

## Rio Laja Trail- Section 2: *Puente Antigua San Rafael*

### **Description:**

This section of the Rio Laja Trail is passable at all times of the year, and suitable for hiking and mountain biking. Follow the upper right riverbank to the on a faint path, to remain within the federal public zone. Note that there is occasionally a parallel trail that is well-used by commuters, however, it often intersects with private land. The second Section of the trail ends at the Guanajuato Bridge where Section 3 begins, totaling 1.6 miles/ 2.5 km.



### **Access to trailhead parking:**

From Plazuela de La Estación, cross the tracks and remain on the blacktop road to the right (to Cieneguita) for about .8 miles/ 1.3 km. Turn left at sign pointing to La Esperanza community. Follow this road straight ahead for 1.8 miles/ 2.9 km until arriving at the Rio Laja. Park off the road where possible in this area.

*Stump along trail considered as marker for transition from Section 1. There is also a dirt road crossing the river here, which may serve*

*as a better marker to the trail start.*

*Waypoint 1:* Trailhead parking, mile 0.0/ km 0.0 . GPS coordinates: 20.931, -100.802. Walk north along right side of river.

*Waypoint 2:* Puente Antigua San Rafael at 1.04 miles/ 1.7 km. Arriving at the old bridge, which spans half of the Rio Laja, it may be necessary to walk up to the roadway level of the bridge. When the water is high, take footpath up and traversing back down to the trail from the top of the embankment/bridge.



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*Waypoint 3:* End of Section 2 and start of Section 3, at mile 1.6/ km 2.5. GPS coordinates: 20.948, -100.794. This section ends at the yellow Guanajuato Bridge. This location is 3.77 miles/ 6.07 km from start of Section 1.

