

#### WATER ROUTE

A circular tourist route that combines nature and heritage in a pleasant stroll. It starts in the Plaza Mayor, and is guided by signs and information panels that make it easy to follow. An educational and unique route to enjoy a day of leisure with the family in the middle of nature.

We enter the Arab quarter of Benacacira, which preserves the secluded atmosphere of the Arab medinas. Through its calejones, the murmur of the water and the whiteness of its houses evoke the historical roots of this village. From here we will descend enjoying the abrupt and beautiful landscapes that the river has been shaping in its course.

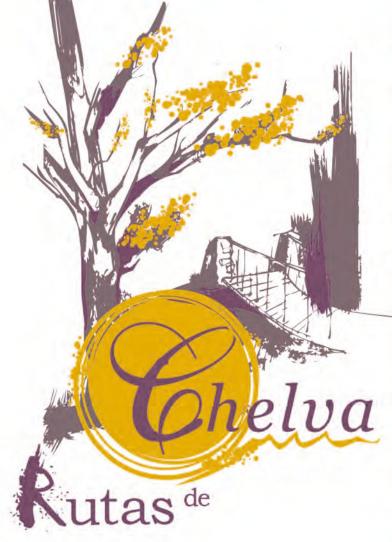
From the recreational area of Molino Puerto, next to the river Chelva, we head towards the area of the Playela and the Olinches Pass, which we cross through the tunnel of the old water channel to the power station.

From here, retracing our steps, we will head down the river towards the Fábrica de la Luz, an old power station where we can see the waterfall carved into the rock itself. On this stretch we can also see the "Cuevas del Montecito" and the curious limestone formations of the river terraces. The way back leads us to the Fuente del Cuco to allow us a rest before climbing the Arrabal stairs, a Moorish guarter where one of the historical jewels of the Community is located: the hermitage of Santa Cruz, former Mosque of Benaeça, 14th century; together with the hermitage of the

Desamparados, 16th century.

The labyrinthine narrow streets of the quarter lead us to the Consejo de la Villa, and to the entrance of the Jewish quarter, which will take us back to the Plaza Mayor.

> -Duration: 3-4h -Difficulty: Minimum -Recommendations: Ideal for family audiences -Links: PR.V-92, GR-7, local path "El Loreto'



## P.R V-91 CHELVA-REMEDIO-R.ALCOTAS

The short route 91, signposted in white and yellow, takes us from Chelva to one of the highest peaks in the area, the Pico del Remedio (1,054 m.), crossing one of the densest forests in the region, the Rambla de Alcotas.

Alcotas.

Leaving the Plaza Mayor we head towards the local Ahillas road and start to climb the path that will take us to the Fuente de la Gitana, a legendary fountain with twenty water spouts. After passing the Fire Station and taking the path of the old Remedio road, we reach a beautiful rest area and the sanctuary of medieval origin,

The sanctuary is the throne of the image of the Patron Saint of the municipality, which nowadays has a recreational complex in its surroundings. From here we can climb up the path to the Cruz del Remedio, a panoramic viewpoint from which we can admire the whole valley of Chelva and the surrounding mountain ranges.

From the parking area we take the path back up to the summit and from here, following the path, we come across the road to Ahillas, although we leave it a few metres away and start to descend on a wonderful walk through pine forests, along the Rambla de Alcotas, coinciding for a stretch with the GR-7 markings. At the Fuente del Lapicero we will regain strength and continue along the track, now between crops, which takes us back to the road to Ahillas, bordering the Iberian tower of La Torrecilla, entering Chelva along the same path.

-Route: 25km

-Time: 7h

-Itinerary: Chelva-Pico del Remedio-Rambla de Alcotas-Chelva -Difficulty: Medium

-Links: Variants PR. V-91, PR. V-91, GR-7.

-Recommendations: Not recommended in unstable weather.

# P.R V-93 LA MOZAIRA

This short trail, marked in yellow and white, runs between the towns of Chelva and Tuejar, crossing the two villages and the marvellous landscapes that the river Chelva leaves behind as it flows between them.

We leave the Plaza Mayor of Chelva, heading towards the medieval quarters of Benacacira and La Cárcama. We reach the Placeta Vázquez and going down to the left at the first crossroads we find the signs to turn off to the right and go out through some orchards to the Barranco de Cojanta until we reach the turning situated in front of some warehouses. We are on the old road that used to communicate with the neighbouring town, passing the 15th century Franciscan Convent on the left, an order established in our town since medieval times.

