

Covadonga Sanctuary NO RESTRICTIONS

# VISIT TO COVADONGA AND THE LAKES

# ACCESS TO THE LAKES BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Holy Week May bank holiday Summer Autumn-Winter bank holidays



PICOS DE EUROPA NATIONAL PARK Biosphere Reserve







Gobierno del Principado de Asturias

# **LAKES OF COVADONGA**

Inside the National Park, in the Cornión Massif, are the Lakes of Covadonga, which are formed by Lakes Enol and La Ercina at an altitude of more than 1,000 meters. Visitors can enjoy a series of marked routes, with different lengths and degrees of difficulty to choose from. The Picota Vantage Point is another stop not to be missed, to enjoy a spectacular landscape where water and peaks blend together, permanently etching the view in the visitor's mind.





# ROYAL SITE OF COVADONGA

Nature, religion and history join together to make Covadonga a pilgrimage destination and a mandatory stop for visitors. On this same mountain where the Kingdom of Asturias was founded, we find the Holy Cave, which houses the image of Our Lady of Covadonga, a Neo-Romanesque chapel and the tomb of The King Pelayo.

Under the cave, the pond created by the waterfall of the River Deva.

The Neo-Romanesque Basilica of Santa María la Real de Covadonga (1901) rises above the Cerro del Cueto, with unrestricted access to Covadonga.



# ACCESS BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

In order to protect the Picos de Europa National Park, a **plan has been** designed for access to the Lakes of Covadonga and to ensure the sustainability of this unique enclave. This plan regulates access at the height of tourist season.

The rest of the year, the area may be accessed by private vehicle, with no restrictions. However, **the National Park Administration may apply their own conservation guidelines and enact complementary regulations if the access road becomes backed up or if the parking lots** located in the vicinity of the Lakes are full (when they reach 90% occupancy).



# **ACCESS BY BUS**

- During Holy Week
- May bank holiday.
- During the summer.

• Autumn-Winter bank holidays. More information on regulations in effect during these days is available at:

www.consorcioasturias.com and at the Town Council Tourism Office in Cangas de Onis.

- 1. Lake La Ercina.
- 2. Lake Enol.
- 3. Basilica of Our Lady of Covadonga.
- 4. View from the access
- to the Cave of Covadonga. 5. Chapel of the Virgin at the Grotto
- of Covadonga.

## **STOPS AND ITINERARIES**

Along the route Cangas de Onís-Covadonga-Lakes, the buses have set discretionary stops near all points of interest along the route, including areas with lodging, restaurants and other activities.

IMPORTANT NOTE: buses only stop if requested.

# FEES

Parking in designated parking lots (all day)	2,00 €
Adult bus ticket (all day)	8€
Bus ticket for children under 12 (all day)	3,50 €
Bus ticket for children under 3 (all day)	Gratuito
Bus ticket Cangas de Onís – Covadonga (one-way)	1,50 €

# **SCHEDULES**

#### **FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER**

Road blocked	8:30 a.m.
First morning trip	9:00 a.m.
Last ascent	6:30 p.m.
Last descent	7:30 p.m.
Road reopened	8:00 p.m.

#### **NOVEMBER-DECEMBER**

Road blocked	8:30 a.m.
First morning trip	9:00 a.m.
Last ascent	5:30 p.m.
Last descent	6:30 p.m.
Road reopened	7:00 p.m.

# WHERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Only in designated parking lots (P1, P2, P3 and P4), never at stops or on the bus itself.



# ACCESS BY LOCAL TAXI

This more personalized mean of transport also includes driver-guides with experience in tourist routes and on mountain roads.

Contact telephone numbers: **985 848 797 - 985 848 373** 

NEW THIS YEAR: Personalized service in 8-seat vehicles from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. With stops at La Reina Vantage Point and the Lakes. Departures from Taxitur Park, T1 SOTO. Prices: €11 for adults, €5 for children.

# ALSA



# EXCEPTIONS AND SPECIAL SITUATIONS

Access to the Lakes by private vehicle when the road is open, but access restrictions are in force is subject to the availability of parking spaces in the Buferra area of the Lakes. The road may be closed to traffic ahead of schedule on occasion if this parking lot becomes full.

# OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED DISABLED PERSONS:

Free access by private vehicle.

#### ACCESS TO COVADONGA

Free, but limited to the number of parking spaces available.

### **ORGANIZED GROUPS IN BUSES**

Space is set aside for groups upon prior request from the Asturias Transport Consortium:

Contact: 985 203 974 lagosbus@consorcioasturias.com

# WHERE TO PARK VEHICLES

There are four signposted parking lots with more than 1600 spaces available:

Cangas Centro P1, El Bosque P2, Muñigo P3 and Repelao P4.

# **ACCESS WITH PETS:**

The bus provides free cages for dogs in the luggage compartment. Other pets must travel in the luggage compartment in their own carriers. Once in the park, animals must remain securely leashed at all times.

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

Cangas de Onís Town Council: www.cangasdeonis.com INCATUR:

www.picosdeeuropa.com Picos de Europa National Park: www.magrama.gob.es/es/ redparques-

#### nacionales/nuestrosparques/ picos-europa/

Asturias Transport Consortium (CTA): www.consorcioasturias.com Asturias Tourism:

www.turismoasturias.com ALSA: www.alsa.es

