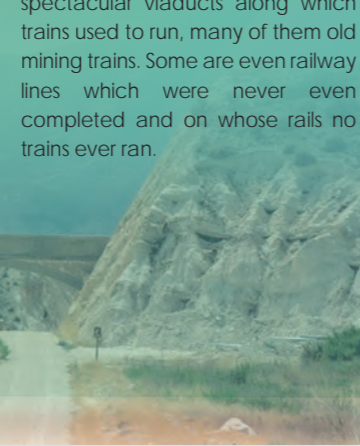


What are Vías Verdes /Greenways?

"Vias Verdes" are old railway lines in disuse recovered as non-motorized routes for hikers and cyclists. There are over 2,600 km of Greenways throughout Spain, distributed among all the Autonomous Regions.

The Greenways network is designed to make use of the railway lines on which they run, offering maximum ease and comfort in their routes to ensure universal accessibility, including those people with disabilities.

Greenways are magical routes, dotted with impressive tunnels and spectacular viaducts along which trains used to run, many of them old mining trains. Some are even railway lines which were never even completed and on whose rails no trains ever ran.



GREENWAYS IN THE REGION OF VALENCIA

Today the Region of Valencia has 11 greenways totalling 170 km along which travellers can find out about Valencia's history, culture and natural resources. There are greenways on the coast, inland, deep in the mountains, and running through vegetable gardens or orange groves. Travelling along all of them would be the best way to discover the Region of Valencia at your own pace.



170 KM OF GreenWAYS

New Life for Old Railway Stations

Torreveja Greenway. (Alicante).
Interpretation centre for the salt industry, Habanera (a style of music and dance) Museum, and Natural History Museum. Refurbished freight facility of the old Torreveja railway station. Avenida de la Estación s/n. Torreveja. (Temporarily closed)

Dénia Greenway (Alicante).
Toy museum. Old Dénia railway station. C/ Calderón.
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Ojos Negros Greenway (Castellón).
Casilla de Santa Bárbara. Jérica. Information and refreshment point.
Tel. +34 659 290 715



Del Mar Greenway 1

Jewel of the Mediterranean coast



Del Mar Greenway, runs along the wild and natural coast between Benicàssim and Oropesa del Mar. The highlight of this greenway is the way in which the old railway line has left its mark on the rugged landscape in the form of magnificent engineering works such as deep cuttings, a long illuminated tunnel, metal bridges...

Location:
Between Benicàssim and Oropesa del Mar. CASTELLÓN

Length:
5.7 Km of greenway + 5.3 Km of cycle path

Type of surface:
Greenway: Dual surface. Tarmac and compacted gravel
Cycle path: Tarmac



Ojos Negros Greenway 2

A rural route through Alto Palancia



The Ojos Negros Greenway between Teruel and the Valencian coast is the longest greenway in Spain. Due to its length, 160 km, it has been divided into two sections. In the Region of Valencia the greenway runs along the River Palancia valley, following the route of the old Sierra Menera mining railway. From the Barracas plateau, to the foothills of the Sierra de Javalambre mountains, the Ojos Negros Greenway drops down to the rich Valencian vegetable cropland on the shores of the Mediterranean.

Location:
Between Barracas and Algimia de Alfara. CASTELLÓN - VALENCIA

Length:
67.7 km

Type of surface:
Mixed: tarmac and compacted earth
■ Suitable, except for the occasional ramp off the original route



Lliria Greenway 3

A flat and relaxing route through the hills and countryside of the rural district of Camp de Túria



This greenway gives us an opportunity to get to know the Túria Natural Park, an excellent example of scarce and valuable Mediterranean riparian forest. It runs alongside the River Túria, between forests of Aleppo pine and Mediterranean scrubland, before passing through typical Valencian vegetable cropland. A luxury for the densely populated and industrialized area forming the metropolitan area of Valencia.

Location:
Between Lliria and Benaguasil at final Túria Natural Park, VALENCIA.

Length:
6 km

Type of surface:
Asphalt, except for a final 300 m stretch of compacted earth between the old Benaguasil

(paper factory) station and Túria Natural Park
■ Suitable for everyone throughout practically all the route



Xurra Greenway 4

A greenway passing through the vegetable gardens of Valencia



The rural district of L'Horta Nord in the province of Valencia is crossed by two railway lines that start in Valencia: the Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat Valenciana (FGV) which goes as far as Rafelbunyol, and the Renfe line that finishes in Barcelona. But there used to be a third line which swept through L'Horta Nord in a dead straight line but was dismantled long ago. A Greenway has reclaimed part of this route that runs amid orange orchards.

Location:
Between Valencia and Puçol. VALENCIA

Length:
15 km

Type of surface:
Tarmac, except for a short stretch (800m) of compacted earth between Meliana and the Albalat roundabout
■ Suitable for everyone throughout practically all the route



Safor Greenway 5

Straight lines and orange blossom along the old Carcaixent - Dénia railway line



The La Safor Greenway with its long straight trail between orange groves is the best way to get to know the market gardens and orchards of southern Valencia, bordered by a maze of irrigation canals and redolent with the aroma of orange blossom.

