

Parc Natural de l'Albufera

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Places of interest of the Natural Park of l'Albufera:

Port of El Saler: Typical port placed five kilometres from València. For a long time it was the only link between the city and l'Albufera. All the salt extracted from the salt mines of the environment (if there the name of El Saler) passed time ago through this port up to València and surroundings. You can accede from the city of El Saler, crossing the road CV-500, on a gangplank.

Viewing-point of La Gola del Pujol: Placed in the proper Gola del Pujol, is one of three channels that connect l'Albufera with the Mediterranean sea. It's a nice place to enjoy lagoon panoramic view and one of the best sunsets in the natural park.

El Palmar: Little village located in the middle of rice fields and near the lagoon banks, originated by fishermen settlements, coming from the riverside villages and the neighbourhood of Russafa in València. The definitive village construction longs from the middle of the 18th century. Its economic activity is based on fishing, agriculture, restaurants and ecotourism.

El Palmar has a Fishermen's Community Entity, with more than 750 years of history that supports the maintenance of the traditional Albufera way of fishing. It consists in the use of fixed positions (places) or "redolins". El Palmar suffered a dramatic fire that destroyed the typical fishermen villa. Nevertheless you will be able to see some traditional "barracas" and to visit its pier.

El Perelló: The village belongs to the municipality of Sueca. It's placed between the sea and the Estany of the Plana, rest of the former little lagoon that got disconnected from the big lagoon during the draining process of the ancient Albufera. The population conformed by fishermen who raised huts and other housings between the sea and the channel. Nowadays, it's a place of summer holidays with tourist and restauration offer. It's remarkable the growing of vegetable in greenhouses, reaching great success the recognized tomato and its gastronomic fair.

Muntanyeta dels Sants: A place favoured by its elevation -27 meters - in the middle of the rice-fields, from where you can watch the best perspective of the marsh in its changeable fisionomy and to recognize the former Albufera. Crowning the relief there was constructed in the 17th century the hermitage of the Saints Abdón and Senén "Els Benissants de la Pedra" secondary patron saints of the city of Sueca and crop protectors of the hail storms.

Ullal (natural spring) of Baldoví: Located in the outskirts of Sueca, Ullal of Baldoví is very near to the Muntanyeta dels Sants. It is the greater of the natural park springs, with a surface of 0,45 hectares and a flow near 250 litres per second. The reserve is equipped with an observatory and a viewing-point, from where you can observe the most representative species of fauna and flora, as well as the surrounding landscapes.

Port de Catarroja: Placed in the east of Catarroja village, it is a former Roman port and one of the principal fluvial accesses to l'Albufera through a channel parallel to the steep riverbank of Chiva's watercourse (the only natural one that nowadays flows into Albufera). It's also the access point to the Tancat de la Pipa, a biodiversity reserve that can be visited making an appointment before. Headquarters of the Comunity of Fishermen and of associations of Latin Sail. In addition to its charming landscape you will be able to taste the local traditional gastronomy as its famous allipebre (made with eels and potatoes).



La Devesa

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Boats trips



Enjoy a trip on the traditional boats called "albuferencs" around the lake, guided by the local lake sailors. You can make the trip all the year round during the whole day, up to the sunset, without certain schedules. It is not necessary to make a previous reservation, except for very numerous groups. Remember to consult before the duration and price of the tour, which is about 45 minutes, for a cost of 4 or 5 Euros per person. In our web <http://www.parquesnaturales.gva.es/es/web/pn-l-albufera> you can consult the companies certified with the Natural parks Label.

Piers: Port of El Saler, Viewing-point of the Gola de Pujol, El Palmar, Port de Catarroja, Port of Silla.

Blue route: Port de Catarroja-Tancat de la Pipa



This linear route of 4 km passes between the rice fields from the Port de Catarroja up to the natural reserve of Tancat de la Pipa. This tour allows us to enjoy the varied bird life and the agricultural works, according with the time of the year. Being a reserve area, you must put yourself in touch with the personnel of Tancat de la Pipa in advance, because the access is under previous reservation.

