

Gabriel y Galán Reservoir

M Freshwater sea of inland waters, named Gabriel y Galán to remember who honoured the languages of this simple cattle rearing land, the tongue of the ancestors, the roots of "those tranquil fields, where the Lord has poured solitudes for the soul, delights for the senses."

The heart of this district comprises fresh water, the world's most precious treasure. In 1965, the river Alagón became a sea, with deep waters and wild waves that allows for fishing, fun, sport, contemplation and poetry, thanks to an incomparably framed view of the Peña de Francia in the background outlined by green mountains and endless skies.

Water sports

These 924 cubic hectometres pooled into a mass of water measuring 4,683 Has. enable all manner of international, national and regional



fishing competitions to be held, where royal carp, pike, boga, barbel and blackbass is caught.

Water activities, such as windsurfing, paragliding, sailing, rowing and, with strict controls, motor boating can also be practiced.



Poblado del Embalse de Gabriel y Galán

Built next to the reservoir to house its workers, it is currently home to the headquarters of the Community of Trasierra Tierras de Granadilla, the District Interpretive Centre and a youth hostel.

District Interpretive Centre

The exhibits interpret the resources on which the area's economy is based and their traditional uses (olive, oil, hunting and cork), as well as information on the district's towns, history, gastronomy, etc. This is also where the District Tourist Information Office is located.



Centre opening hours:

1st October to 31st May: 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 pm.

1st June to 30th September: 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

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"A town that loves beauty is a town with ideals, with instincts of nobility, with sentimental juices."

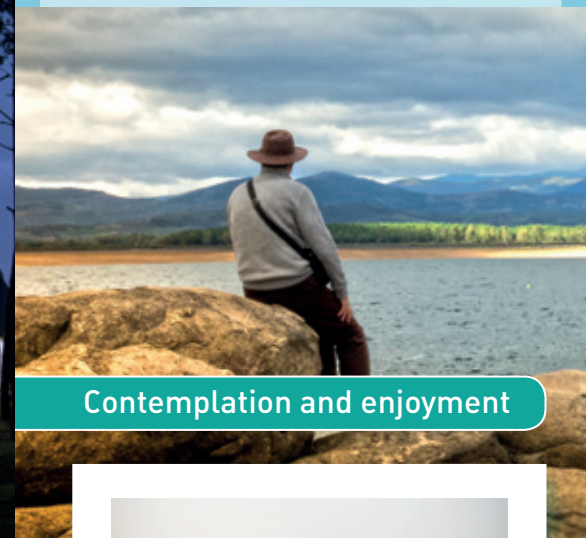
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El Anillo

El Anillo is part of this valuable natural heritage: a Sports Activities Centre in a natural setting whose design and modern structure has won it several awards and an international recognition. With its cutting-edge design, it projects onto the district a philosophy of development based on the creation of sports initiatives that entail national and international research;

a place that brings together sportsmen and women who practice and experience different disciplines, and where new techniques and materials are researched, professionals are trained, nature activities are promoted, new companies are created and new businessmen are trained. It is an innovative commitment to the future of this territory.



Contemplation and enjoyment

“Those fields, all calm, where the Lord has poured solitudes for the soul, delights for the senses.”
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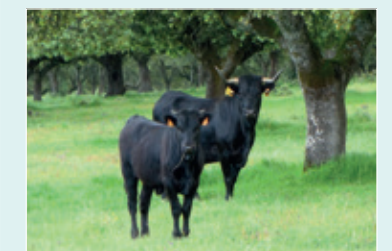
The reservoir is a privileged space for contemplation and rest; a bank, in the shade of its trees and with the constant murmuring of the water, beating in this pleasant swell of inland seas, is an image that anyone would treasure from his experiences. This reservoir offers a refuge for solitary people, a stroll for poets and a venue for friendly encounters. In summer, it turns into 112 miles of beach and its water attracts everyone from



bathers, families, couples and groups of friends seeking refuge from the hot sun in the cool deep water. Membrillares beach, a bend where the land submerges towards the reservoir at a gentle gradient, warmly welcomes everyone and provides a space to spend time, as the poet said *“watching the waters run, wave after wave...”*

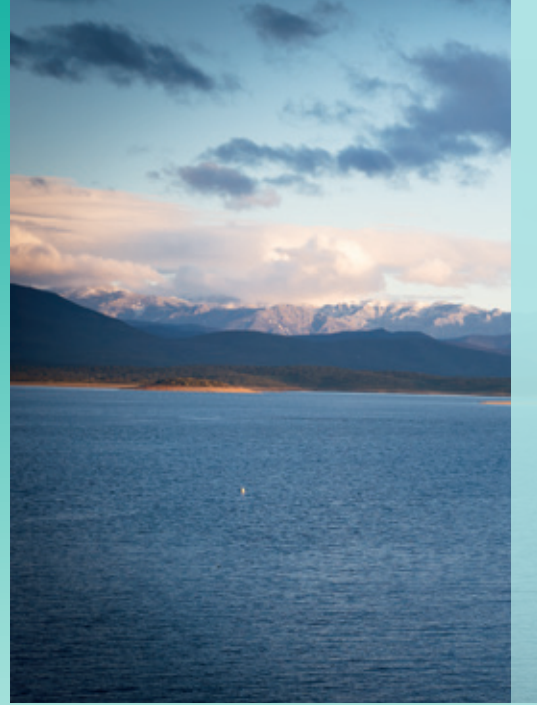
The Pasture (La Dehesa)

Enveloping the reservoir in a deep dark green, the pasture of oak and grass, as the poet said *“fields that have sweetened my sad melancholies,”* spread out like carpets and inspire verses for an extensive and generous earth. Cows, sheep and Iberian pigs live in this beautiful green mosaic with lynxes, wild boar, foxes, rabbits and genets.



Bird Watching

Part of the reservoir is declared a special bird protection zone (ZEPA), which is a legal instrument that regulates man's intervention so that people respect this privileged wetland. Rich in winter gatherings of the common crane that snooze on its islands and in the surrounding holm-oak woods, and a pleasant habitat for the common teal and refuge for the endangered common whiskered tern. This sky of water is



one of the most attractive parts of Extremadura for watching the world of birds travelling through such expansive sky spaces. Other birds that can be seen in the district that are of high ornithological value are the *black vulture, griffon vulture, Egyptian vulture, golden eagle, booted eagle, black stork, short-toed snake eagle, black-winged kite, etc.*, drawing eloquent silences with their flight in the overwhelmed soul of the visitor.

