

Picos de Europa



The National Park of Picos de Europa is one of Spain's leading natural treasures, ranking somewhere between three autonomous communities, Castilla y León, Asturias and Cantabria. It comprises three distinct mountain ranges of limestone, the Western or Cornion, the central or of the Urrielles, and East or of Andara, defined in part by spectacular gorges (Los Beyos, the Garganta del Cares and the Hermida), showing a relief extraordinarily steep with height differences between the peaks and valleys that reach up to 2500 m.

The Picos de Europa are the largest limestone formation in Atlantic Europe with major karst processes, chasms that reach over 1,000 m very clear glacial erosion. Territory abrupt and steep slopes, in their streams and forests, meadows and ridges, shelter and survive beings already forgotten in many places and unique cultural patterns.

Moreover, the Regional Park of Picos de Europa is located in the northeast of the province of León and has as main objectives: to protect natural resources, maintaining the dynamics and the functional structure of the component ecosystems, ensure the persistence of the most significant genetic resources, help to the economic development of its inhabitants and provide forms of public use and enjoyment compatible with its preservation.

The monumentality of the landscape altogether with the diversity of vegetation are only comparable to the faunal treasure hosted: brown bear, capercaillie, chamois, Iberian wolf ... are a good example of the mixture of species of Central Europe and other more southern contacting in this area.

Declared

Category: Regional Park

Area: 120,720 ha.

Municipalities in the province of León: Acebedo, Boca de Huérgano, Boñar, Burón, Crémenes, Maraña, Prioro, Puebla de Lillo, Reyero, Riaño

Visitor Centre

Houses "El Torreón de Puebla de Lillo" and "Valle del Porma"

This Visitor Centre is housed in a medieval tower that over the centuries has witnessed the way the landscape, houses and people in this town have changed.

On the first floor is the reception area offering a general insight into the Regional Park and things to do and see. One of the highlights is the interactive point which includes a virtual tour of the Centre. There is also a series of panels that show the wide variety of flora and fauna to look out for during each season of the year.

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Park House of Valdeburon

The reception area offers visitors a general insight into the Regional Park, based on the general map and a brief audiovisual introduction featuring photographs that give an idea of what they can find.

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Information is also available about the services provided by the network of Visitor Centres, their location inside the park and things to do and look out for, such as trails, geology, wildlife, flora, cultural heritage, etc.

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Environmental Areas

Fauna: The bear and capercaillie are the most representative species. Wolves, chamois, European badgers, otters, Bonelli's Eagle, Eurasian eagle-owl, Egyptian vulture and vulture are some of its inhabitants.

Relief: A peculiar geological nature formed by a compact mass of limestone, broken and spectacular modeling. Its peculiar landscape is due to two types of erosion: glacier and karst.

Vegetation: The beech forms its main wooded mass. There are European holly, yew, chestnut, oak and birch also. Pinar de Lillo is a very interesting place but with a restricted access.

Route

Arbillos (PR-LE 34)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 15.3 km.

Difficulty of the route: High

Cañada Real Leonesa Oriental (PR-LE 53)

Journey: Circular

Length: 2 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Collada de Lois (PR-LE 18)

Journey: Circular

Length: 9 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Collado El Baile (PR-LE 52)

Journey: Circular

Length: 6.5 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Corral de los Lobos (PR-LE 35)

Journey: Circular

Length: 7.8 km.

Difficulty of the route: Low

Cuatro Pueblos (PR-LE 49)

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Journey: Lineal

Length: 20 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Door of the Señales (PR-LE 19)

Journey: Circular

Length: 6.8 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Door of the Ventaniella (PR-LE 210)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 4.7 km.

Entrevados-Valle de Pinzon (PR-LE 27)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 14.5 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium-High

Historic Pathway, from Acebedo to Puerte de Tarna (GR 1)

Journey: Journey

Length: 11.4 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Historic Pathway, from Las Salas to Lois (GR 1)

Journey: Journey

Length: 9.1 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Historic Pathway, from Lois to Acebedo (GR 1)

Journey: Journey

Length: 9.1 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Historic Pathway, from Prioro to Las Salas (GR 1)

Journey: Journey

Length: 15.4 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Historic Pathway, from Valverde de la Sierra to Prioro (GR 1)

Journey: Journey

Length: 15.7 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Horcadas Ports (PR-LE 25)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 6 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

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La Cervatina (PR-LE 28)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 13.1 km.

Difficulty of the route: Low

Lake Ausente (PR-LE 26)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 2.9 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium-High

Lake of Isoba (PR-LE 17)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 6 km.

Difficulty of the route: Low

Las Biescas (PR-LE 30)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 3 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Liegos-Acebedo (PR-LE 32)

Journey: Circular

Length: 15.4 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Linares Port (PR-LE 47)

Journey: Circular

Length: 7.4 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Llorada Port (PR-LE 51)

Journey: Circular

Length: 8.4 km.

Matapiojos (PR-LE 33)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 2.3 km.

Difficulty of the route: Low

Mirva-Rabanal (PR-LE 21)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 13 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Monte Ranedo (PR-LE 31)

Journey: Circular

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Length: 6.4 km.

Difficulty of the route: Low

Monte la Boyeria (PR-LE 48)

Journey: Circular

Length: 6 km.

Difficulty of the route: Low

Picos de Mampodre (PR-LE 29)

Journey: Circular

Length: 15.7 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Reservoir of Porma (PR-LE 51)

Journey: Circular

Length: 10.2 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Royal Way (PR-LE 36)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 3.3 km.

Difficulty of the route: Low

San Glorio Port (PR-LE 24)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 8.3 km.

Difficulty of the route: Low

Stage 6 - Section 6: Boñar - Cistierna

Journey: Lineal

Length: 25.3 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Stage 6 - Section 6: Boñar - La Vecilla

Journey: Lineal

Length: 9.3 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Stage 6 - Section 7: Barrio de las Ollas - Cistierna

Journey: Lineal

Length: 26.8 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Stage 6 - Section 7: Barrio de las Ollas - La Vecilla

Journey: Lineal

Length: 7.8 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

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Stream of Orpiñas (PR-LE 23)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 2 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Tejedo Port (PR-LE 50)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 5.2 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Valley of Naranco-Valley of Lechada (PR-LE 22)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 6 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Valverde de la Sierra- Barniedo de la Sierra (PR-LE 54)

Length: 5 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Way of Wamba (PR-LE 46)

Journey: Lineal

Length: 5.3 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

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Other sites

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