



Guara Somontano Incógnito

Somontano
Mediterráneo Route

Wildcat

Felis silvestris



Route information

▶ Circular Azlor 1 h y 15 min 120 m KM 4



Length head and body: 45-75 cm
Tail: 25-30 cm
Height: 25-30 cm



In some local legends, it is seen as the protector of the forests and mountains, watching over the well-being of the animals living in these habitats.



The wildcat inhabits dense forests and scrubland areas with low human density; these places provide a safe refuge for living and hunting. However, it can still be found in transitional areas between forests and open spaces, seeking warmer temperatures. It is a solitary and nocturnal animal, quite difficult to observe, that hunts mainly at night, feeding on small mammals like rabbits, hares, rodents, birds, and even reptiles. Its ability to move with agility and silently allows it to stalk its prey without being detected. The wildcat's breeding season usually occurs in spring (from March to May), when the weather conditions are more favorable. The female typically gives birth to a litter of 2 to 4 kittens, although sometimes there can be more.



It is protected by Spanish legislation, and in Aragón, conservation programs are being carried out to prevent hybridization and protect its natural habitats.

Did you know?

It has been observed that, unlike many other territorial animals, different males of various ages can coexist in adjacent areas without coming into conflict.



Take advantage of the light: Although nocturnal, it is also active at dawn and dusk.

Suitable areas: Look for open transitional areas between forests that are near water.

Hides: Use mobile hides to stay as inconspicuous as possible.

Recommended equipment: Long-range telephoto lens (at least 300 mm), preferably with a large aperture.

Aperture: Wide (f/2.8-f/5.6) to blur the background and highlight the wildcat in the foreground.

Silent mode: If your camera allows, enable this function to avoid sounds that could scare it off.

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

