

How can I visit?

A. Access to Puritama Hot Springs:

Visit Puritama Hot Springs by purchasing your ticket in advance online at www.termasdepuritama.cl. Access is through Route B 245, 6 km north of Guatin.

B. Access through Route B-245 just before the bridge that crosses the Puritama River:

Visit the reserve free of charge and hike along the designated trail. This does not include bathing in the hot springs.

Opening Hours: Monday to Sunday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

ANDEAN

The Andean Cat is one of the most unknown, scarce, and threatened felids in the world, and the Puritama Conservation Reserve is one of the few places where it can be observed. Current estimates indicate that there are around 1,400 individuals across Chile, Argentina, Peru, and Bolivia.

We work in conjunction with the Andean Cat Alliance (AGA) to protect this unique species. At Explora, we have been monitoring them since 2010 with the help of 13 camera traps located throughout the territory. These camera traps provide a record of the species that makes it possible to protect and preserve them and prevent their extinction.

The main threat to the Andean Cat is human activity. Therefore, when you visit these areas – which are also the habitat of these felids – we kindly ask you to stay within authorized areas and avoid leaving any waste behind.



Size: medium Weight: 4-6 kg Length: 65-85 cm

Appearance:

Ash-gray fur with irregular dark spots on the back and sides. Its nose is black in color.

Tail:
Between 40-50 cm long,
thick, with dark rings.





Did you know that dogs and other pets are also a latent threat to the Andean Cat?

The urine and feces of these animals, as well as their presence in the area, scare away these animals and put their preservation at risk. Therefore, we recommend visiting the Puritama Natural Reserve without domestic pets due to the risk to this species.



Recommendations for your visit

We invite our visitors to enjoy our reserve responsibly.

Here are some tips for your visit:

No fire

No pets

Use only authorized bathing areas







No camping

Don't forget to take your belongings

Keep your distance and do not feed wild animals