Tlf: 608 74 68 65 e-mail: visitas@tancatdelapipa.net

Green route: Na Molins



A circular route that crosses great part of the south marshland between El Palmar and the Muntanyeta dels Sants. Its 25 km of length allow you to know the extensive network of irrigation ditches and ways that show the rice-fields, as well as a great diversity of agricultural constructions. Route by car or bicycle is recommended.

Interpretation Centre of Racó de l'Olla

Located in the road of El Palmar (coming by the CV-500 from Valencia) you can find the Interpretation center of the natural park. It has a permanent exhibition, a tower viewing-point with a panoramic sight of l'Albufera, and bird life observatories. Free access, to consult the schedules of opening and conditions of visit for groups: Tlf: 96 386 80 50 e-mail: raco_olla@gva.es



Tancat de La Pipa



Rice fields / Champs de riz

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Lieux d'intérêts du Parc Naturel

Port d'El Saler: Petit port situé à moins de 5 kms de Valencia, durant une longue période il était le seul lien entre la ville et l'Albufera. Par ce petit port passait le sel que l'on extrayait des salines environnantes (d'où son nom «El Saler») jusqu'à Valencia et les environs. Il est possible d'y accéder depuis la commune de El Saler en traversant la route CV-500 par le biais d'une passerelle.

Mirador de la Gola del Pujol: La Gola del Pujol est l'un des trois canaux qui connecte l'Albufera à la mer Méditerranée. Ce belvédère est un lieu idéal pour profiter du panorama de la lagune et d'un des plus beaux couchers du soleil.

El Palmar: Noyau urbain, installé au milieu des champs de riz au bord de la lagune, elle doit sa création à l'installation des pêcheurs des villages voisins et du quartier de Russafa de Valencia. Ils ont débuté leur installation définitive dans cette colonie au milieu du XVIIIème siècle. L'activité économique de ce village est basée sur la pêche, l'agriculture, l'hôtellerie et l'écotourisme.

El Palmar abrite la communauté des pêcheurs, entité avec plus de 750 ans d'histoire qui maintient vivante la tradition de la pêche à l'Albufera au moyen de postes fixes ou «Redolins». Le typique tirage au sort qui permet de définir les différents postes fixes pour l'année se produit le deuxième dimanche de juillet. De plus, il est possible de voir les traditionnelles «barracas» (maisons typiques de El Palmar) et visiter leurs embarcadères.

El Perelló: C'est un noyau populaire appartenant au territoire municipal de Sueca se situant entre la mer et l'étang de la Plana. Il dessine le reste de l'ancienne partie de l'Albufera qui ne s'est pas totalement enterrée. Le village s'est formé par les propres pêcheurs qui ont construit les barracas et autres maisons entre la mer et le canal. Actuellement, c'est un lieu de villégiature avec une forte offre touristique et d'hôtellerie. Les cultures de légumes potagers en serre ont un grand succès lors des fêtes gastronomiques.

Muntanyeta dels Sants: C'est un lieu privilégié de par sa hauteur de 27 mètres. Se situant au milieu des rizières, il est possible d'y contempler la meilleure vue de la marjal lors de son changement d'aspect et savoir ce que fut l'ancienne Albufera. Couronnant le relief, l'ermitage des « Santos Abdon y Senen els Benissants de la Pedra», construit au XVIIIème siècle, symbolise les patrons secondaires de la ville de Sueca et les protecteurs des cultures luttant contre la grêle.

Ullal de Baldoví: Cet endroit est située dans la partie de Malvinaret (Sueca), et est très proche de la Muntanyeta dels Sants. C'est une des meilleures références du parc naturel, sa superficie est de 0,45 hectares et son débit est proche des 250 litres par seconde. La réserve est équipée d'un observatoire et d'un belvédère, où l'on peut observer les espèces de faune et flore les plus représentatives, et son paysage environnant.

