

THE GUADALHORCE RIVER IN MALAGA, SPAIN.

The Guadalhorce river is **166 km long**.

It's the most important river in the province of Malaga.



Its **source** is in **Puerto de los Alazores**, in **Villanueva del Trabuco**, at 1600 meters above the sea level.



It crosses the **villages** of Villanueva del Trabuco, Villanueva del Rosario, Archidona, Antequera, Alhaurin el Grande, Alhaurin de la Torre, Almogia, Alora, Cartama, Coin, Pizarra and Valle de Abdalajis, forming the **comarca of Guadalhorce Valley**.



Between the villages of Ardales and Antequera the river squeezes in a **7 km long canyon called the Desfiladero de los Gaitanes**, a spectacular gorge with high walls towering up to 400m, in an area surrounded by forests, lakes and cliffs.

This canyon connects **two big reservoirs** where a hydroelectric station was built **to provide power to the city of Malaga.**



The River Guadalhorce **flows into the Mediterranean sea** and **at the mouth** the river sediments have formed the area known as the "**Guadalhorce Mudflats**". Declared a [Protected Natural Space](#) in 1989, with an area of 60 hectares.



Here you can find many species of **birds, reptiles and plants.**