

## Our roots

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San Antonio del Sur is a sample of history, throughout its coastline are aboriginal settlements, the scene of brave Mambisa. The Pan de Azúcar hill and the Abra de Mariana, seers of the passing of great figures such as José Martí, Máximo Gómez, Maceo and Fidel. Witness to peasant exploits, the Rebel Army, the fight against bandits and the transformations of the Cuban Revolution.



A few days after his landing at Playitas de Cajobabo in Imías on April

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11, 1895, José Martí notes in his Campaign Diary referring to the Abra de Mariana: "That mountain, on the right, like a slice of blood, near the cup, it's Doña Mariana ".

Another of the dates that marked history in our municipality was when our Commander Fidel Castro, after the visit to Guantánamo in 1977, visits the municipality and specifically moves to the Caujerí Valley. On July 1 and 2, he toured and camped in the Valley, where he met with peasants at the Social Circle of Guaibanó and expressed his interest in the development of the municipality.

Fidel revisits the Valley for the second time on May 17, 1881, on the occasion of the central event for the 20th Anniversary of ANAP. On that occasion, he reiterates his conviction of the riches of the region and expresses "... we have no doubt of the great agricultural possibilities that this valley has if it has water"



Fidel and his companions went to Alto del Quimbuelo, in another of the visits made to the Caujerí Valley, and from there he defined strategies that would allow agricultural, economic and social development to turn the region into the great agricultural pole that it is today.