

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, Navalunga, 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

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

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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 Cruceas 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

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