



Dear hiker

To help protect this natural space, please remember the following:

- 1 Place all rubbish in the bins provided. If there are no bins around you, take your rubbish to the next bin.
- 2 Only use the paths or tracks for walking activities and for accessing the observatories or viewpoints. Do not wander off these paths or tracks
- 3 Do not throw cigarette butts or lit matches. Fire is the greatest danger to this natural environment.
- 4 Do not damage or harm the local fauna and flora

More information:

Los Villares Visitors Centre
Ctra. del Parque Los Villares km 7.5. Córdoba (Córdoba)
Group visits by appointment on tel. 957 015 936

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CONSEJERÍA DE MEDIO AMBIENTE

Los Villares

country path



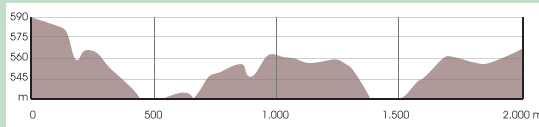


Technical details

Route length: **2,2 km**

Duration (one direction): **1 hour**

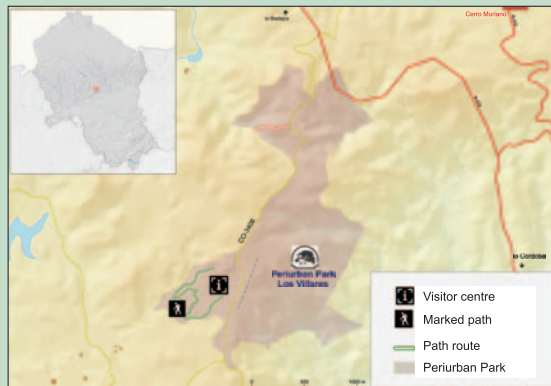
Difficulty: **Low**



Flora

Rockrose *Cistus albidus*
Maritime pine *Pinus pinaster*
Mediterranean gorse *Genista hirsuta*
Spanish lavender *Lavandula stoechas*
Kermes oak *Quercus coccifera*
Jerusalem sage *Phlomis purpurea*
Flax-leaved Daphne *Daphne gnidium*
Italian stone pine *Pinus pinea*
Iberian milk-vetch *Astragalus lusitanicus*
Mock privet *Phillyrea angustifolia*
Holm oak *Quercus rotundifolia*
Myrtle *Myrtus Communis*
Rosemary *Rosmarinus officinalis*
Gum rockrose *Cistus ladanifer*
Strawberry tree *Arbutus unedo*
Mastic *Pistacia lentiscus*
Tree heath *Erica arborea*

Location



Just a few centuries ago, all these mountain lands were covered in thick holm oak forests. In those days, lynxes, wolves and large eagles ruled these lands.

The passage of time and the needs of human settlers changed this environment enormously, giving it the appearance we know today. The original elements of the forest were joined by species from nearby mountain ranges, such as the European black pine, and others from the other side of the world, such as eucalyptus trees.

Nevertheless, this mountain region still has large holm oak formations surrounded by Mediterranean shrubland made

up of rockroses, Spanish lavender, strawberry trees, Jerusalem sages, kermes oaks, etc. This vegetation, especially at the bottom of valleys, offers a natural habitat for many animals.

This path, which is little more than two thousand metres in length, has an educational purpose. Hikers will find seventeen identified species of plants and three information boards provide explanations of the natural processes that take place in the forest. The circular pathway will take you through a three-hectare pine forest near the Los Villares camping site, and through the Visitors Centre. Both these sites are located south of the Peri-urban Park.

