

## VEGETATION

The strategic location of the The Sierra and Cañones of Guara Natural Park, between the steppes of the Ebro and the Pyrenees, a crossroad between the Atlantic climate and the Mediterranean one, leads to a profound difference between the vegetation of the North and South slopes, and the birth of numerous exclusive species of this mountain massif.

On the southern slope is the Mediterranean forest par excellence, the holm oak wood, the predominant, next to the wild pine at the higher elevations.

In the north slope the quejigar occupies big extensions, following, in height, by the wild pine groves of pine and forests of beeches.

At the summits of the Sierra of Guara, the characteristic vegetation consists of species grasses, there where the rocky places allow to their establishment, appearing flowers of singular beauty like the speedwells or granny's bonnet.



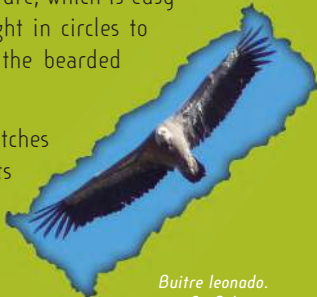
*Petrocoptis guarensis*  
N. Grasa.

## FAUNA

The rugged, rocky walls make the perfect nesting place for many birds of prey such as the griffon vulture, which is easy to recognize by their distinctive flight in circles to ascend into the thermal currents, the bearded vulture and the golden eagle.

The common trout frequents the stretches of river where it feeds capturing its preys with incredible agility.

In the springs and isolated areas of clear waters the Pyrenean brook salamander lives, which is called "guarda fuentes" (fountain keeper) by the shepherds since it is said that when it disappears, the sources dry off.









*Buitre leonado.*  
S. Palacín

## RECOMENDATIONS

The Natural Park has several centers and offices where you can get information of the basic features of the natural environment, cultural values and the traditional uses, through thematic exhibitions and specific audiovisual information.

Remember that you are inside a protected natural space:

-  Before starting the visit, learn more about the possibilities which offers you the space according to your interests and abilities.
-  Don't leave the marked trails, in this way you will not bother the fauna and you will perceive better the splendour of the landscapes.
-  Remember to pick up the litter and put it in a suitable place
-  You are not allowed to make a fire. If you see smoke or any fault call **112 (SOS Aragón)**, the call is free and they will attend to any emergency.
-  Camping in any of its forms is not allowed.
-  Parking is regulated. Pay attention to the signage.

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*Barranco del Mascún. M. Antequera.*



