



ACCESS POINTS
 The main access point is from Juslibol. 500 m after leaving this district, there is a barrier to stop private vehicles. Access is also possible from the rural districts of Monzalbarba and Alfoceda.

On foot or by bike
 The distance from the Juslibol barrier to the Visitor Centre is 1500 m. The distance from Pontoneros Bridge, between Monzalbarba and Alfoceda, is 3500 m.

El Carrizal train
 Running at weekends and on public holidays in spring and autumn. Route between María Zambrano street (between Los Jotereros square and the petrol station in the shopping centre) and the Visitor Centre. Check timetables at www.trenjuslibol.com

Bus
 Number 43, to Juslibol district.

Tram
 Number 1, to Juslibol stop.

Private vehicle
 To the barrier only. Only limited parking available.



VISITOR CENTRE
 Exhibition space, information point, guided tours and workshops. Staffed by environmental education professionals. Opening times vary throughout the year. Check timetables and activities.

RECEPTION AREA
 Close to the Visitor Centre. Equipped with tables, benches, drinking fountains, public toilets, recycling containers and litter bins, bike parking spaces and a recreational area with swings, trees and meadows.

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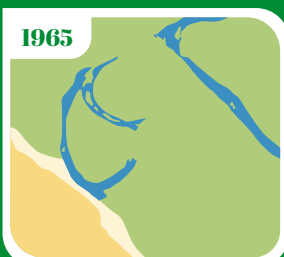
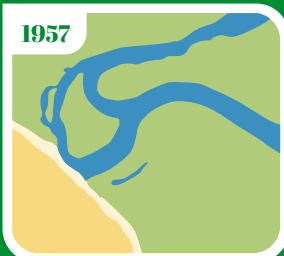
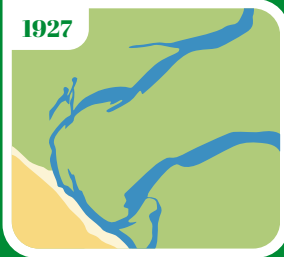
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Galacho de Juslibol
 A TRULY UNIQUE SPACE



Every day the Ebro gives us...



The river **Ebro**, with its dynamism, has created singular landscapes such as **Galacho de Juslibol**. Places where very differing ecosystems converge, with strong contrasts between the dry and the wet, between the grassland and the riverside. This range of landscapes means the Galacho **enjoys exceptional natural heritage with a rich biodiversity**.

However, we do not always value this richness. Our close relationship with the river has been marked by excessive exploitation of the environment and by modification of watercourses to prevent flooding, which has occasionally had serious impacts. Fortunately, the protection, conservation and improvement measures implemented by Saragossa City Council, together with the fact that the general public is ever more aware of its fundamental role in conserving natural spaces, mean the Galacho de Juslibol is increasingly recognised and appreciated.



Kingfisher.

How Galacho de Juslibol was formed

Galacho is word in Aragonese that designates a meander abandoned by the river. Here we can see how the Juslibol's meander has evolved over the years.

... a world of landscapes in its last abandoned meander



Cattails.

THE ABANDONED MEANDER A constantly evolving place

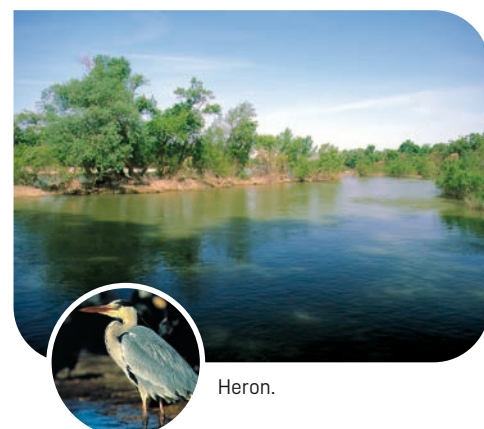
Galacho de Juslibol is the last area formed by the Ebro after the 1961 flood, the largest one of the century. These formations, a unique natural and cultural heritage in the Ebro valley, show their evolution day by day: vegetation gradually takes over the water surface, becoming a grove in a few decades.



Tiger spider.

THE LAGOONS A blue oasis

The lagoons of Galacho de Juslibol are connected to the river through the water table. Despite its artificial origin, dating back to the extraction of gravel during the 1970s, today it forms an outstanding landscape and a resting place and refuge for many birds on their migratory passages, thereby demonstrating the huge difference regenerating riverside ecosystems can make.



Heron.

THE RIVER The highway of life

The Ebro, at the entrance to Saragossa, still offers places with great foliage and naturalness. Its dynamism means a constant process of erosion, dragging and deposition of materials. Its waters continue to feed the lagoons and the abandoned meander. It is an area which is therefore dominated by the river.



Artichoke.

THE MARKET GARDEN An emerald mosaic

The waters of the River Ebro and its tributaries, redistributed by ditches and canals, created here the largest market garden on the Iberian Peninsula. Juslibol market garden, irrigated by the Rabal channel from the Gállego, is somewhat reduced in size and has lost a diversity of crops. For this reason it is important to maintain and promote its productive, economic, ecological and landscape potential.



Ocella lizard.

THE GRASSLAND Infinite light

Two opposite worlds coexist in the surroundings of Galacho: the plain of the river with its market gardens and groves, and the arid grassland with important ecological features. These two worlds are separated by the escarpment, a vantage point and a refuge for birds and other animals. Ancient settlers have left the mark of a rich history, such as the Iberian settlement or the medieval castle of Miranda.



White poplar.

THE GROVE The nearby forest

The groves of Galacho are authentic, impenetrable, humid forests inhabited by poplars, cottonwood, elms, blackberry bushes and wild roses in the middle of great aridity. These types of formations, formerly much more extensive, are home to numerous unique species and are biological corridors through which the fauna moves.

The districts around Galacho

Galacho is bordered by the market garden of three rural districts: Juslibol, Monzalbarba and Alfocea. All three conserve important architectural, cultural and historical elements that deserve to be disseminated and visited.



Juslibol.

Monzalbarba.

Alfocea.

Regulations within the protected area

Galacho de Juslibol and its surroundings are recognised as a **Site of Community Importance (SCI) in the Natura 2000 Network**, and count on a range of protected figures. A series of guidelines must be followed in order to ensure a suitable balance between conservation and preservation of animals and plants while also allowing the general public to enjoy the area:

- Bikes must use the central section, keeping to a moderate speed. No bikes are allowed when there are group activities.
- Dogs and other pets must be on a lead, and all excrement must be picked up.
- Starting a fire is forbidden.
- Swimming is forbidden in the abandoned meander and the lagoons.
- Leaving litter is forbidden. Recycling bins and litter bins can be found in the reception area and in the Visitor Centre.
- Bringing in animal or plant species is forbidden.
- Hunting and fishing are limited throughout the protected area.
- Removing plants is forbidden.
- Shouting and making loud noises is forbidden.
- It is important to keep to the paths, respect all signage and not enter restricted spaces.