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Sotos del Río Cinca Route

European otter

Lutra lutra



Route information

▶ Round Trip Castejón del Puente 2 h y 30 min 70 m KM 9,6



Body length: 60-90 cm
Tail length: 30-40 cm



In some areas of Aragón, it is believed that otters have a protective power over rivers.



Its life is closely linked to aquatic ecosystems and its presence is a key indicator of good health in rivers, lakes, and reservoirs. It has a dense, waterproof coat of dark brown with lighter tones on the belly, providing thermal insulation in cold water. Its feet are webbed, allowing it to swim with agility, and its elongated, flexible body is designed for diving and moving through currents. It seeks habitats with good water quality, abundant riverside vegetation and access to shelters such as roots, cracks, or burrows. It is territorial and uses scent marking to define its space. Although its primary food source is fish, it also eats crustaceans, amphibians, small mammals and aquatic birds. It is capable of submerging for up to 4 minutes underwater. Otters are communicative animals and use a variety of sounds to express different emotions or needs: high-pitched chirps, snorts, and soft clicks.



For decades, the otter was endangered due to river pollution, hunting, and habitat destruction. Thanks to conservation policies and improvements in water quality, its population has increased in Aragón and the rest of Spain.

Did you know?

Although they spend much of their time hunting and defending their territory, they are also known for being incredibly playful. This playful trait is uncommon in the animal kingdom and demonstrates a high level of intelligence and social behavior.



Recommended time: They are most active at dawn and dusk during the winter.

Camouflage: Use neutral colors and avoid abrupt movements.

Recommended equipment: Long-range telephoto lens (at least 300 mm), preferably bright.

Approach techniques: Be patient and silent. Ideally, use a portable hide.

Silent mode: If your camera allows it, activate this feature to avoid noises that might scare it away.

Keep your distance: Use the telephoto lens to avoid interfering with its natural behavior.