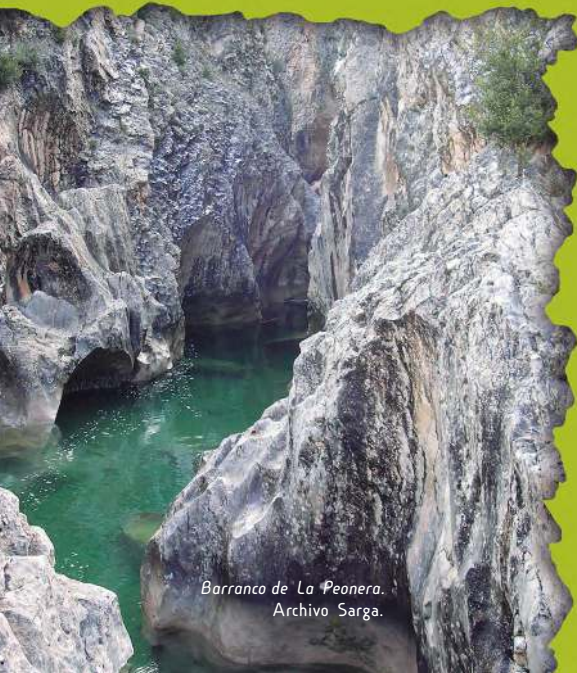
## GEOLOGY AND MORPHOLOGY



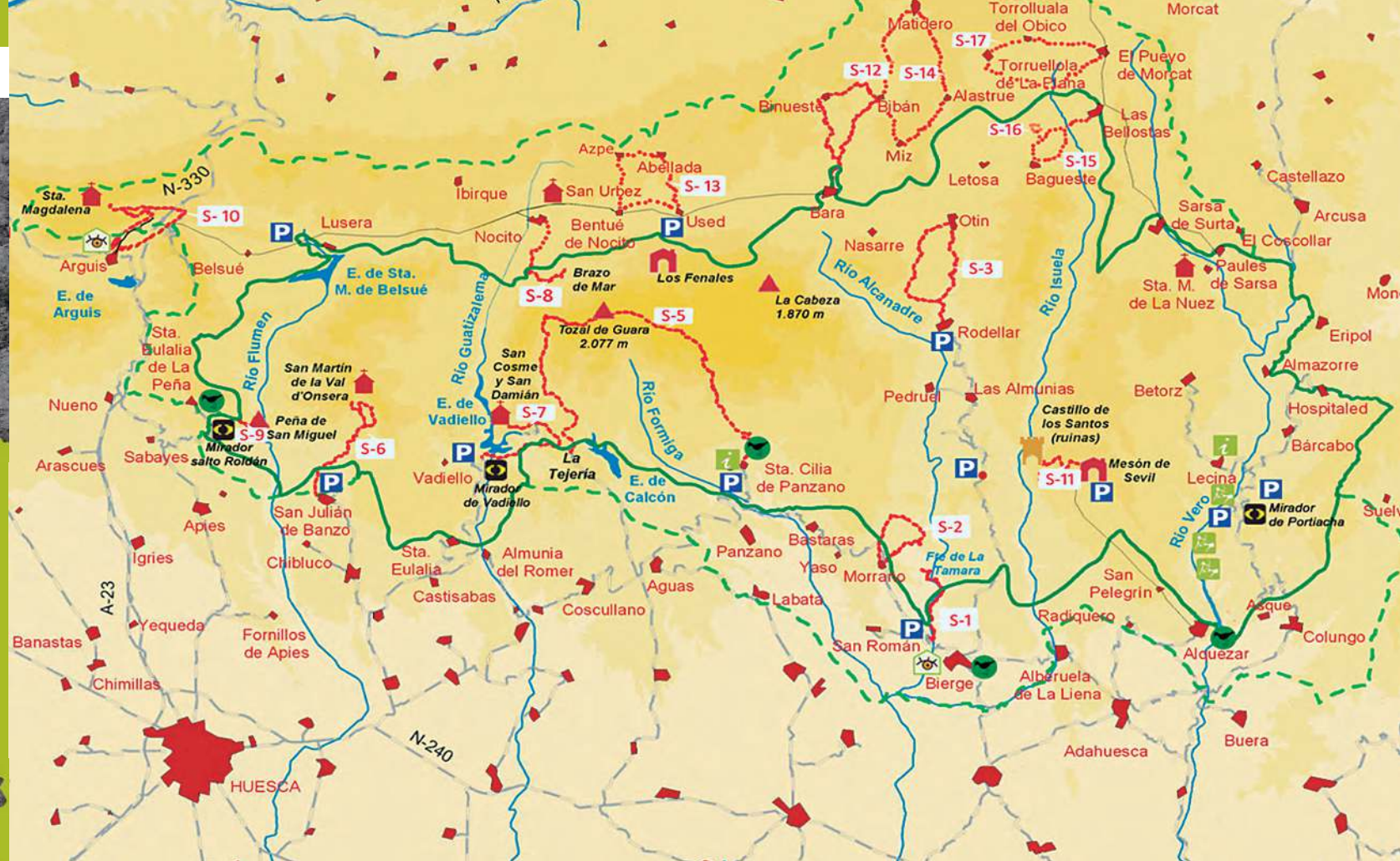
Zona del Delfín en el Barranco del Mascún. S. Palacín.

The peculiar climatic conditions on the limestone rock and the conglomerates have developed a complex system karstic, characterised by the appearance of formations such as caves, gallery, tips, and springs, and impressive vertical walls and Mallos.

The above mentioned complex is closely linked to the movement of water, gorges and ravines.



Barranco de La Peonera. Archivo Sarga.



The altitude of the Park ranges from 430 meters, at the exit of the river Alcanadre, up to 2,077 meters of the summit of Tozal del Guara.

Besides Natural Park, the Sierra of Guara has other figures of protection, such as the one which is designated ZEPA, Special Birds Protection Area, and site of Community Importance (SCI), referred to in the European regulations and integrated into the Natural Network of Aragon.



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