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 Guide to the Nature Trails of Spain

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In the following pages, the Nature Trails running through Aragón are briefly described. Among them, there are short trails such as those of the Lanuza Reservoir, the Tarazonica, the Montfalcóto Mont-Rebel gorge or the Guadalaviar Trails, among others, or longer trails composed of several stages, such as the Hoya de Huesca, Santander-Mediterráneo, Matarraña-Algars or the Ebro Trails.

Agua Soriano, Antonino Route (Soria, Zaragoza, Navarra). From Tudela to Soria, this Nature Trail spans the distance between the Ebro and Douro basins. A historical 113.5 km route which leads us from Celtiberians settlements through Roman remains and into the Middle Ages, under the watchful eye of the Moncayo.

Castelión de Monegros (Huesca). This Trail, which runs through the vicinity of the town from which it takes its name, crosses a landscape that is dominated by the nearby Sierra de Alcubierre.

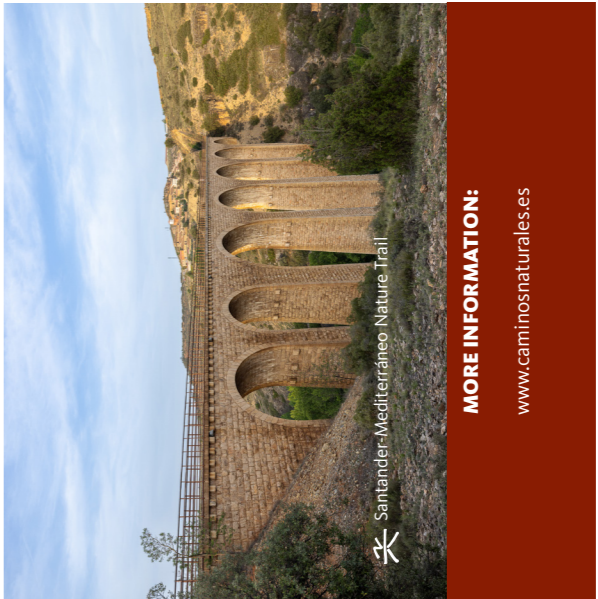
Ebro (Cantabria, Burgos, Victoria, Rioja, Navarre, Zaragoza, Huesca, Lleida, Tarragona). For centuries, this area of particular interest has been occupied by many civilizations, and proof of its rich cultural past remains along its course. This 1280 km trail follows the course of the river from Reinosa to Camarles, crossing a large variety of landscapes and ecosystems.

Guadalaviar (Teruel). This 4 km long route, between San Blas borough (Teruel) and el Arquillo reservoir, covers the canyon of the River Guadalaviar, an area where it is not unusual to see birds of prey, as the golden eagle, Egyptian vulture or bearded vulture.

Hoya de Huesca (Huesca). This Nature Trail traverses the north zone of Hoya de Huesca, and links up with the hiking trails in neighbouring areas, ending at Bierge in the county of Somontano de Barbastro. The Sierra de Guara, Salto de Roldán, Sierra de Gratal Caballera and Loarre, as well as the municipalities of Riglos, Murillo and Agüero are some of its most unique landmarks.




 Agua Soriano, Antonino Route Nature Trail




 Santander-Mediterráneo Nature Trail

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Since 1966 the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's Nature Trails Program aims to restore former transport infrastructures such as railway tracks, cattle trails and traditional routes, for public use and enjoyment.

These routes take us to the countryside to discover the biodiversity and beauty of our precious natural heritage, and discover the villages, sights, traditions and people that are part of the unique cultural landscape of our country.

We invite you to visit the Nature Trails in Aragón and offer you the keys to enjoy the trip. We only ask one thing of you: do not forget to leave everything as you found it. The conservation of these pathways is also your responsibility.

Lanuza Reservoir (Huesca). This 3 km walk between Sallent de Gállego and the Lanuza Reservoir Dam offers stunning monuments, a rich biodiversity, ancient tradition, fine gastronomy and the practice of sports at the heart of the Aragón Pyrenees.

Loreto and the Canfranero (Huesca). This walk around the city of Huesca is formed by a 98 km main course and two deviations which lead to the town of Alerre and to the Alberca de Loreto pond, a beautiful natural scenery rich with water birds.

Matarraña-Algars (Teruel, Zaragoza, Tarragona). This Nature trail is composed of a main itinerary divided into 13 stages plus some detours. This trail goes through the counties of Matarraña/Matarraña (Teruel), Bajo Aragón-Caspe/Baix Aragó-Casp (Zaragoza) and Terra Alta (Tarragona). Mountains, river terraces and towns full of history are just some of the attractions of this route that is recommended for those who love nature and history.

Montfalcóto Mont-Rebel gorge (Huesca, Lleida). This 4.1 long path allows you to enjoy the spectacular limestone relief of the Sierra of El Montsec which, forged by the River Noguera Ribagorzana forming the heart-stopping gorge of Mont-rebel.

Pedro Saputo (Huesca). The ancient Muslim castle of Almuñévar is the starting point of this 26 km route which runs parallel to the Monegros Canal and the Violada irrigation canal; both infrastructures were built at the end of the 19th century and implied an economic boost for this area.

Santander - Mediterráneo (Burgos, Soria, Zaragoza, Teruel, Castellón, Valencia). This trail is part of the historical railway connection between the Cantabrian coast and the Mediterranean Sea used to transport goods from provinces in the interior. Currently, this route runs through the provinces of Burgos, Soria, Zaragoza, Teruel, Castellón and Valencia.