Port de Catarroja: Situé à l'est de Catarroja, il s'agit d'un port romain et une des portes d'entrée à l'Albufera traversé par un canal parallèle au fossé de la Chiva. A cet endroit, se trouve le siège de la Confrérie des pêcheurs et des associations de «Vela latina». Le port est également lieu d'accès au Tancat de la Pipa, représentant une réserve naturelle qui peut être visitable en réservant auparavant. De ce paysage enchanteur, il est possible de déguster la gastronomie traditionnelle de la zone comme la fameuse «Allipebre d'anguilles».



Muntanyeta dels Sants

Port de Silla: C'est un petit port de pêcheurs de l'Albufera. La confrérie des pêcheurs de Silla est unie à celle de Catarroja et de El Palmar, détenant le droit de pêcher dans l'Albufera.

Llacuna del Samaruc: C'est une micro réserve de flore et réserve de faune de 12 hectares d'extension située sur le territoire municipal de Algemesi, celle-ci est formée par une lagune entourée de végétation. Elle abrite différentes espèces en voie d'extinction, caractéristiques des zones humides de la Communauté Valencienne.

Point de vue Tour de Mília Tancat: Situé sur la rive sud de l'Albufera à côté du Port de Sollana. Il permet une large vue de 360 degrés avec laquelle vous pouvez voir le paysage et la faune de la zone humide artificielle de Tancat de Mília (tancatdemilia@albufera.bio), les rizières et l'Albufera.

La Devesa: Situé sur le territoire municipal de Valencia, elle occupe 10 km de longueur sur les 30 km de la langue de sable séparant l'Albufera de la mer Méditerranée. Sa largeur est de 1 km et sa superficie est d'environ 850 hectares. C'est une des seules zones du parc qui a réussi à bien conserver ses plages, ses dunes et sa forêt méditerranéenne. Elle est gérée par la mairie de Valencia qui a balisé 6 itinéraires représentant plus de 8,4 kilomètres de parcours à pied ou en vélo. (<http://albufera.valencia.es/en>)

Promenade en barque



Profitez d'une promenade en barque sur la lagune de l'Albufera au moyen d'embarcations traditionnelles dénommées «Albuferencs», et guidées par des représentants locaux. Les promenades se réalisent tout au long de l'année durant toute la journée jusqu'au coucher du soleil et sans horaires précis. Il n'est pas nécessaire de réserver à l'avance, sauf pour les groupes nombreux. Rappelez-vous de consulter avant le départ, la durée et le prix du tour en barque qui est d'environ 4 à 5 euros par personne pour 45 min. Il y a de nombreuses entreprises dédiées à ce type de promenade. Sur notre page internet, <http://www.parquesnaturales.gva.es/es/web/pn-l-albufera>, vous pourrez retrouver toutes les informations liées aux entreprises certifiées avec la marque Parcs Naturals.

Embarcadères principaux: Port del Saler, Mirador de la Gola del Pujol, El Palmar, Port de Catarroja, Port de Silla.

Sentier bleu: Port de Catarroja- Tancat de la Pipa



Ce sentier linéaire de 4 km passe entre les champs de riz depuis le port de Catarroja jusqu'à la zone humide artificielle du Tancat de la Pipa. Ce parcours permet de profiter de l'avifaune présente et d'observer les ouvrages agricoles selon la période de l'année. S'agissant d'une réserve naturelle, il est obligatoire de prendre contact avec le personnel du Tancat de la Pipa auparavant.

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Ruta verda: Na Molins



Ce sentier circulaire parcourt une grande partie de la Marjal sud entre El Palmar et la Muntanyeta dels Sants. Ses 25 kms permettent de connaître le grand réseau de canaux d'irrigation et de chemins qui structurent les rizières, ainsi que la grande diversité agricole. Itinéraire recommandé en voiture ou en vélo.

Centre d'interprétation Racó de l'Olla

Sur la route d'El Palmar (venant par le CV-500 de Valencia), se trouve le Centre d'Interprétation du parc naturel. Il dispose d'une exposition permanente, d'un belvédère avec une vue panoramique sur l'Albufera et sur les observatoires d'avifaune. Accès libre, consultez les horaires et les conditions de visites.

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