



Bull Ring

Monument not open to the public.

The people of Pastrana built this bullring on the site called Los Rastros. It used to be the old square of the Moorish neighbourhood of Albaicín, since the 16th century the location of a flourishing market. In the square there was a slope of land that was used for the construction of the stands.

In 1825 a bullfight with two steers was held here, but it was not until 1854 that a basic bull ring was built thanks to the voluntary work of the Pastraneros. An inaugural bullfight was held on the 15th August 1862 and the bullfights have not changed location since then. Initially managed by local boys, in 1884 the bullring began to be leased to bullfighting businessmen. After a restoration, it had its official inauguration on the 5th June 1885. This is the oldest bull ring in the province of Guadalajara that has remained in the same place in which it was founded.

The tradition of bull fighting comes from afar. Nicolas Fernández de Moratín (great poet and playwright), in his 'Historical letter on the origin and progress of the festival of the bulls', published in 1776 to support his theory about the antiquity of the festival, said that "in 1695 his grandparents killed bulls in the festivities of the patron saint of Pastrana". Currently, various bullfights are held in the square during the August festivities.