Following the signs, we arrive at the majestic Puente

Medieval Bridge of the Mozaira. From here, along a beautiful path next to the river, we cross the road, and bordering the Acequia Mayor (an old Roman canal belonging to the Peña Cortada Aqueduct), we reach the Fuente de Saz and the town centre of Tuéjar. Leaving the Ermita de la Purísima and ascending the Tobos path, we will find the town of Chelva in the background and some curious rock formations of "tosca" stone (a geological formation formed by the fossilisation of plant remains from the calcareous precipitation of water).

Between crops and again bordering the route of the main irrigation channel, we cross the Barranco de La Gitana ravine and reach the town centre of Chelva, along Calle Górgol, where we find another of the numerous Public Washing Places that are still preserved and in use.

-Route: 20km -Approximate time: 5h -Difficulty: Low



#### P.R V-92 CHELVA-PEÑA CORTADA-CALLES

Walking along this path we will pass through the municipalities of Chelva and Calles and we will be able to admire one of the most magnificent hydraulic engineering works of the Valencian Community, the Peña Cortada Aqueduct.

We leave the Plaza Mayor towards the Plaza del Arrabal, in the heart of the Moorish quarter, where we find the first signs that will lead us through this labyrinthine medieval quarter to the river Chelva, which we cross. Ascending along the path that coincides in a stretch with the Ruta del Agua and following the signs of the trail, we reach an asphalted road in the municipality of Calles.

From here, we will head back to the Rambla de Alcotas, ascending through a leafy area through which we will reach the first tunnels of the Roman Aqueduct canalisation, which lead us through the interior of the mountain, allowing us to admire the splendid landscape through windows in the rock, This section of the aqueduct, which is located above the Barranco de la Cueva del Gato ravine, in the municipality of Calles, is one of the most striking and admirable parts of this monument dating from the 1st century A.C whose remains have been found along 28 km.

After passing through the vertical gap that leads us to the bridge-aqueduct, we descend again to the Rambla, passing through riverside vegetation: oleanders, reed beds and dry crops, until we come out, bordering the Torrecilla mound, on the road that takes us back to Chelva next to the bullring.

-Route: 12hm

-Itinerary: Chelva-Calles-Chelva

-Time: 4h

-Difficulty: Medium

-Recommendations: Wear waterproof clothing and footwear. -Links: Water Route, PR. V-91



## G.R-7 CHELVA-POND OF BENAGEBER

This path comes from the centre of Greece and ends in Gibraltar, running through our Community from north to south for 525 km. and with a total number of stages of 28. Its serials, like all the great routes, are marked in white and red.

It enters our municipality from Andilla and runs along the Rambla de Alcotas, joining up with the PRV-91, 92 and 93, with the end of the stage in Benagéber. A route that crosses beautiful natural landscapes of lush Mediterranean forests and crosses two large watercourses, the river Chelva and the river Turia.

It can be started in the town centre or by going directly down to the river Chelva, to the recreational area of Molino Puerto, from where we will take it along the left bank, crossing the ravine of the Convent and continuing until we cross the Medieval Bridge of the Mozaira.

From here we reach the springs of Cosin and Bercuta, before reaching the abandoned hamlet of Bercuta, we have the possibility of taking a detour that will take us to the Benageber reservoir and later rejoin the original route.

Returning to the path again we reach Bercuta where we take a detour that will take us through thick pine forests to the river Tura and the spectacular wooden suspension bridge that leads us to the path next to the Barchel waterfall and cave, a wetland area included in the catalogue of wetlands of the Valencian Community.

-Approximate time: 4,20h -Difficulty: Medium



# BTT ROUTE CHELVA-BERCUTA-CHELVA

This route links Chelva with one of its villages. It passes through a forest area close to the town centre, in a few kilometres we are immersed in the middle of nature. The route coincides with a large part of the route of the Marcha Villa de Chelva, eliminating the more technically difficult areas and making the circuit more accessible for all levels.

The route starts in C/ del Górgol, next to a parking area, and crosses the Plaza Mayor, along José Manteca street, we end up at the down to the river Chelva, where the route really begins.

We start with a climb along an asphalted track and then we turn off the main road and flatten out for a while until we reach the until we reach the highest point of the route, towards the Alto da Mataparda. From here it descends through irregular terrain until it to join the GR-7 route. We pass through the village of Bercuta on the way back to Chelva, where we find three important descents, and visit the Mozaira bridge, one of the most beautiful spots in the area.

From here we return to the recreational area of Molino Puerto and climb up to the village, walking through part of the historic centre.

-Route: 31km -Approximate time: 2-3h -Difficulty: Low

PRV-91. This itinerary links up at the Ermita del Remedio from and returns to the path after crossing a ravine and rejoining the path.

PRV-92 This 17 km long variant starts at the third crossing of the path with the Rambla de Alcotas, running parallel to the Rambla and crossing it again. About 300m from the start we reach a picnic area