with a pomace factory opposite to it.



From this point we must turn to the right and follow the Camino de las Quebradas, this is a paved road so it is easier to walk. We continue straight and once we have passed the pomace factory, a few meters further on the left, we will find the Llano de Motril and the majestic Centennial Olive Trees.

At this point we only have to enter and stroll among the 6,743 olive trees that occupy an area of 84 hectares, of which there are 5,394 centenarians, since some were cut down to serve as firewood for the population during the civil war.

These hundred-year-old olive trees are more than 500 years old and will surprise us with their great size and beauty, with the shape of their old trunks and their elegant crowns, and with the knowledge that after so many years these natural sculptures are still at full capacity.

