Madrid can feel rightly fortunate for having such diverse and ecologically valuable expanses such as the Montejo Beech Forest, which was recently listed by UNESCO as a Natural World Heritage Site, the Guadarrama Mountain Range Natural Park, the Sierra del Rincón Biosphere Reserve or the Picturesque Expanse of the Abantoos Pine Forest and the Area of La Herrería, to mention just a few.

This universe of nature is only an hour away from the big city and visitors can access it via different connections and all kinds of facilities. In Madrid’s natural spaces, visitors will find plans for every taste.

All of this makes of the Madrid Region an exceptional destination for enjoying its environment through Ecotourism, allowing us to discover them while conserving their environmental and landscape values for future generations. If you like to enjoy nature and an authentic cultural setting, this is your opportunity to interact and participate in its conservation and development.
Ciclamadrid

and Ecoturism

Pedaling

If cycling is your thing, don’t miss out on the Ciclamadrid tours: 420 kilometres connecting tourist destinations and resources, among them the four World Heritage enclaves and the Guadarrama National Park. A straightforward, eco-friendly, accessible and healthy way of discovering the charm of our region and its natural environment.

Natural diversity

Reconnect and contribute!

Believe it or not, the Madrid Region is a setting where lovers of the countryside and the rural medium also find satisfaction. Less than an hour from the city centre you can find a wide variety of landscapes in well-managed spaces, National Parks, Biosphere Reserves and, since 2017, a site listed by UNESCO as a Natural World Heritage Site: the Montejo Beech Forest.

Surrounding the historic towns and the three UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Sites (San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Aranjuez and Alcalá de Henares) is a natural universe waiting to be discovered, with an extensive offer of accommodation and activities and an excellent cuisine.

But not only this. You will also find plans for every taste: from specialized experiences for observing specific wildlife or flora to learning activities or straightforward routes for those who seek to disconnect and relax.

Explore the landscapes of Madrid, search and photograph its flora and wildlife, tour its mountains and immerge yourself in the local history, discover forests and plants. Learn about their natural history, taste local products and listen to the neighbours.

All this is offered by Ecotourism in Madrid, a trip involving all of your senses to reconnect with the natural environment of the Madrid Region and contribute to the sustainable development of its towns and villages.

Sierra de Guadarrama

Mountains of painters and poets

The Sierra de Guadarrama -Guadarrama Range- offers visitors a unique landscape culminating in the Peñalara Peak, with an altitude of more than 2,000 metres. When you visit you will enjoy a lush landscape covered in trees and scrubland that are home to a variety of animal species: birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals such as squirrels, wolves and mountain goats.

In this spectacular setting you will be able to indulge in fascinating activities such as watching freely ranging wolves, collecting some irresistible varieties of mushrooms such as saffron milk caps and morels, get close to a mountain goat or discover the secrets of how the region’s artisan beers are made.

Sierra Oeste

Biodiversity refuge

Predominant in the Sierra Oeste -Western Range- of the Madrid Region is the mountainous terrain that gives way to lower areas through which the rivers Alberche and Perales flow. The wide range of landscapes, together with the variety of vegetation on view, are of high ecological value.

In the villages of the Sierra Norte you will also find different outdoor activities for immersing yourself in the environment such as riding a donkey, receiving an introduction to astronomy by joining night-time star-watching tours, following the course of some of Madrid’s most important rivers or learning about unique insect species.

Sierra Norte

The rural Madrid

The meadows –Vegas- of the rivers Tajo, Tajuña and Jarama boast a strong presence of riverside areas and leafy forests, perfect for lovers of nature and rural areas and the numerous enchanting villages located in an idyllic setting.

In these areas you can engage in the world of wine and its eco-friendly production, discovering many of the secrets of winemaking from the bees make it.