

HUELVA  
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# Birdwatching in Huelva



PATH

**Salinas del Duque**

Distance: 7.1 km

Duration: 2 h

Difficulty: low

Coordinates of the start: 37°2'27.83"N 7°21'52.52"W

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The path takes us to these marshes associated with the mouths of the Guadiana and Carreras rivers, which are strongly influenced by the Atlantic tides. It is an important breeding area for spoonbills, several herons and egrets and other wetland birds, as well as for the passage and wintering of waders, gulls and terns. The dominant flora is made up of various halophyte species whose biology has adapted to the humid and saline environment of the surroundings. The common species that can be seen along the dykes of the marshes and the old salt ponds are: cowslips, asparagus, purslane, salicornias, sarcocornias and salgados. It describes a circular circuit. Until recent times, human exploitation has taken place. One area was used for salt production and extraction. In another area of the marsh there is artisanal fish farming, taking advantage of the displacement of the shoals. Some species follow the tides.

**How to get there:** The start of the route begins on the outskirts of the village of Punta del Moral in the direction of Ayamonte.



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## Cuesta Maneli

Distance: 2.8 km (round trip)

Duration: 1 h

Difficulty: medium

Starting coordinates: 37°4'47.72" N 6°41'12.85" W

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The walkway to the beach allows us to walk along the Asperillo dune until we reach the cliff, facing the Atlantic Ocean and over a natural beach 28 km long. The vegetation contributes to the fossilisation of this dune, especially plants such as the barron or the armoury and trees that resist the wind and salt such as the stone pine. At the beginning of the path, we find pine trees, accompanied by jaguarzos, heather and olivillas. As we approach the coast, the winds cause the plants to become more twisted due to the strong south-westerly winds. Black and yellow-rumped warblers, loggerhead and loggerhead shrikes, different species of marine and coastal birds such as Audouin's and yellow-legged gulls, Eurasian oystercatchers, black-legged sandpipers and black-legged plovers can be seen all year round.

**How to get there:** The start of the route is on the road between Matalascañas and Mazagón, 15 km away, next to a large car park.



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**Las Rocinas**

Distance: 4.4 km (circular route)

Duration: 2 h

Difficulty: low

Starting coordinates: 37°7'25.6" N 6°29'46.4" W

**3**

The trail begins in the courtyard of the La Rocina visitor centre and runs along the banks of the stream through a pine forest. Along the route, there are observatories where you can watch water birds such as the Purple Swamphen, Little Egret, Little Egret, Grey Heron and Purple Heron. Later, the walkway passes through willows and reeds with some flooded areas, while in the white mountain the pines give way to a cover of white jaguar, accompanied by aromatic species such as rosemary, lavender and almoradux. Near the stream, the humidity increases and the soil is richer, so the vegetation is diversified with wild olive trees, kermes oaks, mastic trees and palmettos.

**How to get there:** The start of the trail is at the exit of the visitor centre "Las Rocinas", 1 km away from the village of El Rocío in the direction of Matalascañas.



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**Paseo Marismeño**

Distance: 3,8 km (round trip)

Duration: 1 h

Difficulty: low

Starting coordinates: 37°7'48.9" N 6°29'24.9" W

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The trail starts at the car park of the Aires de Doñana restaurant, from where you can see the Marisma Madre marshes with an ideal view to take a photo of the village and its hermitage. We will start walking along the edge of the marsh, observing the different species of birds that we will come across. This is a passage, feeding and breeding area for many species of birds such as the common flamingo, the common spoonbill, the common stilt and various types of ducks such as the European spoonbill or the common goose in winter. Marsh horses and, with luck, the occasional deer or even the elusive Iberian imperial eagle can be spotted. The route ends at the Francisco Bernis Ornithological Centre, which has a terrace-observatory with beautiful views. On the way back we can visit the village of El Rocío.

**How to get there: The start of the path is at the car park of the Aires de Doñana restaurant, opposite the marshes of El Rocío.**



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**GR48 Cumbres de Enmedio-Cumbres Mayores**

Distance: 6.3 km (one way)

Duration: 3 h 30'.

Difficulty: low

Starting coordinates: 38°04'22.42" N 6°41'25.99" W

**5**

The GR48 or Sierra Morena Trail runs from the Portuguese town of Barrancos to Santa Elena (Jaén), in 29 stages covering almost 600 km. One of its sections links the tiny village of Cumbres de Enmedio with Cumbres Mayores, a town famous for its hams and cured meats, taking advantage of traditional alleyways between stone walls that cross some of the best pastures in the Sierra. Apart from seeing numerous Iberian pigs, the real stars of the place, it is possible to see birds such as the red kite, the booted eagle, the black and griffon vultures, the blue-breasted nuthatch, the Iberian black-tailed godwit, the Iberian grey shrike, the Iberian green woodpecker or the hoopoe.

