Montes Obarenes

This is one of the final foothills of the Cantabrian Mountains. Montes Obarenes Nature Park, in the province of Burgos, forms a magnificent natural wall sheltering La Bureba.

Bounded by the River Ebro, it boasts a wealth of treasures including the mountain ranges of Oña, la Llana, Pancorbo, Arcena and the Obarenes mountains themselves, which rise up to a maximum height of 1,237 metres at Pan Perdido. The landscape is scattered with stunning natural features, including steep passes, gorges carved out of the rock by the rivers Ebro and Oca as well as the ravine formed by the Purón in the Arcena mountain range.

The wealth of trees is the result of its prime location between the Atlantic and Mediterranean biogeographic regions. The entire area is scattered with precipices where birds of prey such as the griffon vulture, Egyptian vulture, golden eagle and goshawk nest. The magnificent landscape forms a backdrop for countless cultural treasures, as it is dotted with towns that are rich in history, such as Frías, which will take visitors back in time.

Declared

Category: Natural Park
Area: 33,064 ha.

Municipalities in the province of Burgos: Berberana, Bozoó, Busto de Bureba, Cascajares de Bureba, Cillaperlata, Encio, Frías, Jurisdicción de San Zadornil, Miraveche, Navas de Bureba, Oña, Pancorbo, Partido de la Sierra en Tobalina, Quintanaélez, Santa Gadea del Cid, Trespaderne, Valle de Tobalina

Visitor Centre

Park House of Montes Obarenes - San Zadornil (Oña)

Situated in the former cattle shed at the Monastery of San Salvador, used by the monks to produce milk and meat, as well as to store hay for their livestock and other provisions. After touring all three floors, visitors can enjoy a stroll round the gardens to admire the 16th century ponds.

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Enviromental Areas

Fauna: Griffon vulture, egyptian vulture, golden eagle, goshawk, sparrowhawk, peregrine falcon and honey buzzard, eagle owl and Corvus corone (chova). Wolf, wild boar, roe deer, fox and otter.

Relief: Located on the eastern edge of the Cantabrian mountains, they form a tight set of narrow and fractured anticlines and synclines. The Ebro, Oca, Puron, and Molinar have resulted in spectacular canyons and gorges

Vegetation: Large forests of holm oak, Quercus pyrenaica (quejigo), cluster pine and scots pine. Isolated patches of beech in the tops of the mountains. Abundant thicket of black sabina and boxwood. Botanical endemisms.

Route

Alternative Pathway
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**Arroyo de San Zadornil (PRC-BU 100)**
- Journey: Circular
- Length: 13 km.
- Difficulty of the route: Low

**Barcina de los Montes (PRC-BU 102)**
- Journey: Circular
- Length: 12 km.
- Difficulty of the route: Low

**Bozoo (PRC-BU 92)**
- Journey: Circular
- Length: 7.7 km.
- Difficulty of the route: Low

**Charca de Corton (PR-BU 47)**
- Journey: Lineal
- Length: 1.8 km.
- Difficulty of the route: Low

**Cillaperlata I (PRC-BU 106)**
- Trayecto: Circular
- Longitud: 12.5 km.
- Dificultad de la ruta: Media

**Cillaperlata II. Sendas por Valdenubla (PRC-BU 105)**
- Journey: Circular
- Length: 13 km.
- Difficulty of the route: Low

**Circular Road Landscape (PR-BU 41+45+42)**
- Journey: Circular
- Length: 6.4 km.
- Difficulty of the route: Low

**Circular route Human Uses (PR-BU 49+47+46+41)**
- Journey: Circular
- Length: 10.9 km.
- Difficulty of the route: Medium

**Cubilla (PRC-BU 93)**
- Journey: Circular
- Length: 4.5 km.
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Difficulty of the route: Low

El Pan Perdido
Journey: Circular
Length: 14 km.

Hayedo Circular route (PR.BU.48+43+49)
Journey: Circular
Length: 7.2 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Herrán (PRC-BU 103)
Journey: Circular
Length: 7.8 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Humion (PRC-BU 111)
Journey: Circular
Length: 11.2 km.
Difficulty of the route: High

Karst Circular route (PR-BU 44+45+41)
Journey: Circular
Length: 6.4 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Mancubo (PRC-BU 91)
Journey: Circular
Length: 9.2 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Montejo de San Miguel (PRC-BU 109)
Trayecto: Circular
Longitud: 4.2 km.
Dificultad de la ruta: Baja

Orduña Port (PR-BU 46)
Journey: Lineal
Length: 2 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Pancorbo Pathway (PRC-BU 89)
Journey: Circular
Length: 14.7 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Pathway Encio (PRC-BU 90)
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Journey: Circular
Length: 9 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Pathway of Herran (SLC-BU 103)
Journey: Circular
Length: 7.8 km.

Pathway of Pozalagua (PR-BU 52)
Journey: Lineal
Length: 4.2 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Pathway of the Cortado (PR-BU 45)
Journey: Lineal
Length: 2.7 km.
Difficulty of the route: Medium

Pathway of the Dehesa (PR-BU 49)
Journey: Lineal
Length: 1.5 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Pathway of the Encinar (PR-BU 50)
Journey: Circular
Length: 8.3 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Pathway of the Hayedo (PR-BU 43)
Journey: Lineal
Length: 1.7 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Pathway of the Karst (PR-BU 44)
Journey: Lineal
Length: 1.6 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Penches (PRC-BU 108)
Journey: Circular
Length: 7.4 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Portillo del Busto (PRC-BU 95)
Journey: Circular
Length: 11.7 km.
Difficulty of the route: High
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Ranera (PRC-BU 96)
Journey: Circular
Length: 11.5 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Roads of Oña (PRC-BU 101)
Journey: Circular
Length: 14.7 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Route of the Monteros, from Quintana Maria to Oña (GR-1006)
Journey: Journey
Length: 23 km.
Difficulty of the route: Medium

San Martín de Don (PRC-BU 94)
Journey: Circular
Length: 14 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

San Millán de San Zadornil (PRC-BU 97)
Journey: Circular
Length: 6.9 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

San Zadornil (PRC-BU 98)
Journey: Circular
Length: 13.2 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Valpuesta (PRC-BU 99)
Journey: Circular
Length: 9 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Viewpoint Esquina de Ruben (PR-BU 41)
Journey: Lineal
Length: 1.7 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Viewpoint of Nervion (PR-BU 42)
Journey: Lineal
Length: 2 km.
Difficulty of the route: Low

Viewpoints (PRC-BU 107)
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**Journey:** Lineal  
**Length:** 7.6 km.  
**Difficulty of the route:** Low

Villafriá de San Zadornil (PRC-BU 110)  
**Journey:** Circular  
**Length:** 4 km.  
**Difficulty of the route:** Low

Villanueva de los Montes (PRC-BU 104)  
**Journey:** Circular  
**Length:** 12 km.  
**Difficulty of the route:** Low

Way of Alterla (PR-BU 48)  
**Journey:** Lineal  
**Length:** 3.8 km.  
**Difficulty of the route:** Medium-Low

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