

THE PEÑAS ROYAS

Classification: Circular excursion.

Time: 2 hours.

Difference in level : 115 m.

Difficulty: Medium. Need to cross the river in several points.

Landscape interest: Rodeno's canyons.



	Aparcamiento		Puente		Espeología/ Cuevas
	Casillas de Piedra		Fuente		Poblado íbero
	Pico		Lavadero		Pinturas Rupestres
	Ermita		Molino		Huellas de dinosaurio
	Corral, Masía		Barranquismo		Necrópolis-Tumbas
	Merendero		Escalada		Mirador/ Vista panorámica

From Montalbán to the Peñarroyas neighborhood (5.5 kilometers), follow the road on the left bank of the Martín river, around the cultivated land.

The road ends in Peñarroyas. This village belongs to Montalbán, and is an example of country architecture. Heading northeast, after passing through the village, we will get to a street division where we will take the left fork. The Saint Antoine pillar (peirón de San Antón) marks the end of the urban center. The street turns into a path going uphill towards the spectacular Peñas Rodenas, on the left side of the Martín river. The path soon becomes a wide cobbled road that runs uphill parallel to the rock layers of sandstones. These layers give us an idea of the different phases of sedimentation that have created the Peñas. A number of information boards will help us identify the different and impressive points of geological interest of the Peñas.

The Portillo (850 m. above sea level), a lookout from a rocky balcony above the Martín river, offers us an amazing view of the valley.

From the Portillo, we will start an easy descent along a cobbled path to another lookout. Here, we can find reptile tracks tracing back to the Triassic period, more than 200 million years ago. We will then reach the bed of the Martín river, and from this point we will have to cross the river repeatedly, both to get to the Tajar waterfall (also Cañuelo ravine waterfall), and to continue the route along the Peñas Royas canyons. The canyons channel the Martín river, to a stagnation point-the Bolletes pools . It is recommended to have a spare pair of shoes in your backpack. This part of the route is not recommended if the river has risen.

From the Bolletes pools we will take the path to Peñarroyas, passing by rock engravings, and traditional farmyards with floors paved with reddish tiles.

How to get there?

Follow N-420 from Teruel to Montalbán, and then A-222 from Zaragoza to Montalbán. Or, go from Alcañiz on N-211.

Any marked path in the Park will allow visitors to access places of great ecological and environmental value and to see a number of rock paintings - World Heritage sites protected by law.

Please remember that everyone has not only the right to enjoy nature but also the obligation to preserve it.



The shelters with rock paintings and archeological sites feature a protection fence. Authorized guides are required for visits. Contact phone numbers can be found in the town halls, tourist offices or interpretation centers of the villages which constitute the Cultural Park.



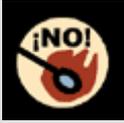
Please contribute to the preservation of rock paintings. Don't touch or throw water on them and respect the protection fences. Please remember, they are part of the unique but frail heritage of the past; we have to protect them if we want to continue to enjoy them in the same environment in which they were created thousands of years ago.



Archeological and/or palaeontologic prospecting and excavation without the necessary permits is strictly prohibited, according to law 3/1999 of the Aragonese Cultural Heritage. Please contribute to the preservation of the historical, cultural and ethnographic heritage of the Park.



Please keep the place clean. Do not discard any garbage or waste material.



Please remember that lighting fires, throwing away cigarette butts and glass or any other objects that can cause fire is prohibited.



Please respect the environment. Do not uproot plants, do not dirty the water, and do not bother or attempt to capture any of the birds and animals. Many of them nest here.



If you intend to follow one of the routes, please remember to wear comfortable footwear (trainers or hiking boots). Although the trails are quite accessible, appropriate footwear will allow you to walk more confidently, avoiding falls and sprains.



Please bear in mind you are in a natural park and, although the routes have been adapted for visitors, do not forget to take precautions. Do not leave the marked path and pay attention when crossing areas with rocks or water, especially if traveling with children.