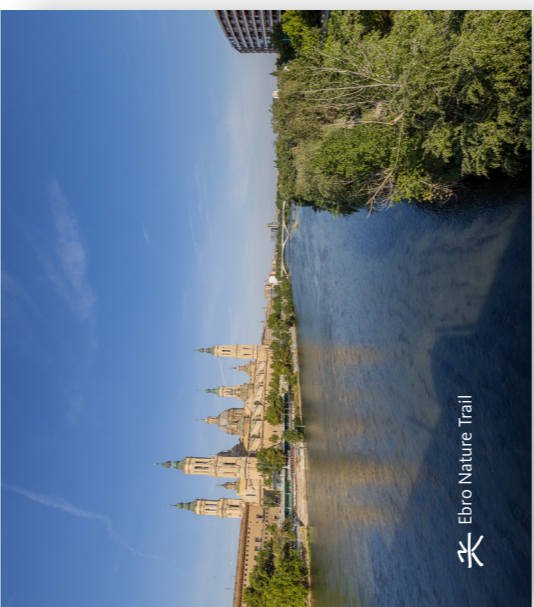

 Tajo Nature Trail

HIGH LAND OF CONTRASTS: FROM MOUNTAINS TO BADLANDS

The diversity of Aragonese landscape and its location at a cultural crossroads make this region a privileged area. From the snowy peaks of the Pyrenees or the Moncayo mountain, to the Ebro Valley, through woodland, rivers, canyons and badlands, Aragón is the perfect location to discover artistic and cultural treasures hidden away in breathtaking landscapes.

Many cultures, including Iberians, Romans, Arabs, Jews and Christians have left their footprints in the form of a valuable heritage from all epochs and styles. Middle Ages castles, Roman theatres, monasteries and cathedrals and a rich Mudéjar heritage make visitors feel immersed in history, and at the same time allow them to enjoy its natural beauty.

This autonomous Community offers 18 Natural Trails which either run totally through Aragonese territory or are shared with other Autonomous Communities.




 Ebro Nature Trail

Sierra de San Quiliez (Huesca). A 7.3 km walk in the area surrounding Binéfar, through holm oak woods, almond and olive groves, vegetable patches and the Aragón and Catalonia Canal in 1909, over which the San Quiliez shrine looms.

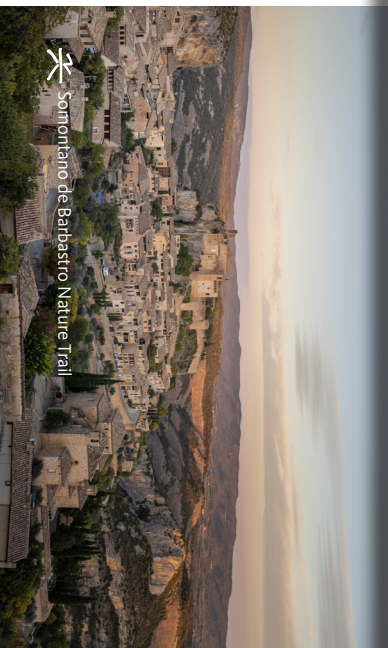
Sifón de Albelda (Huesca). The commissioning of the Aragón and Catalonia Canal in 1909 brought an essential change to agriculture in the area, leading to a change from dryland to irrigation crops. This Natural Trail is slightly over 10 km long and allows the visitor to appreciate this engineering work.

Somontano de Barbastro (Huesca). Rich with natural and cultural heritage, the Somontano de Barbastro County, in the province of Huesca, offers the possibility of enjoying stunning landscape and practising outdoors sport in the beautiful Sierra de Guara mountain range. The more than 50 km of this Natural Trail run almost entirely through this mountain range.

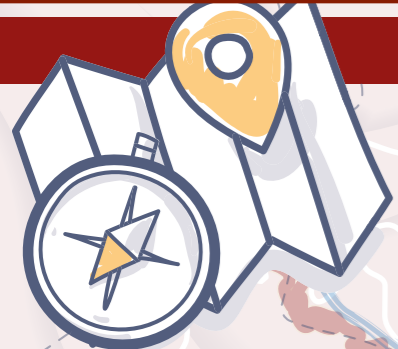
Tajo (Teruel, Cuenca, Guadalajara, Madrid, Toledo, Cáceres). A route stretching over more than 1,000 km to the Atlantic sea and which runs along the longest river in the Iberian Peninsula, from the Montes Universales, in the Sierra de Albarracín, where its source is located, to Cáceres, where the river leaves Spain to continue its way through Portugal to Lisbon.

Tarazonica Greenway (Navarre, Zaragoza). The old railway lines that joined Tarazona and Tudela (two villages which were an example of coexistence between Arabs, Jews and Christians) through the Queiles valley, until 1972 has been turned into a 21.5 km comfortable walk.

Val de Zafán Greenway (Teruel, Tarragona). This Nature Trail follows the former railway track of the same name. Starting at Tortosa, in Tarragona, it leaves behind the agricultural lands of Baix Ebre region and enters the gorges of Terra Alta County. Then, entering Teruel, it reaches Matarraña County, through a land where Aragonese, Catalonian and Valencian influences.




 Somontano de Barbastro Nature Trail



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Ojos Negros GW NT

Lanuza
reservoir NT

La Hoya de
Huesca NT

Somontano de
Barbastro NT

Montfalcó to
Mont-Rebei gorge NT

Sifón de
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