

CARAMONIÑA ALLOTMENTS Holes of opportunity

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The Spanish city of Santiago de Compostela became a World Heritage Site in 1985. Since then the Council has been working on buildings, both public and private. Over the last years, the Council has begun working on public space too; the parks, the streets or the squares. All of these experiences can be applied in other cities and places which may or may not be Heritage Sites. But even so there are still vacant sites in the city, complicated sites, without any clear use or even good access.

Caramoniña is one of these sites. It is on the way from the Historical City to the nearby Almaciga neighbourhood, completed in the seventies. Both of them are little hills. But Caramoniña is also situated in the east green belt of the Historical City. We have to walk a narrow path to reach it from the historical side and go down a lot of steps from the other side. It has a difference of over twenty metres in height between the two entrances, with six platforms. And there are also several ruins of traditional constructions. There are buildings by Lopez Cotejo, close to the plot, on the east side. We can see Bonaval Park, by Alvaro Siza, on the south side, and several little terraced houses and a big school are situated on the west and north sides. The land falls from the east to the west side. There are also several trees, four wells and very good views over the Historical City.



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