

## **Las Batuecas - Sierra de Francia**

According to the dictionary of the Real Academia de la Lengua, to "be in Las Batuecas" is to be distracted and oblivious to something; meaning, to be engrossed and fascinated. Feelings of this kind are still felt today by the people who visit this secret valley, protected by escarpes mountains and containing a beautiful Mediterranean-type forest.

Add to this the valuable cave paintings from the Neolithic era that can be found in the valleys caves and shelters, the high cultural value of the legends of Las Batuecas and the ethnographic and architectural collection of the village of La Alberca, and we find a space without comparison in all of Castilla y León. In the deepest part of the valley is the Carmelite convent of San José. The convent entrance is the starting point of another trail on foot which takes us to the Cascada del Chorro (waterfall) and also enables us to enjoy the scenic beauty of Las Batuecas.

### **Declared**

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**Category:** Natural Park

**Area:** 30,187 ha.

**Municipalities in the province of Salamanca:** La Alberca, El Cabaco, Cepeda, Herguijuela de la Sierra, Madroñal, El Maillo, Miranda del Castañar, Mogarraz, Monforte de la Sierra, Monsagro, Nava de Francia, San Martín del Castañar, Serradilla del Arroyo, Sotoserrano, Villanueva del Conde

### **Visitor Centre**

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#### **Park House of Batuecas-Sierra de Francia**

The calendar of activities featuring all the major festivals and events will help visitors plan their stay. The welcoming Visitors' Corner will also help them to plan their route using a map and model of the entire park.

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### **Environmental Areas**

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**Fauna:** Wild goat, roe deer, wild boar, and, above all, the Iberian lynx. Black vulture, golden eagle and Egyptian vulture also popular.

**Relief:** Under the protection of the dramatic landscape of the Peña de Francia, there are many deep and isolated valleys with typical flora of the region.

**Vegetation:** True botanic garden with representations of all the species of the Mediterranean world.

### **Route**

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#### **Accessible Pathway Valle de las Batuecas (PRSA-Senda accesible)**

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 1.5 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

#### **Asentadero - Forest of Mirrors**

**Journey:** Circular

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**Length:** 9.2 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### Camino de los Prodigios

**Trayecto:** Circular

**Longitud:** 10,2 km.

**Dificultad de la ruta:** Media

### Cepeda-Herguijuela de la Sierra (PRSA-13)

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 12.6 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### Cycle touring path Río Alagón

**Length:** 16.5 km.

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

### El Cabaco-Nava de Francia-El Casarito-Peña de Francia (PRSA-9)

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 11 km.

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

### El Cabaco-Peña de Francia (PRSA-8)

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 8.7 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Medium

### Herguijuela de la Sierra-La Alberca (PRSA-14)

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 8.1 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Medium

### Journey of the Sierra de Francia, by the Laguna de San Marcos (GR-10)

**Journey:** Journey

**Length:** 1.5 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from La Alberca to the Peña de Francia (GR-10 (ETAPA 4))

**Journey:** Journey

**Length:** 8.7 km.

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

### Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from Miranda to Mogarraz (GR-10 (ETAPA 2))

**Journey:** Journey

**Length:** 5.6 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Medium

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### Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from Mogarraz to La Alberca (GR-10 (ETAPA 3))

**Journey:** Journey

**Length:** 7.6 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Medium

### Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from Monsagro to the recreation area El Vao (GR-10 (ETAPA 5))

**Journey:** Journey

**Length:** 3.5 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Medium

### Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from Sotoserrano to Miranda (GR-10)

**Journey:** Journey

**Length:** 9.1 km.

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

### Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from the Peña de Francia to Monsagro (GR-10 (ETAPA 4))

**Journey:** Journey

**Length:** 12.5 km.

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

### La Alberca - Herguijuela

**Journey:** Journey

**Length:** 8.1 km.

### La Alberca-Las Batuecas-Cabras Pintadas (PRSA-10)

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 8 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** High

### La Dehesa de Mogarraz (PRCSA-15)

**Journey:** Circular

**Length:** 4 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### Mogarraz-Cepeda (PRSA-12)

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 4.8 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### Monforte de la Sierra-Miranda del Castañar (PRSA-11)

**Length:** 6.3 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### Pathway of the Castaños Centenarios Accessible Pathway (Ruta accesible (para personas con movilidad reducida))

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**Journey:** Circular

**Length:** 1.6 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### Route of the three rivers

**Journey:** Circular

**Length:** 8.4 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### Ruta de las Huellas Fósiles en Monsagro

**Journey:** Circular

**Length:** 1.5 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### SA1 - Camino de las Raíces (Caminos de Arte en la Naturaleza) (SA1)

**Trayecto:** Circular

**Longitud:** 8 km.

**Dificultad de la ruta:** Baja

### SA3 - Monforte de la Sierra - Miranda del Castañar (SA3)

**Trayecto:** Lineal

**Longitud:** 6,8 km.

**Dificultad de la ruta:** Baja

### SA4 - Senda Accesible "Valle de Batuecas" (SA4)

**Trayecto:** Lineal

**Longitud:** 1,5 km.

**Dificultad de la ruta:** Baja

### SA5 - Senda de los Castaños Centenarios "Ruta Accesible" (SA5)

**Trayecto:** Circular

**Longitud:** 1,6 km.

**Dificultad de la ruta:** Baja

### Water Way

**Journey:** Circular

**Length:** 6 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### Way Cepeda-Monforte de la Sierra (PRSA-19)

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 4.8 km.

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

### Way Herguijuela - Fuente Mundo (PRSA-18)

**Journey:** Lineal

**Length:** 2 km.

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**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### **Way circular de Madroñal (PRSA-20)**

**Journey:** Circular

**Length:** 5 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### **Way of las raíces**

**Journey:** Circular

**Length:** 8 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### **Way of los Rodales (PRCSA-16)**

**Journey:** Circular

**Length:** 6.5 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

### **Way of the Peñasco (PRCSA-17)**

**Journey:** Circular

**Length:** 2 km.

**Difficulty of the route:** Low

## **Find out more**

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### **Other sites**

<https://patrimonionatural.org/espacios-naturales/parque-natural/parque-natural-las-batuecas-sierra-de-francia>