

Royal Site of San Ildefonso - El Espinar



Nature and Man have shaped this privileged spot on the north face of the Guadarrama Mountain Range. Stretching out from the high mountain peaks, across the slopes clad with vast forests of pines, oaks and holm oaks, it reaches as far as the foothills.

The Reserve is dotted with countless trails and paths that are very popular with climbers and day trippers. It features recreation areas and facilities that offer visitors an insight into the Reserve's natural wealth and the balance between the forestry industry and the conservation of the area's environmental and cultural heritage.

Declared

Statement date: 5/1/2013

Category: Biosphere Reserve

Area: 35,414 ha.

Location: Provincia de Segovia. Comunidad Autónoma de Castilla y León.

Population: 15.318 habitantes.

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Other protection: Parque Nacional de la Sierra de Guadarrama. Parque Natural de la Sierra Norte de Guadarrama. LIC «Sierra de Guadarrama» ES4160109. LIC Valles del Voltoya-Zorita ES0000188. ZEPA "Sierra de Guadarrama" ZEPA "Valles Voltoya y Zorita"

Region / Province biogeographical: Eurosiberiana/Atlántica Europea

Municipalities in the province of Segovia: El Espinar San Ildefonso

Route

Pico de Peñalara

Journey: Lineal

Length: 15.3 km.

Difficulty of the route: High

Siete Picos

Journey: Circular

Length: 13.2 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Valsain-Puerto de Fuenfria

Journey: Lineal

Length: 13.3 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium

Way of the Pesquerias Reales

Journey: Lineal

Length: 12.1 km.

Difficulty of the route: Medium-Low

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Natural Espace

Sierra Norte de Guadarrama

This nature park is situated in the Central Sierra, in the provinces of Segovia and Ávila. The landscape is dominated by a vast mountainous ridge and dense forests of Scots pines that cover the slopes, whilst the lower areas are clad with oaks, holm oaks and junipers.

This space is the habitat for an outstanding range of fauna, including some of the Iberian Peninsula's most emblematic species such as the Spanish imperial eagle, the black vulture and the black stork. The area boasts a perfect state of conservation and is well worth a visit.