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The Cabriel river divides Valencian and Castilian regions for 50 km., from the Contreras dam to its confluence with the Xúquer river in Cofrentes. The wavy river course is the axis of a wide area very well preserved. It is a habitat of rich vegetation from the river bank and protected bird species such as the golden eagle, the Bonelli's eagle and the eagle owl.

The river is, at the same time, one of the best fauna fluvial reserves of river otters, autochthonous crabs and *madrillas* of the Xúquer river.

The Cabriel Valley is structured by black poplar corridors; willows and tamarind trees, which form the best well-conserved forest in the region of Valencia. Very close canes, reeds and giant reeds grow.

A dense white pine forest with some kermes oaks and valencian oak trees cover rocky walls surrounding the river. In addition, the forest is rich in Mediterranean autochthonous species such as rosemary, *lentisco*, strawberry trees, box trees and *albar* savines,

From Villargordo del Cabriel you can reach the spectacular points of the Cuchillos and the Fonseca Valley. Between Vadocañas and Villatoya, the Cabriel runs into a series of

meanders known as Las Hoces. From Requena, one can reach Villatoya and Casas del Río.

- **Description:**

- **Type:** Parques Naturales

- **Towns:**

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