



# NATURE TRAILS IN ANDALUSIA



Guide to the  
**Nature Trails**  
of Spain

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In the following pages, the Nature Trails running through Andalusia are briefly described. Among those, there are short walks as such in Entre Ríos, Rota or Guadalmir, long walks such as Los Molinos del Agua Trail, la Campiña Trail, the Subbaetic Trail, the Olive Oil Trail, el Hierro Trail or the Ferrocarril Guadix-Almendricos Railway, or long treks such as the one which follows the course of the River Guadiana.

**Los Molinos del Agua (The Watermills) (Huelva).** This route runs through the province of Huelva, along the old railway line that joined the Butrón mines with the dock owned by the mining company in San Juan del Puerto, where this 34-km trail ends. Olive trees, cork oaks and pines, among other trees, dot the patches of farmland and surround the walker, who may also visit the important Los Gabrieles dolmen complex.

**Guadiana Greenway (Huelva).** This 16.6-km long trail follows the layout of the mining railway which joined the Herrerías mines with the La Laja mining port for more than a century. This railway line, and places such as the La Isabel mine, allowed Spain, at the end of the 19th century, to become the main worldwide producer of manganese and an important international producer of copper and sulphur.

**Coastline Greenway (Huelva).** This Route runs parallel to the coastline along 48.7 km, from Huelva to Ayamonte, using the old railway line originally built to transport fish from Isla Cristina and Lepe to Madrid, and ore from El Andevalo to the coast. The fish train had a strategic importance for procuring food to the Castile area in the hard years after the Spanish Civil War. This Nature Trail runs among protected coastline environments and marshes of great interest. (This trail is suffering important maintenance problems)



Acate Greenway NT



La Campiña NT



Rota Greenway NT

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Guadiana Greenway NT



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## BETWEEN TWO OCEANS AND TWO CONTINENTS

A region located in far south-eastern Europe, being inhabited since ancient times by Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs, Berbers, Castilians, Central Europeans, etc. has given this Autonomous Community its characteristic open, multicultural identity, besides an impressive historical, artistic and cultural heritage, a distinctive cuisine and a warm weather which welcomes visitors in any time of the year.

In this territory, the traveller can enjoy a marked variety in landscape, from the wide and fertile Guadalquivir valley and the Doñana National Park marshes to the high peaks of Sierra Nevada, from the sandy deserts of Almería to the lush vegetation of Sierra de Grazalema, the area with most abundant rainfall in Spain, and, of course, a coastline of 1,101 km.

This Autonomous Community offers 13 Natural Trails which either run totally though Andalusian territory or are shared with other Autonomous Communities.



Entre Ríos NT

The stretches run across a landscape of olive groves, so typical of Andalusia, which includes valuable protected spaces.

**Guadix-Almendricos Railway line or Iron Greenway (Almería).** Halfway between Sierra de Filabres and River Almanzora Valley, Serón has a pleasant climate, with cool mountain air during the winter and mild temperatures in summer, the perfect conditions for the town's claim to fame: its cured ham. Besides this gastronomic attraction, the remains of the old railway line used to transport iron ore can be appreciated all along the Natural Trail 34.6 km. (Under construction 2016, Granada-Zúgena stretch)

**Guadalmir Greenway (Jaén).** A trail 15.5 km long which runs in the Linares and Begíjar territories. It offers breathtaking views over a landscape of olive groves, leafy riverside woodlands by the Guadalquivir River or in the Guadiana valley, and allows the walker to visit many remains of the mining and industrial heritage, besides the railway line itself, as well as the remains of the Iberian-Roman town of Castulo.

**Segura Greenway (Jaén).** This Nature Trail, 28.7 km long, crosses the Sierra del Segura county (67.3% of which corresponds to the Sierra de Cazorla, Segura and Las Villas Natural Park), crossing the towns of Arroyo del Ojanco, Segura de la Sierra, Puente de Génave, La Puerta de Segura, Génave and Villarrodrigo.

**Guadiana (Albacete, Ciudad Real, Badajoz, Huelva).** The River Guadiana 818 km long, is the second longest river in the Iberian Peninsula. Its source is located in the Ruidera Lake, between Albacete and Ciudad Real, after which it disappears and resurfaces in the area called Ojos del Guadiana, goes through the province of Badajoz, crosses into Portugal and runs all along the Portuguese border, in the Huelva side, before discharging into the Atlantic sea. This Nature Trails consists

**Entre Ríos (Cádiz) (TRAIL NETWORK).** In fact, this route consists on a network of two trails, the Entre Ríos Nature Trail itself and the Rota Greenway. Their layouts follow old railway lines. The first follows the "Coastline Train", which joined El Puerto de Santa María and Sanlúcar de Barrameda (8.9 km) and the second one joined Jerez de la Frontera and Sanlúcar de Barrameda (7.5 km). These two railways lines originally served to transport sherry wines to the sea port, from where they were exported by ship to England.

**Campiña (Córdoba, Sevilla).** A 54.2 km long route which runs along part of the old Córdoba-Marchena railway line, which went out of operation in the 1970s, crossing sunflower fields and grain fields dotted with olive trees, which are especially pretty in springtime, when the colours of different crop fields are in bright contrast.

**La Sierra (Cádiz).** This trail crosses the 29 tunnels which were the heart of the Cádiz hills in order to build a railway line joining Jerez de la Frontera and Almargen. However, the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War made its completion impossible. The longest of these tunnels, which is located almost at the end of the trail, is almost 500 m long. White villages, olive trees, fighting cattle, the Peñon de Zafrañagón Nature Reserve, megaliths and rivers which are home to other sanctuaries are the main attractions of this 35.5 km route.

**Olive Oil Greenway (Jaén, Córdoba) (TRAIL GROUP).** This network comprises three adjoining natural trails which, from north-east to south-west, are: Olive Oil Nature Trail (Jaén-Río Guadajoz stretch), the Subbaetic Nature Trail (Guadajoz-Moriles stretch) and the Olive Oil Nature Trail (Moriles-Campo Real stretch). These trails are 54.2 km, 57.3 km, and 7.89 km long, respectively. These Nature Trails use as a reference the old Jaén-Málaga railway line whose original purpose was to bring olive oil to sea ports to be exported.