Location:
Between Gandia and Oliva. VALENCIA

Length:
7 km

Type of surface:
Tarmac



Dénia Greenway 6

A journey between orange trees along the Alicante coast



The Dénia Greenway follows the route of the old narrow gauge Carcaixent - Dénia line, passing through a sea of orange trees as it runs parallel to the coast north of the historic city of Dénia, which sits at the foot of Mount Montgó. The old railway line offers a pleasant way to go to the beach at Las Marinas, to visit neighbouring villages, or to travel onwards to the Majal natural park.

Location:
Between Dénia and the municipal border of Dénia - Els Poblets. ALICANTE

Length:
6 km

Type of surface:
Dual surface. Liquid asphalt covered with gravel and compacted gravel



Alcoi Greenway 7

A route among pine trees and over viaducts in the Font Roja Natural Park



This route follows the course of the old Alcoi-Alicante railway, built to carry textile products to market from the prosperous town of Alcoi. Today it is a backwater of peace and tranquility that makes its way through the Mediterranean forest lying at the heart of the Carrascal de la Font Roja Natural Park.

Location:
Between Alcoi and La Canal. ALICANTE

Length:
10 km

Type of surface:
Mixed. Tarmac (7.6 km) and compacted earth (2.4 km)



Xixarra Greenway 8

Through the slopes of Sierra de Mariola



Alicante has a great wealth of abandoned railway lines running through its various rural districts. This greenway makes use of the disused Villena - Alcoi-Yecla railway line, better known as the "El Xixarra" line. From the Santuario de las Virtudes to the town of Biar we can enjoy the delights of the Alicante countryside and also link up with the Camino de Santiago del Sureste, which is the lesser known pilgrims' way to Santiago de Compostela from the southeast of Spain.

Location:
Between the Virtudes Sanctuary and Biar. ALICANTE

Length:
15 km

Type of surface:
compacted earth



Ibi Greenway 9

A route through the valley of the toy, in inland Alicante



The former railway line runs through the broad farmed valley between the Sierra de Menetjador mountains to the north, part of the Carrascal de la Font Roja Natural Park, and the Sierra del Cuartel mountains to the south.

Location:
Ibi. ALICANTE

Length:
1.5 km

Type of surface:
Compacted earth



Maigmo Greenway 10

Tunnels and viaducts in a land of potters, vineyards, and badlands



To build a railway from Alcoi to Alicante seemed a harebrained scheme: an almost impossibly rugged terrain made any attempt a difficult proposition. Nevertheless, in the 1920s engineers took up the challenge and set about building a railway. Spectacular viaducts were thrown over rivers and ravines, and long tunnels were bored through the mountains. Although the railway never actually entered into service, today we can put these feats of engineering to good use as we travel along this adventurous and enjoyable Greenway.

Location:
Between Agost and Puerto del Maigmo. ALICANTE

Length:
22 km

Type of surface:
Compacted earth (loose gravel on some sections). Cement surface in tunnels
■ Greenway with a fairly steep gradient. We advise making the journey in the downhill direction



Torreveja Greenway 11

Around the Laguna Rosa (Pink Lagoon)



The Torreveja Greenway, which could equally well be called the Salt Flats Greenway, is based on the old Albaterra-Torreveja railway line. It combines an urban section to the beach at Acequión with a nature trail around the local salt lakes.

Location:
Between Torreveja and the road to Montesinos. ALICANTE

Length:
6,7 km

Type of surface:
Urban section: dual surface.
Rural section: asphalt



State of the line
 — Developed
 — Railway lines in use



List of Greenways

NUMBER	NAME	PROVINCE	TOTAL
1	Del Mar Greenway	Castellón	5,74
2	Ojos Negros Greenway	Castellón	68,99
3	Lliria Greenway	Valencia	5,73
4	Xurra Greenway	Valencia	16,19
5	Safor Greenway	Valencia	7,86
6	Dénia Greenway	Alicante	5,91
7	Alcoi Greenway	Alicante	13,19
8	Xixarra Greenway	Alicante	15,88
9	Ibi Greenway	Alicante	1,41
10	Maignó Greenway	Alicante	21,14
11	Torreveija Greenway	Alicante	6,61
TOTAL			168,65

USAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

Respect the **environment**, the local people, the crops and animal life.

Pay attention to the signs and enjoy nature **quietly and unhurriedly**.

Take care when travelling along sections **shared with motor vehicles**.

Take special care in **tunnels and viaducts**.

Don't forget to carry a **flashlight or carry lights** on your bike for routes on which there are tunnels.

Some **binoculars, water, and comfortable footwear** are basic equipment for your excursions.

Cyclists are recommended to wear a **helmet**.

Check on the terms and conditions for carrying bikes on trains at www.renfe.es.

Before setting out, go to www.viasverdes.com for more information and warnings of possible incident.



OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST. MOUNTAIN BIKE CENTRES NEAR GREENWAYS

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 Alto Palancia Mountain Bike Centre
 Camping Altomira. Navajas (Castellón)
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 +34 606 089 696

Greenways Alcoi and Xixarra
 El Comtat Mountain Bike Centre
 Albergue del Serpis.
 L'Orxa (Alicante)
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 +34 617 748 837

Del Mar Greenway
 Costa Azahar Mountain Bike Centre
 Camping Torrenostrá
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