



## Valley of Iruelas

At the eastern end of the Gredos mountain range flows Iruelas stream from which the valley takes its name. A small yet unique area that boasts a wealth of flora, with more than 600 recorded species, including ancient black pines. Its fauna is equally worthy of note, as it is home to the largest colony of cinereous vultures in Castilla y León. Indeed, the area has been declared a Special Protection Area for birds, and the Iberian imperial eagle can also be seen here.

Declared a Nature Reserve in 1997, the valley runs from the peak of Mount Escusa to the Burguillo reservoir; nearby, visitors can explore a restored village of resin workers. The spectacular landscape is dotted with waterfalls, gorges and valleys, making this the ideal choice for adventure tourism activities, or simply relaxing and enjoying the breathtaking views from the Puerto de Casillas viewpoint.

### Declared

**Category:** Natural Reserve

**Area:** 8,619 ha.

**Municipalities in the province of Ávila:** El Barraco, Navalengua, San Juan de la Nava, El Tiemblo

### Visitor Centre

#### House of the Natural reserve of the Valle de Iruelas

Visitors can obtain general information about the Reserve to help them plan their day. Temporary exhibitions provide details of various aspects about the area, water, flowering and breeding periods, the soil, forests and history of the valley. There is also a laboratory where workshops and a range of activities are held.

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### Environmental Areas

**Fauna:** Important colony of black vultures and other birds of prey.

**Relief:** Mid-mountain landscape located in the foothills of the Sierra de Gredos.

**Vegetation:** Pine with patches of Pinus nigra (pino laricio), and Quercus pyrenaica (rebollo).

### Route

#### A10 - Senda de San Gregorio (A10)

**Trayecto:** Lineal

**Longitud:** 4,6 km.

**Dificultad de la ruta:** Media-Baja

#### A9 - Senda Botánica (A9)

**Trayecto:** Lineal

**Longitud:** 0,6 km.

**Dificultad de la ruta:** Baja

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### **Barrancas to Pozo de la Nieve Route (PR-AV 21)**

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 2.5 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Medium

### **Botanic Pathway**

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 0.6 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### **Cerro de las Viboras (PRC-AV 53)**

**Journey:** Circular

**Length:** 3.6 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### **El Castañar de El Tiemblo (PRC-AV 54)**

**Journey:** Circular

**Length:** 4.4 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### **Journey of the Sierra de Gredos, from Las Cruceras to Burgohondo (GR-10)**

**Journey:** Journey

**Length:** 21.8 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Medium

### **Way of San Gregorio (PR-AV 52)**

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 4.6 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Medium-Low

## **Find out more**

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### **Other sites**

<https://patrimonionatural.org/espacios-naturales/reserva-natural/reserva-natural-valle-de-iruelas>