**How to get there: The trail starts at the roundabout at the entrance to Cumbres de Enmedio, coming from Cumbres Mayores.**



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**Castaños Centenarios**

Distance: 5 km (circular)

Duration: 3 h

Difficulty: low

Starting coordinates: 37°53'43.84 "N / 6°42'11.47 "W

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The official name of this signposted trail is Rodeo al Cerro del Castaño, a circular route through a leafy chestnut forest, the emblem of the Natural Park. The old trees with thick trunks are home to the redstart, the striped wren, the Iberian chiffchaff, the European honey buzzard, the grey flycatcher, the common wagtail, the rock bunting, the lesser spotted woodpecker and the chirping sparrow. It is an ideal walk to do on spring and summer mornings.

**How to get there:** The path starts at the top of Arias Montano street, in the village of Castaño del Robledo.



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**Minas de Teuler**

Distance: 16.4 km (circular)

Duration: 5-6 h

Difficulty: medium

Starting coordinates: 37°54'16.06 "N / 6°14'03.75" W

**7**

This route is ideal for the more adventurous naturalists. The mining heritage and the mature mixed forests of cork oaks, holm oaks and gall oaks give this route a great scenic attraction. Among the most interesting birds are the solitary rock thrush, the rock bunting, the common bee-eater, the golden swallow, the blackcap, the black-winged warbler, the chipping sparrow, the lesser spotted woodpecker, the wryneck, the black stork, the short-toed snake eagle, the red kite and the booted eagle. In spring, the abundant peonies bloom.

**How to get there:** You start from the town centre of Santa Olalla del Cala, in Calle Iglesia (next to the castle).



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**Calatilla de Bacuta**

Distance: 1.5 km (linear)

Duration: 45 min

Difficulty: low

Starting coordinates: 37°15'05.66 "N / 6°58'07.39" W

**8**

This path runs along the perimeter wall between the industrial salt pans and the Calatilla tidal channel. On the other side of the canal we can see another type of saltworks, the traditional Bacuta saltworks. Throughout the walk we can enjoy an infinity of birds of all colours and sizes. Flamingos and stilts are always present and, with them, other waders such as sandpipers and sandpipers. At the point where the path ends there is a beautiful covered viewing point that provides views over the Isla de Enmedio and its colony of spoonbills (one of the largest and most stable in Europe!) and the Mojarrera channel which, depending on the time of year and the tide, produces sightings of thousands of waders, gulls and terns, and of course, the osprey.

**How to get there: From the visitor centre, take the road towards the bridge over the Calatilla canal. Just before reaching the bridge, go down towards the start of the path.**



## Visitor centre

The visitor centres marked on this map provide information on the ornithological resources available to visitors. They also have thematic exhibitions related to their direct surroundings and the related protected natural area.

### Doñana Protected Natural Area

The Doñana Visitor Centres are closed during the Pilgrimage of El Rocío (from the Wednesday before to the Monday after) and at Christmas (24, 25 and 31 December; 1, 5 and 6 January).

### El Acebuche Visitor Centre

Opening hours 16 September to 31 March:

8.00 am to 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

1 April to 15 September:

8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Services available: cafeteria, souvenir shop, information, services, audiovisual exhibition on the nature of Doñana, guided excursions in all-terrain vehicles.

### Acebrón Visitor Centre

Opening hours: from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Services available: information, services, exhibition on the traditional and current uses of the Park's natural resources.



### **Paraje Natural Marismas de Isla Cristina y Ayamonte Visitor's Centre Molino del Pintado**

Opening hours Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 10.00 h to 14.00 h and 16.00 h to 18.00 h.

Services available: The Ecomuseum consists of 5 exhibition areas divided into a reception and customer service area, audiovisual room, information room of the natural site, milling room where it is explained how the tide mill worked and renewable energies.

### **Sierra de Aracena y Picos de Aroche Natural Park Cabildo Viejo Visitor's Centre**

[www.ventanadelvisitante.es](http://www.ventanadelvisitante.es)

Opening hours from Thursday to Sunday: from 09.30 h to 14.30 h.

Special opening times at Easter and in December (check on the website).

Services available: information on the Park and tourist services, shop selling local products, conference room, audiovisual exhibition on the culture and nature of the Sierra.

### **Marismas del Odiel Nature Reserve Anastasio Senra Visitor Centre**

[www.ventanadelvisitante.es](http://www.ventanadelvisitante.es)

Opening hours from Tuesday to Sunday: from 9:00 h to 15:00 h. Mondays closed.

Special opening times: 5 January, Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday and 24 and 31 January from 10:00 to 14:00.

Services available: information on the site and tourist services, shop, drinks, exhibition room, conference room, audiovisuals on the ethnography of the area.





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